

You can expect to pay a funeral home a large sum for their services. We are happy to consult with you on keeping expenses under control.

You may be wondering about the costs at Plymouth. For services for members of the congregation, there is no fee for use of the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. (*You may wish to provide an honorarium for the church for the reception, but this is not obligatory. Direct costs for food can be reimbursed when one of volunteers provides you with a receipt.*)

For active members of Plymouth, any honorarium for our clergy is appreciated; to estimate an amount for preparing and leading the service, view the non-member item in the cost sheet.

Please know that we are always willing to consult with you about any aspect of the service. **See the cost sheet for all pricing, both member and non-member.**

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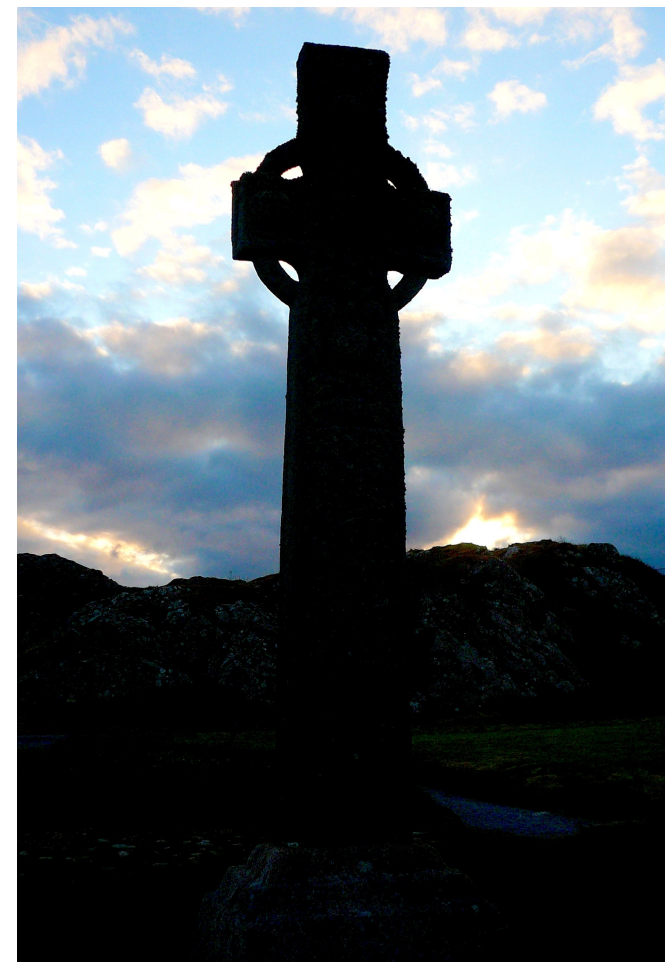
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I lift up my eyes
to the hills —
from where will
my help come?
My help comes
from the LORD,
who made heaven
and earth.

~ Psalm 121

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Funerals &
Memorial
Services at
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Planning a memorial service or funeral can be a difficult task, and that's why we are here to help. Your clergy are trained to design a service of worship that both celebrates the life of a departed loved one and provides care for those remaining. A funeral/memorial service coordinator will contact you to start the process.

Here are some things we can help you think about:

- ✦ What scripture was meaningful either to your loved one or to you?
- ✦ Are there hymns or pieces of sacred music that would be of comfort?
(We avoid recorded music, and sung hymns are welcome.)
- ✦ Is there someone from the family who would like to speak?

- ✦ We do not do slide presentations during the service, but your family may organize and show one during the reception.
- ✦ We can prepare a worship bulletin, if you'd like (and save the expense of the funeral home preparing one).
- ✦ We'd be happy to contact a vocal soloist if you wish.
- ✦ Easels and tables are available for photos and photo displays in the Fellowship Hall.
- ✦ Would you like to designate memorial gifts to Plymouth or to one of its endowed funds?
- ✦ If cremation will occur, our Memorial Garden is available for our members.

This is a tender time when we are at our most vulnerable. It is our privilege as a church and as its clergy to walk with you during this part of life's journey.

If there is anything we can do to be helpful, please call us and let us know. We can advise you on working with a funeral home. And we can listen and pray with you, meet with family members, and provide grief counseling.

We're here for you!