

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

December 14, 2022 – Blue Service
7:00 pm

Quote for contemplation: There is only silence on the mountain tops among the tips of the trees. You perceive barely a breath [,] even the birds in the forest keep still and are silent[.] Wait then just a little while longer and you too will find peace at last. -J.W. von Goethe translated by Patrizia Collard

*Rise if you are able

Prelude

Silence

Words of Welcome

Scripture, part I

Isaiah 40: 1-20

***Hymn**

Day is Done

NCH (black) #92

Silence

Shared Litany

adapted from the Sermon on the Mount

One: Blessed are the ones who weep and mourn,

All: they shall find comfort and be filled with laughter.

One: Blessed are the humble and meek,

All: the whole world will be theirs.

One: Blessed are the ones who show mercy,

All: mercy will be shown to them.

One: Blessed are the ones who hunger for righteousness,

All: we shall be filled indeed.

Interlude

Prayer with candle lighting

Scripture, part II

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Silence

Reflections

Rev. Sara M. Holland

Silence

Sung & Shared Canticle

Night has Fallen

Words attributed to Clement Scott; trans. by Tom Colvin

Music: Dzuwa Lapita, Malawian trad; adapted by Tom Colvin

arr. John L. Bell

Cantor: Night has fallen.

ALL: Night has fallen. God our maker, guard us sleeping.

**each time the cantor sings out, we echo the cantor and then sing: “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 . . .

Benediction

Postlude

Special thanks to:

Ashley Rose for providing music this evening

Wayne Martin for tending to our oil candles this week