

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
Wednesday Lenten Worship Series: Clarity
March 17, 2020
7:00 p.m.

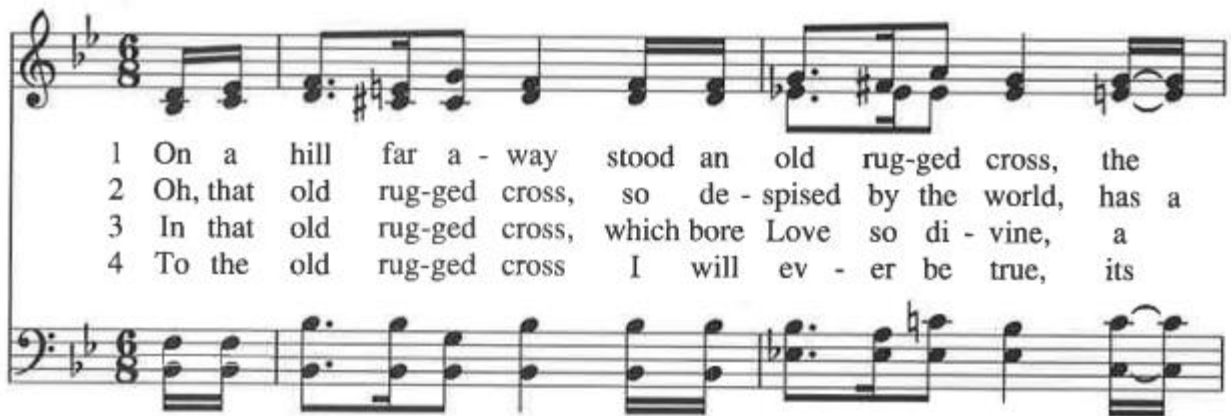
Quote for Contemplation – *Let yourself be emptied of self that you may sing a melody new.* – Mary Rogers

Prelude “Fairest Lord Jesus” Arr. by Margaret Goldston

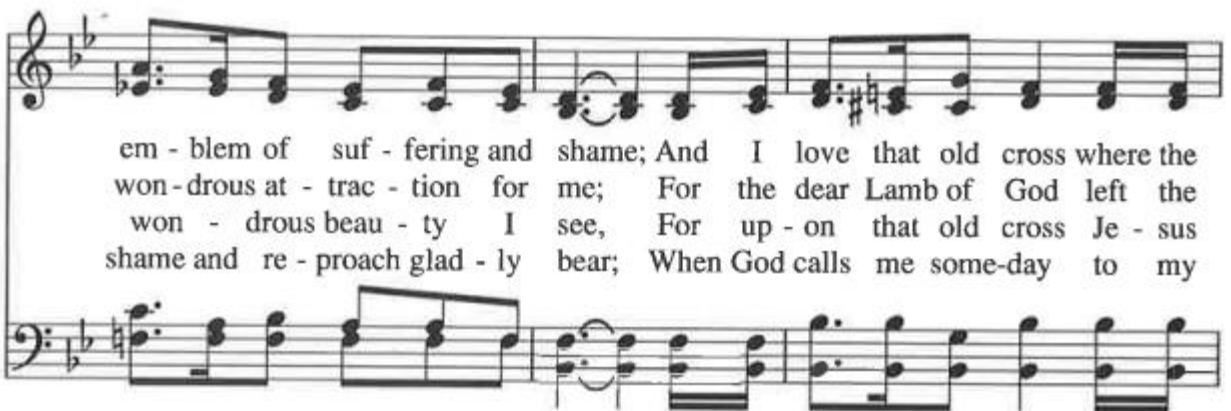
Silence

Words of Welcome

Hymn On a Hill Far Away NCH (black) #195



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the
2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a
3 In that old rug-ged cross, which bore Love so di - vine, a
4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its



em - blem of suf - fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the
won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left the
won - drous beau - ty I see, For up - on that old cross Je - sus
shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; When God calls me some-day to my

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 glo - ry of heaven to bear it to cold Cal - va - ry.
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 home far a - way, there God's glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged
 cross, the

cross,
 old rug - ged cross, and ex - change it some-day for a crown.

Silence

Litany for Lent

One: Oh God, we turn our selfishness and the impatience of our lives over to You, once again:

All: In Your grace and mercy, hear our prayer.

One: For the times we have been a part of the ways others have been exploited and for the times we cannot release our guilt:

All: In Your grace and mercy, hear our prayer.

One: For our failure to commend the faith that is in us and in the people we encounter each day:

All: In Your grace and mercy, hear our prayer.

Prayer

Interlude

Scripture

John 3:14-21

Silence

Reflections

Rev. Sara M. Holland

Silence

Closing Canticle

Night Has Fallen

Cantor: Night has fallen.
ALL: NIGHT HAS FALLEN.
GOD OUR MAKER, GUARD US SLEEPING.

Cantor: Darkness now has come...

See your children, Lord...

We are with you, Lord...

Keep us in your love...

Soon we go to rest...

Night has fallen...

Cantor: 1. Night has fal - - len.

ALL: NIGHT HAS FALLEN.

Cantor: 2. Dark-ness

GOD OUR MA - KER, GUARD US SLEEP - ING.

Words: attr. Clement Scott; trans. Tom Colvin
 Music: DZUWA LAPITA, Malawian trad; adapted Tom Colvin;
 arr. John L. Bell

Benediction

Postlude “The Old Rugged Cross” by George Bennard

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What is Lent?

Believed to have evolved from the Old English word *lencen*, Lent takes place during the time when days are lengthening in the northern hemisphere. Traditionally, the 40 days of Lent have been for Christians a time of repentance, sacrifice, and rededication to a faithful relationship with God. In Lent, we invite one another to a more thoughtful, inward spiritual experience. Study, quiet prayer, walking a labyrinth, additional worship experiences, and community service (as a positive form of sacrifice) are some of the ways you might observe Lent alongside other Christians.

EASTER FLOWERS



We plan to have beautiful spring flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 4th. A portion of your donation of \$15 (or more) will go to the HOPE Fund. Those who donate will be able to choose a plant or bouquet to take home. Please complete the Easter flower dedication information below for the bulletin.

Thank you!

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