



Did you know Helen Billington...

Helen Billington proved that not all of the settlers were “Saints” or saints. Her husband was executed in 1630 for the first murder in the colony. Then she married Gregory Armstrong. She had various controversies in court and with her son and others. In 1636 she was accused of slander, fined five pounds and “to sit in the stocks and be publicly wipt.”

Her grandchildren were “bound out for service” when their parents were convicted of trying to entice the children away from their work and punished by sitting in the stocks. Later her son Francis became more stable in character and served on committees. Apparently, Helen Billington had many troubles and little sympathy in the Plymouth colony.

...was a Congregationalist?

Call To Worship

L: We are keepers of the Way.

C: We come, aware of our place as 21st Century pilgrims.

L: May we bring to this worship hour and to our very lives, a commitment to refashion this world for Christ.

C: May we renew and cherish our life together, as God’s free people.

Invocation (in unison)

Let Your holy presence be among us, O Lord, in this year of remembrance, that we, being made aware of the conviction and character of those before us, may enter into our inheritance, standing firm in the convictions for which they ventured to this new world freedom. Let our forebears’ dedication to freedom and righteousness be their gift to us this day, and all our tomorrows. Amen

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