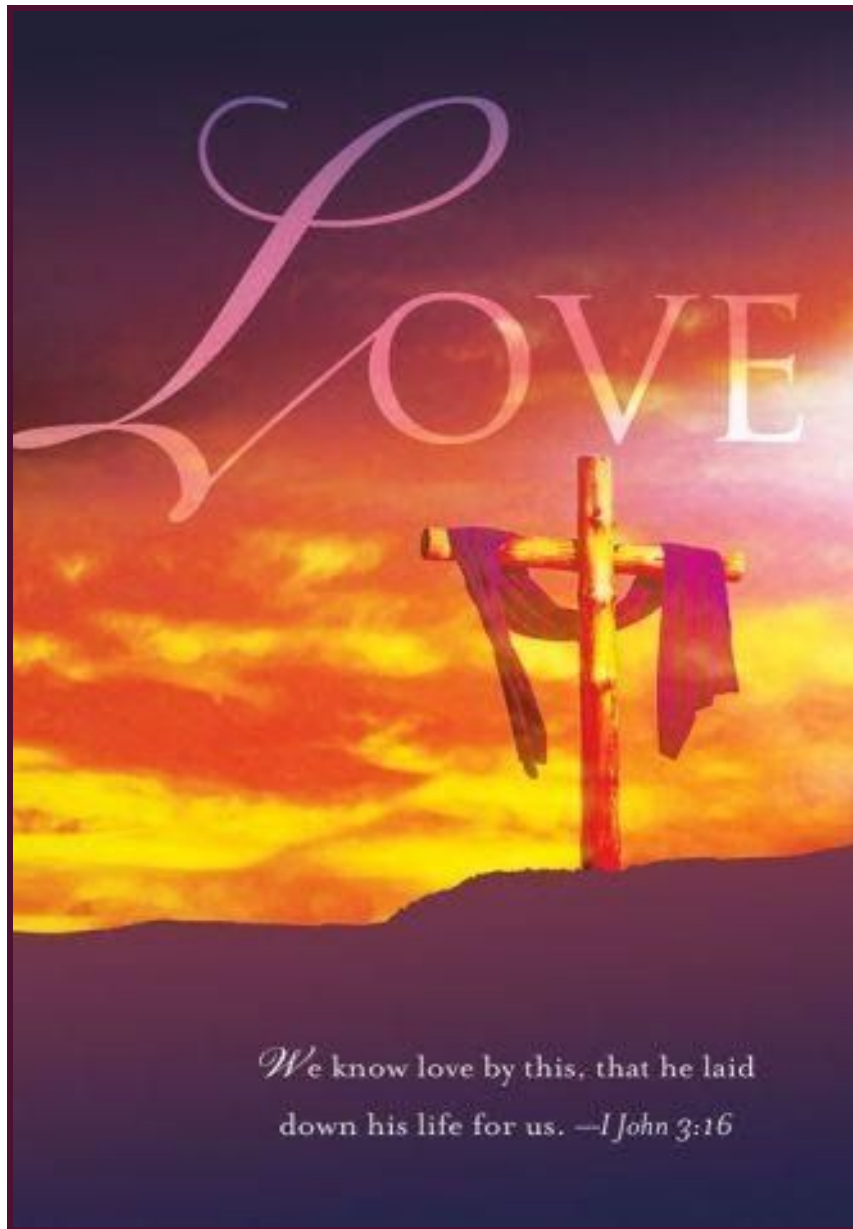


Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Good Friday

April 10, 2020

7:00 p.m.



A Just Peace Church
An Open and Affirming Congregation
A God is Still Speaking Congregation
Our faith is 2000 years old; our thinking isn't.

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Andantino

A. Durand

*The beginning of the prelude is an invitation to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Call to Worship

One: Throughout his whole life, Jesus carried in his mind and in his body, the words of Psalm 22:

All: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me?"

One: As a child, forgotten by his parents at the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus carried these words. As a man calling disciples, he carried these words. As the messiah practicing a ministry of healing, he carried these words, waiting for them to bloom in his own life.

All: We enter this worship aware of what we carry in us that sustains us, and aware of everything that we need and hope for tonight. As we go with Jesus deeper into Holy Week, give us words to sustain us in difficult times.

