



## **Worship Service for November 6, 2022 All Souls Celebration**

**Prelude** Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour** Paula McKnight

**Praise & Worship Celebration** Congregation

Sing! # 20 "Waiting for You" (sing same verse 3X)

We are waiting for you,  
Knowing that you always abide,  
We are waking to your presence  
And our hearts are open wide,  
Open wide, open wide.

**Welcome** Pastor Mak

**Centering Moment** Pastor Mak

**Call to Worship** Paula McKnight

LEADER: Living and Loving God, help us find your essence  
today.

**ALL: We seek you with what we see, with what we  
hear, and with what we feel.**

LEADER: Find us where we are, O God.

**ALL: Open our hearts to what is beautiful and hopeful.**

LEADER: Today we choose to embrace all the good that is around us.

**ALL: With gratitude our souls are nourished and flourish.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 297 "Give Thanks for Life" vs. 1 & 2

Give thanks for life,  
The measure of our days,  
Mortal, we pass through  
Beauty that decays,  
Yet sing to God our hope,  
Our love, our praise,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks for those  
Who made their life a light  
Caught from the Christ-flame,  
Bursting through the night,  
Who touched the truth,  
Who burned for what was right,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Invitation To Create The Altar**

Pastor Mak

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Sung Lord's Prayer**

Congregation

**Our Father, our Mother, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever.**

**Invitation to Offering**

Paula McKnight

Plymouth's General Fund &

"Fisher House Friends of Houston" - Loose Offering

**Offertory Music**

Marshall Davies

**Doxology**

Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God for all that Love has done  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one  
Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**

Paula McKnight

LEADER: These gifts are a small measure of our abundance of care.

**ALL: ALL: With thankful hearts we give what we have.**

LEADER: Loving God, take these gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

**ALL: Help us use them to create community and deepen our faith.**

LEADER: To widen our table and increase our generosity.

**ALL: Acting in Holy Love in all we do and say. Amen.**

**Special Music**    “Be Still and Know”    Plymouth Choir

**Biblical Witness**    Paula McKnight  
Sirach 7:32 - 36

Stretch out your hand to the poor, so that your blessing may be complete. Give graciously to all the living; do not withhold kindness even from the dead. Do not avoid those who weep, but mourn with those who mourn. Do not hesitate to visit the sick, because for such deeds you will be loved. In all you do, remember the end of your life, and then you will never falter.

**Contemporary Witness**    Pastor Mak

## Remembering Sarah Pugh By Starhawk

It's autumn, the days are getting shorter, and we are moving into the season of Samhain, when the veil is thin and the ancestors are close. Today I received word that, across the world, a dear friend has died. Sarah Pugh was a beautiful spirit, a permaculturalist, activist, organizer, community builder, mother, and so much more to all the people who knew and loved her. She lived in Bristol and devoted her life to work that created community and to realizing a world built on caring and justice. It seems so unfair that she should be taken from us. I'm sure any one of us can name a dozen people that the world could more easily do without.

When someone dies who is good, whose life is devoted to good, it's hard to see the justice in the world. I understand the appeal of religions and philosophies that preach some final reckoning, some end moment when the good get their just rewards and the evil-doers are thoroughly punished.

But the world doesn't seem to work that way. My spirituality is rooted in the reverence for nature, in the awe and wonder with which we experience the beauty and the mystery of the natural world. And nature is not kindly. She is the Raging river, the wildfire, the hurricane. Her forces go far beyond our sense of what is fair. And if, as Martin Luther King said, "the

arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice”, it is very very long indeed.

And yet we ourselves are nature. If we have within us a longing for justice, a powerful desire to see a world that is fair and equitable, caring and loving, that too is part of the natural world. Maybe ours are the hands that are meant to bend that arc. Maybe we are nature's way of creating what she lacks. Maybe the hope and the promise of nature is just this: that death is always followed by regeneration and every ending marks a beginning of something new.

The life that Sarah lived is a weight to bend that arc. Because of her there is more interconnectedness, more caring, more joy in the world. Maybe that's all that any of us can hope to leave behind us when our time comes to die. We will remember her in our prayers and our rituals this Samhain season, and as we continue our own works of community and care. And we will remain open to the renewal of hope that comes out of every sorrow and loss. In love may she return again. What is remembered lives.

**Reflection**

“Remembering”

Pastor Mak

## Honoring the Saints of Our Lives

Pastor Mak

Deceased Plymouth family and friends:

Thomas Rhodes	H. Eugene Sharp	Harold Dooley
Stephen Carroll	Amy Ann Laham	Betty Heiser
William Oman	Helen Anderson	Joh'Ran
Robin Lee	Hjarda Lee	McCormick
Tucker	Chaffee	Ron Corl
Virginia Gluck	Muriel L.	Rusty
Caroline Tharp	Williams	Cunningham
Bruce McArthur	Debra Sue	Mary Bolin
Kathy Lynn	Macomb	Valerie Sanders
Holloway	Donald Todd	Graham Lange
Blanche "Sam"	Don Faught	Kyle Ashley
Dunham	Cheryl Green	Sharon Corl
Ellen Pegg	Ed Mehlhaff	Bob Williams
Evelyn Maas	Albert Sidney	Mike Dunham
Joyce Kroon	Johnson, III	Beverly Bammel
Betty Burt	Dona Marie	Lloyd Raye
Linda S. Todd	Mehlhaff	
Mildred P. Oman	Janis Robson	

### \*Hymn

Congregation

TNCH # 297 "Give Thanks for Life" vs. 3 & 4

And for our own,  
 Our living and our dead,  
 Thanks for the love

By which our life is fed,  
A love not changed  
By time or death or dread  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks for hope,  
That like the wheat, the grain  
That lies in darkness  
Does its life retain  
In resurrection  
To grow green again,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Communion**

Pastor Mak

**Prayer of Thanksgiving/Benediction**

Pastor Mak

**Song Of Parting**

Marshall Davies

Sing! #187 "Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.

God, empower me to be a witness for you,  
Acting boldly, in your name;  
Seeking justice, where there is hurting  
Offering hope where there is pain.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies