

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
Wednesday Lenten Worship Series: Clarity
March 24, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Quote for Contemplation – *Holy persons draw to themselves all that is earthly.*
-Hildegard of Bingen

Prelude

Silence

Words of Welcome

Hymn *Again We Keep This Solemn Fast* NCH (black) #187

1 A - gain we keep this sol - emn fast, a gift of faith from a - ges past, This
2 The law and proph - ets from of old in fig - ured ways this Lent fore - told, Which
3 More spar - ing, there - fore, let us make the words we speak, the food we take, Our
4 Let us a - void each harm - ful way that lures the care - less mind a - stray; By
5 We pray, O bless - ed Three - in - One, our God while end - less a - ges run, That

Lent which binds us lov - ing - ly to faith and hope and char - i - ty.
Christ, all a - ges' Sov - ereign Guide, in these last days has sanc - ti - fied.
sleep, our laugh - ter, ev - ery sense, learn peace through ho - ly pen - i - tence.
watch - ful prayer our spir - its free from schem - ing of the En - e - my.
this, our Lent of for - ty days, may bring us growth and give you praise.

Silence

Litany for Lent

One: Holy God, accept our repentance for the wrongs that we have done; those known to us and those unknown.

All: Be with us, this evening, God; grant that we find Your hope in a Lenten wilderness.

One: God for our indifference to injustice and cruelty, forgive us. Grant that we are centered around You love that we might respond to the needs of the world.

All: Be with us, this evening, God; grant that we find Your hope in a Lenten wilderness.

One: God for our waste and pollution of your creation and for our lack of concern for those who come after us – forgive us. Let us be moved by our gratitude for all of creation.

All: Be with us, this evening, God; grant that we find Your hope in a Lenten wilderness.

Prayer

Interlude

Scripture

Psalm 119:9-16

Silence

Reflections

John Anderson

Silence

Closing Hymn

Day is Done

NCH (black) #92

1 Day is done, but love un-fail-ing dwells ev-er here;
2 Dusk de-scends, but light un-end-ing shines through our night;
3 Eyes will close, but you un-sleep-ing watch by our side;

Shad - ows fall, but hope, pre - vail - ing, calms ev - ery fear.
 You are with us, ev - er lend - ing new strength to sight:
 Death may come, in love's safe-keep - ing still we a - bide.

God, our Mak - er, none for - sak - ing, take our hearts, of Love's own mak - ing,
 One in love, your truth con - fess - ing, one in hope of heav - en's bless - ing,
 God of love, all e - vil quell - ing, sin for - giv - ing, fear dis - pel - ling,

Watch our sleep - ing, guard our wak - ing, be al - ways near.
 May we see, in love's pos - sess - ing, love's end - less light!
 Stay with us, our hearts in - dwell - ing, this e - ven - tide.

Benediction

Postlude

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What is Lent?

Believed to have evolved from the Old English word *lencten*, 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



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