Church was cancelled.  
March madness was cancelled.  
Public gatherings have been cancelled.  
But hope will not be cancelled.  
Conversations will not be cancelled.  
Friendship will not be cancelled.  
Gardening will not be cancelled.  
Watching the moonlight filter through the trees will not be cancelled.  
Love will not be cancelled.  
Music will not be cancelled.  
Reading will not be cancelled.  
Prayer will not be cancelled.  
Lifting one another’s spirits will not be cancelled.  
May we lean into the good stuff that remains.

— Terry Hershey
Lift your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

**Prelude**

When You Are Near  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
Carol Giaco, trumpet

**Call to Worship**  
Rini Hughes

Leader: Living God, we worship you.

Congregation: We praise you for the past.

Leader: We trust you for the future.

Congregation: We long to join our hopes to your hopes,

Leader: make your purpose our purpose,

Congregation: and your love our love.

**Hymn of Praise**  
I Sing the Mighty Power of God

**Bold:** spoken or sung as a community
1. I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
   that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
   I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
   the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with food;
   and formed us from the lowly sod and then pronounced us good.
   O how your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye:
   if I survey the ground I tread or gaze up on the sky!

3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
   and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from your throne,
   while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care.
   Where'er I go, what'er I do, I find you present there.
INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

Julia Rassmann

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

READING FROM THE PSALTER

Psalm 91:1-6
Brett Younger

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

Congregation: I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

Leader: For God will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence,

Congregation: God will cover you with pinions, and under wings you will find refuge, faithfulness is a shield and buckler

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

Congregation: Or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening.

They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.”

Then he shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

He said, “Lord, let me see again.”

Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.”

Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

**Call to Confession**

*Holy, Holy, Holy God*
Holy, holy, holy God, holy and mighty,
Aγιος Ο Θεός, αγιος ἵσχιρος,

holy and eternal, have mercy on us.
αγιος αθανατος, ελεισον ιμας.
CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: For the difficult times in our life,
Congregation: God, give us grace.
Leader: For the dark times that come,
Congregation: God, give us light.
Leader: For the challenging times we face,
Congregation: God, give us strength.
Leader: For the times of doubt,
Congregation: God, give us perseverance.
Leader: For the coming promise,
Congregation: God, give us enduring hope.
Leader: For the sins we have committed,
Congregation: God, give us forgiveness.
Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In these moments, we go to God in prayer, silently confessing our sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness God gives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The world is changing, and God is with us.
Congregation: Our lives are changing, and God gives us strength.
Leader: In times of trouble, God gives us comfort.

Congregation: In times of confusion, God gives us direction.

Leader: When we are afraid, God gives us hope.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN GLORIA

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail.
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O Worship the King

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Peace be with you. And also with you.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CHILDREN’S TIME

EPISTLE READING Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.
**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation to Offering**

As we give today, may we do so with joy and thanksgiving.

**Offertory**

*Calm As the Night*

Karl Bohm

Your offering sustains our many programs and initiatives that keep our community connected. We invite you to give online at plymouthchurch.org/give

**Lenten Doxology**

*Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one. One in might, and one in glory, while unending ages run.

**Offertory Prayer**

**Reading from the Prophets**

Jeremiah 32:1-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, “Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the Lord: I am
going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; King Zedekiah of Judah shall not escape out of the hands of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be given into the hands of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him face to face and see him eye to eye; and he shall take Zedekiah to Babylon, and there he shall remain until I attend to him, says the Lord; though you fight against the Chaldeans, you shall not succeed?”

Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.” Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the Lord.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed
deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God around us,
Thanks be to God.

**HYMN OF HOPE**

1. All my hope on God is founded, who does still my trust renew.
2. Day by day the almighty giver bounteous gifts on us bestows;
3. Still from earth to God eternal hymns of grateful praise be sung,

Safe through change and chance God guides me, only good and only true.
With delight our souls are nourished, pleasure leads us where we go.
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ the Son.

God unknown, One alone seeks to claim my heart as home.
Love does stand at God’s hand; joy awaits each new command.
Hear Christ call one and all; those who follow shall not fall.
**Sermon**

“Hope in the Time of the Coronavirus”

**Hymn of Response**

*Faith of Our Fathers*

1. Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy conscience free, and blest would be their children’s fate, all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows how, unto thee, and through the truth that comes from God,

2. Those martyrs, chained in prisons dark, were still in heart and faith, and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy conscience free, and blest would be their children’s fate, all our strife, and preach thee, too, as love knows how, unto thee, and through the truth that comes from God,

3. Faith of our mothers, we will love both friend and foe in un-to thee, and through the truth that comes from God, when-ever we hear that glorious word! Faith of our fathers, if we, like them, should die for thee. Faith of the martyrs, by kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our mothers, all souls will then indeed be free. Faith of the ages, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death.
Benediction

Postlude

Sleepers, Awake
Johann Sebastian Bach