



Fourth Sunday in Lent
One Great Hour Of Sharing
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*“My house is a house of prayer for all people.”
(Isaiah 56:7)*

Plymouth is A Just Peace Church and An Open and Affirming Congregation

Our Approach to God

Music calls us to worship so we may listen for God speaking to us. When the service begins with the lighting of the candles, please silence your voices and devices.

**All are invited to rise in body or spirit*

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Preparation Music He Hideth My Soul.....William J. Kirkpatrick/arr. Mark Hayes
Norma Nelson, piano

*“A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful savior to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see.”*

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Gloria Sturghill

ONE: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

ALL: and gives us refreshment of soul.

ONE: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

ALL: so that the name of God will be glorified.

ONE: Though all manner of trouble may befall us, we will not be afraid,

ALL: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.

ONE: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

ALL: and we shall be with God for ever and ever. Amen!

***Hymn (Red) 217** Lord of all Hopefulness.....*Slane*

Confession

Rev. Andy Lang

All: Gracious Shepherd, we confess that we take your care for granted. In the midst of your many blessings, we complain of not having enough. In the presence of danger, we fail to trust your abiding love. When you set a table before us, we turn away from you and our neighbors. Call us back into your care, and open our hearts and minds to the guiding of your Spirit in our lives. Lead us in right paths, that we may serve you in truth and action, and always proclaim your love. Amen.

Response..... *Dust and Ashes*

Choir: Dust and ashes choke our tongue in the wasteland of depression. Holy Spirit, come, walk with us tomorrow through all gloom and grieving to the paths of resurrection.

ALL: Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us through the desert sands, bring us living water, Holy Spirit, come.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

***Hymn of Praise**.....*Nettleton*

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

***Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

During the Waving of the Peace, children in pre-school to 6th grade are invited to depart for Sunday School. High School students are invited to go to Coffee and Christ in the Krumbine room.

The Proclamation of God’s Word

Reading from Scripture

Psalm 23

Music Talk About Suffering.....Ricky Skaggs and Tony Rice

Diane Julin Menges and Alissa Wible, soloists

Talk about Sufferin’ here below, and let’s keep a-lovin’ Jesus.....

Talk about Sufferin’ here below, and let’s keep a-followin’ Jesus. Thee Gospel Train is comin’, now don’t you want to go and leave this world of sorrow, and troubles here below. Oh cain’t you hear it father, and don’t you want to go, and leave this world of sorrow, and troubles here below. Oh cain’t you hear it mother, and don’t you want to go, and leave this world of sorrow, and troubles here below. Oh cain’t you hear it brother, and don’t you want to go, and leave this world of sorrow, and troubles here below.

Sermon

Thou Art With Me

Pastor Dillon Shipman

God in the Wilderness Sermon Series Part 4

***Hymn (Black) 476** How Can I Keep from Singing.....*Endless Song*

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Response Help, Save and Strengthen UsEleanor Daley

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Call to Offering

Offertory The 23rd Psalm.....Bobby McFerrin

The Plymouth Choir

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need, She makes me lie down in green meadows, beside the still waters, She will lead. She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs, She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs. Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me, She has said, She won’t forsake me, I’m in Her hand. She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes, She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows. Surely, goodness and kindness will follow me, all the days of my life, and I will live in Her house, forever and ever. Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world, without end. Amen.

***Doxology**.....*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

All: Generous God, in your presence, our spirits are renewed. In your wisdom, we discover peace. In fellowship together, we find ways to share your good news with others. As we enjoy your blessings, we strive to give of our gifts with glad and generous hearts. We dedicate these offerings in the name of the One who leads us in paths of love and justice. Amen.

***Hymn (Black) 6** Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good.....*Mit Freuden Zart*

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response**..... *Dust and Ashes*

ALL: Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us through the desert sands, bring us living water, Holy Spirit, come.

Voluntary Attende Domine..... Jeanne Demessieux

Sol Rizzato, organ

Lord of All Hopefulness

Jan Struther, 1901-1953

SLANE 10.11.11.12.
Traditional Irish Melody
Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray, Your
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, Your

bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day. A - men.

PRESENCE AND GUIDANCE

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My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Ps. 46:1-7; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17

Anon. in *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*,
ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt.
St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 1957

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -
2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is
3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells
4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that
liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A
ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how
bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult
new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my
can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and
first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It
in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since
dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When
fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

In various nineteenth-century hymnals this hymn was attributed to different poets, including Anna Warner. The earliest published source credits Robert Lowry as the composer, although Silas Vail later claimed the music. The third stanza was written by Doris Plenn in the 1950s when her friends were imprisoned

Tune: ENDLESS SONG 8.7.8.7.D.
Attrib. to Robert Lowry in *Bright Jewels*
for the Sunday School, New York, 1869

Sing Praise to God, Our Highest God

Ps. 105; L.C. Chor. 169; 1 Pt. 1:3-7

Johann J. Saha
Transl. Mathias Friedl, Mainz

1 Sing praise to God, our high-est good, you - found re - spect e
2 Cre - a - tion thanks you, Ho - ly One: you made us and ri
3 What God has made, God will pre - serve, with righ - teous - ness u
4 I cry to God, in pain and grief, "Please, God of mer - c

press - ing, God gives us health, life, live - li - hood, with ev -
new us, De - light-ed at what you have done, you show
fail - ing, Re - gard-less what we may de - serve, we see
hear me!" My cer - tain help pro - vides re - lief, faith, hope:

need - ed bless - ing, To God, who won - drous works per - forms, cre
great - ness through us, So may all liv - ing things pro - claim the
good pre - val - ing, To God who gov - erns ev - er - more with
love to cheer me, So let me sing, joy - ful and free: sh

a - ting life and calm - ing storms, to God give praise and glo -
won - ders of their Mas - er's name; to God give praise and glo -
jus - tice serv - ing rich and poor, to God give praise and glo -
thank - ful Chris - tians, sing with me: to God give praise and glo -