

**The First Church of Christ in Marblehead  
Old North Church, United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Congregation**

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**April 6, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**10:00am**

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

Maria vanKalken, *organ*

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lindsay Popperson

One: Pilgrim God, striking water in the desert

**All: Refresh us and quench our thirst**

One: Revealing God, sitting by the well side

**All: Refresh us and teach us truth**

One: Dancing God, moving over the waters

**All: Refresh us and bring us life.**

\* HYMN

*All My Hope on God Is Founded*

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**CENTERING**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Rev. Christine Hribar

Holy God, you see all our needs and know the desires of our hearts. In our journeys, whether sitting still, at full speed, or at a gentle walking pace, may we know you beside us and follow your direction.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We yearn to heal the damage to the world our actions have caused, yet we are afraid of the changes needed and wish to guard our lifestyles. We are divided within our souls and need God's healing.

**All: For unrestrained economic growth, for conspicuous consumption, for always wanting more, forgive us our failing. For the need to hustle, rush, and overcommit, forgive us our failing.**

One: We confess our failings to God in silence.

*Silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The forgiveness of the Maker, who knows you, be yours; the forgiveness of the Son, who knows life's struggles, be yours; the forgiveness of the Spirit, who encourages, be yours.

**All: The love of God, who enables live-giving rest and life-giving change, be yours today and always.**

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (please join in singing)

**Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Spirit One,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end, Amen, Amen.**

## MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Christine Hribar

**May you know that you belong here and can always come home.**

**May you grow, learn, and question.**

**May you feel the love of God wherever you go.**

*Children will now go to Sunday school;  
they will return to sit with their families during communion.*

\* HYMN

*If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*

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## OFFERTORY

INVITATION

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*My Eyes for Beauty Pine*  
Senior Choir

Herbert Howells

\* DOXOLOGY #48

**Praise God for love we all may share,  
Praise God for beauty everywhere,  
Praise God for hope of good to be,  
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHORAL RESPONSE

## LISTENING

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34

Read by Leah Waldo

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

SERMON

“Not So Simple”

Kenna Bartholomew

PASTORAL PRAYER

\* HYMN

*Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

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## RESPONDING

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive communion at Old North—young and old, baptized and not.*

*There is gluten free bread on each tray, and we serve only non-alcoholic grape juice.*

*The Deacons will bring the elements to each row.*

*We wait until everyone is served, and then partake of the elements together.*

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD

*Brother James's Air*  
Senior Choir

arr. Gordon Jacob

OFFERING OF THE CUP

*Pie Jesu* (from *Requiem*, Op.48)  
Anne Burgett, *soprano*

Gabriel Fauré

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**SENDING**

\* HYMN

*For the Healing of the Nations*

S 4

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE (please join in singing)

S 24, verse 3

**And through these days of penitence,  
and through thy Passiontide,  
yea, evermore, in life and death,  
Jesus, with us abide. Amen**

POSTLUDE

Maria vankalken, *organ*