



## **Worship Service for December 1, 2021**

### **World AIDS Day**

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| <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: 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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