



**Worship Service for April 3, 2022  
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Judy Walden
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Mak
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Mak
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Judy Walden

LEADER: We rejoice in the Divine as we make our way through this Lenten Journey.

**ALL: In the wilderness our hunger is filled by Holy Hope.**

LEADER: In the desert our thirst is quenched from the stream of God's Presence.

**ALL: On the road to Jerusalem our weariness is transformed into strength by Grace.**

LEADER: We each walk our own journey as led by the Spirit.

**ALL: We all walk together as the Body of Christ in the world.**

**Hymn**

Congregation

Sing! # 84 All My Days (vs 1 -3)

You know my words, before they're said

You know my need and I am fed.

You give me life. You know my ways,

My strength, my path for all my days,

My strength, my path for all my days.

If I should fly beyond the dawn,

The shadows will not overcome.

If I lie down in deepest night,

Still you are there, my truth, my light,

Still you are there, my truth, my light.

Our every thought, each word we say,

The whole of time, the present day,

Are held within your mighty hand

Too wonderful to comprehend,

Too wonderful to comprehend.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Unison Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Prayer for Conscience and Courage***by Sister Joan Chittister*

**Loving God, lead us beyond ourselves to care and protect, to nourish and shape, to challenge and energize both the life and the world You have given us. God of light and God of darkness, God of conscience and God of courage lead us through this time of spiritual confusion and public uncertainty. Lead us beyond fear, apathy and defensiveness to new hope in You and to hearts full of faith. Give us the conscience it takes to comprehend what we're facing, to see what we're looking at and to say what we see so that others, hearing us, may also brave the pressure that comes with being out of public step. Give us the courage we need to confront those things that compromise our consciences or threaten our integrity. Give us, most of all, the courage to follow those before us who challenged wrong and changed it, whatever the cost to themselves.**

**Invitation to Offering** Judy Walden  
 Plymouth's General Fund &  
 "UCC Child Sponsorship Program" - Loose Offering

**Offertory Music** Marshall Davies

**Doxology** Marshall Davies

**Offertory Prayer** Judy Walden

*written by Rev. Joanna Harader*

LEADER: God of the journey, we give these offerings in gratitude,

**ALL: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in faith,

**ALL: trusting that you will provide for our needs.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in hope,

**ALL: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.**

LEADER: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

**ALL: may we live with generous hearts, with open hands. Amen.**

## **Biblical Witness**

Pastor Mak

1 Corinthians 3:10 - 17

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — the work of each builder will become visible, for the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives,

the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Judy Walden

"The Shallows" by Amanda Gorman

Touch-deficient &  
 Light-starved we were,  
 Like an inverted flame,  
 Eating any warmth down to its studs.  
 The deepest despair is ravenous,  
 It takes & takes & takes,  
 A stomach never satisfied.  
 This is not hyperbole.  
 All that is gorgeous & good & decent  
 Is no luxury, not when its void  
 Brings us to the wide wharf of war.

Even as we stand stone-still,  
 It's with the entirety of what we've lost  
 Sweeping through us like a ghost.

What we have lived  
 Remains indecipherable.

& yet we remain.

& still, we write.

& so, we write.

Watch us move above the fog

Like a promontory at dusk

Shall this leave us bitter?

Or better?

Grieve.

Then choose.

**Special Music**      “I Choose Love”      Plymouth Choir

**Reflection**      “Choosing Our Direction”      Pastor Mak

**Communion**      Pastor Mak

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**      Pastor Mak

**Lenten Ritual of Grief, Lament, & Hope**      Pastor Mak

What are your hopes and dreams for your future and for the future of Plymouth?

**Benediction**      Pastor Mak

**Song Of Parting**      Congregation

Sing! # 213 “Wherever You Go”

Wherever you go, God is with you;  
Wherever you go, God is there.  
Wherever you go,  
Whatever you do,  
You are in God's care.

Wherever we go, God is with us;  
Wherever we go, God is there.  
Wherever we go,  
Whatever we do,  
We are in God's care.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies