

**Waterford Congregational Church**

**March 7, 2021: Hymns**

The Message of the Cross: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

***Hymn 119***

1 Christ and his cross is all our theme:  
The myst'ries that we speak  
Are scandal in the Jew's esteem,  
And folly to the Greek.

2 But souls enlighten'd from above  
With joy receive the word;  
They see what wisdom, pow'r, and love,  
Shine in their dying Lord.

*Words by Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

*Music by John B. Dykes, 1866*

**BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS**

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty Rock  
within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat  
and the burden of the day.

2. Upon the cross of Jesus  
mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One  
who suffered there for me:  
and from my stricken heart with tears  
two wonders I confess,  
the wonders of redeeming love  
and my unworthiness.

3. I take, O cross, thy shadow  
for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain nor loss;  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all the cross.

*Words by Elizabeth Clephane, 1868*

*Music by Frederick Maker, 1881*

**THE OLD RUGGED CROSS**

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and  
best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

*Refrain:*

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

2. In that old rugged cross, which bore Love so  
divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and  
died,  
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]

*Words and Music by George Bennard, 1913*

***George Wiese, organist***

*Organs used:*

*1906 Mason & Hamlin 559 (Recorded March 2021)*

*1882 Kimball (Recorded March, 2020)*