One: Give us the words, O God, knowing that Jesus has gone before us and will go with us.

All: We enter into this dark hour, eager for its story, trusting that the night will not have the final word.

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

Blk# 223

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this!

that Christ should come in bliss

to bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the heavy cross for my soul!

Evening Prayer

One: May our sense of wonder open to the mystery we bear witness to tonight, as we pray, united in our common prayer:

All: Abundant God, through this prayer we are one. Last night we took our places at your table, scattered yet gathered like the twelve unlikely souls with whom Jesus broke bread. Teach us. Hold us. Move us. Mold us. Tonight, we are quiet. Tonight, we are scared. But a day is coming when all will be different. Prepare us in hope and expectation for the promises of this new life. Amen.

(Silence is kept.)

Response

"Give Me a Clean Heart"

Blk#188

**"Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.
God, fix my heart so that I may serve you.
For I am not worthy of all the blessings.
Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you."**

Reading from the Prophets

Isaiah 50:4-9

A Poetic Reflection

Isaiah

Hymn

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Blk#226

**O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, your only crown,
How pale you are with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does your visage languish
which once was bright as morn!**

**What you, dear Savior, suffered
was all for sinner's gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
but yours the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior,
for I deserve your place;
Look on me with your favor,
O grant to me your grace.**

**What language shall I borrow
to thank you, dearest friend;
For this your dying sorrow,
your pity without end?
May I be yours forever;
and though my days be few,
O Savior, let me never
out-live my love for you!**

OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

"The Service of Shadows"

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL

Mark 14:10-11, 17-21

THE SHADOW OF THE AGONY OF THE SPIRIT AND ARREST

Luke 22:39-48, 54

THE SHADOW OF DENIAL

Luke 22:54-62

THE SHADOW OF ACCUSATION

Mark 15:1-15

THE SHADOW OF MOCKERY

Matthew 27:27-31

THE SHADOW OF CRUCIFIXION

Luke 23:32-43

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

Mark 15:33-39

THE FINAL CANDLE IS EXTINGUISHED

THE SHADOW OF BURIAL

John 19:38-42

Solo

"Were You There?"

Alison Thatcher

Silence

Keeping in Prayer

Dick Brace
Sheri Stanley
Mary
Smathers
Family of Bob Rines

Jesse Armstrong
Barbara
P.V. George
Patti Dyszinsky
Stephanie Herr

Cassie & Kevin
Vickie Flener
June Thomas
Wendy & Steven Colby
Elaine Boniface

Prayers for Our Nation and for the World!

Bob Feeny as he explores his Call to ordained ministry.
Sam Lovett, Member-in-discernment in the Merrimack Association

PREPARATION FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Tonight's Tenebrae Service includes the extinguishing of candles after each reading. If you would like to participate in the extinguishing of candles in your home, please have 7 candles lit at the beginning of the service. You will be invited to extinguish a candle after each reading.

A special "Thank You" to our Member-in-Discernment, Sam Lovett, for writing our Call to Worship and Evening Prayer, and to Alison Thatcher, our Soloist.

Announcement

Our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering information is included in Constant Contact. One of the important ways our offering reaches people is to bring relief to those affected by disasters, especially the pandemic this year that pretty much is affecting people everywhere. Please give generously. Please send your offering to Plymouth Congregational UCC, P.O. Box 86, Plymouth, NH 03264 and mark OGHS on the memo line. Thank you for your support.

HOPE Fund - The need for assistance through our HOPE Fund will increase as families at risk need assistance paying for rent, heating, electricity and medications.

Please in lieu of Easter Flowers, consider giving to the HOPE Fund to assist our neighbors in the Plymouth area. Make your check out to PCUCC and write HOPE Fund in the memo. Send to Plymouth Congregational UCC, P.O. Box 86, Plymouth, NH 03264.

Our church is closed to all events until further announcement.
The Worship Services will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.
Please check for Constant Contact and the Facebook page
for information about upcoming Worship Services.

Pastor's Office Hours

During this time of "social distancing" and working remotely,
Pastor Mike will be at the church periodically.
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