



Worship Service for December 1, 2021

World AIDS Day

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

LEADER: Tonight we remember together our family, friends, and loved ones who have lost their battle with HIV/AIDS.

ALL: We feel the pain of grief in each other's company.

LEADER: Tonight we remember together our family, friends, loved ones, and ourselves who are living with HIV/AIDS

ALL: We reach out to each other for strength, comfort, and the particular understanding which we share together.

LEADER: Tonight we deeply breathe in the presence of The Holy and of each other.

ALL: We create this Holy Space together in love and in remembrance.

Hymn Sing! #122 "Pray" Marshall Davies

Biblical Witness 1 John 2:7-11 Judy Walden

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness.

1st Contemporary Witness Pastor Mak

"I Shall Gather Up" by Athey Thompson

I shall
Gather up
All the lost souls
That wander this earth
All the ones that are alone
All the ones that are broken
All the ones that never really fitted in
I shall gather them all up
And together we shall find our home

2nd Contemporary Witness

Pastor Mak

“I was ashamed, I kept asking, 'How this could be?'” by Raya
It has almost been eight months since I was diagnosed with HIV and I immediately started on my ART treatment. I was confused, ashamed, I kept asking, 'How this could be?' and I definitely thought I was dying.

Slowly but surely I'm beginning to accept that HIV is going to be a part of me and I definitely have control over it. Yes it's hard sometimes, I cry myself to sleep but eventually life goes

on. I haven't told any of my family yet because I'm still gathering the courage to do so, only two of my friends know.

To anyone reading this I want you to know that there is no rush at all, tell people when you feel you're ready. It's your choice so take your time if you need to. But most importantly if you haven't yet began your medication, please do so.

Reflection

Pastor Mak

Special Music

Aimee Broadhurst & Mark Vines

"For Good"

Remembering & Honoring with Ribbons

Pastor Mak

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mak

Invitation to Offering

Judy Walden

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

Doxology

Marshall Davies

Unison Offertory Prayer

Judy Walden

We are all one human family. In your love you created us. Through your grace you reach out to us. You are great enough to hold us all in your arms at the same time. Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love. Teach us to weave our lives together. We yield to Spirit, offering what we have to the greater good. In this way, each day, we begin again in love.

Hymn

Marshall Davies

TNCH #438 "When Peace, Like a River"

Benediction

Pastor Mak

Postlude

Marshall Davies