Plymouth Congregational, United Church of Christ

Good Friday: Tenebrae A Service of Shadows



April 2, 2021

7:00 pm

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.

Welcome

Prelude

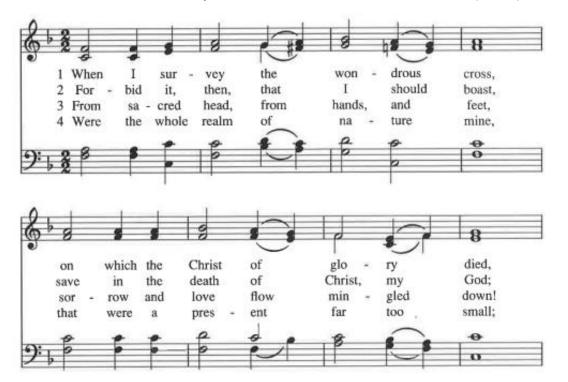
"Passion Chorale"

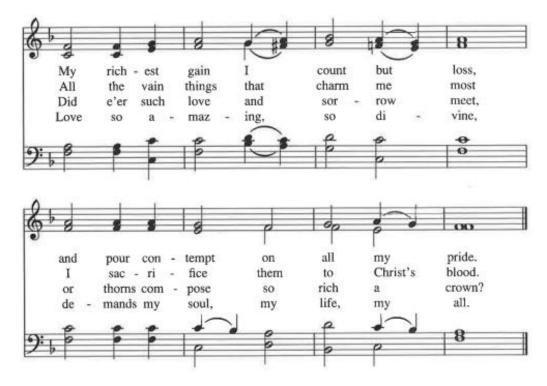
Call to Worship

- One: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Anyone who follows will be granted a path; you shall find the path even in the chaos of the world.
- All: We seek hope in the face of fear, this evening. Let us feel Your presence, God, especially in the shadows.
- One: God, You are gracious. We know that You illumine all by Spirit, not only by light. Let us sense the deep ways that You are the light of the world.
- All: We seek hope in the face of fear, this evening. Let us feel Your presence, God, especially in the shadows.
- One: Jesus knew that he was to suffer, and yet he healed, preached, and stood among those who needed him most.
- All: We seek hope in the face of fear, this evening. Let us feel Your presence, God, especially in the shadows.
- One: We enter into this dark hour, eager to learn from this, our story. We trust that fear will not have the final word.

Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" NCH (black) #224





A Prayer for Hope

With twelve candles beside one representing Christ, we recall that we are disciples and that we too have moved away from Love in our lives. As we light candles this evening and hear stories, we recall that even with our brokenness we are welcomed to God's love and care.

Silence

ResponseSavior, When in Tears and DustNCH (black) #185Savior, when in tears and dust, low we bow to you in trust,
By your days of sore distress in the savage wilderness,
By the dread mysterious hour of the insulting tempter's power:
Turn, O turn a favoring eye, hear our solemn litany.

Lesson from the Hebrew Bible

Psalm 22: 1-5

Reflections

Rev. Sara M. Holland



Office of Tenebrae The Shadow of Betrayal:

Matt. 26:20-25

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

NCH (black) #223, vs 1

Matt. 26:31-35

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!

The Shadow of the Agony of the Spirit and Arrest: Mark 14:32-41

The Shadow of Denial:

Matt. 26:47-52, 56b

Luke 22:54-62

Hymn

"What Wondrous Love Is This" NCH (black) #223, vs 2

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb Who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing.

The Shadow of Accusation

John 18:33-38a

Matt. 27:20-24

The Shadow of Mockery

Mark 15:16-20

Musical Offering

The Shadow of the Crucifixion

Mark 15:29-32a

Mark 15:33-34

The Shadow of Death

John 19:28-30

Solo

"Were You There?"

Mark 15:38-39 Alison Thatcher

The Shadow of Burial

John 19:38-42

Benediction John 1: 1-5 adaptation

On this evening, recall love exists and always, yes always, overcomes fear.

Please consider joining us for web-based Easter services on Facebook or PBTV (local channel 1302). Sunrise service is at 6:10 am and the traditional service will be at 9:30 am.

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