



## **Worship Service for January 22, 2023**

**Prelude** Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour** Marcy Schmich

**Praise & Worship Celebration** Congregation

Sing! # 178 "Here Are Our Hearts"

Here are our hearts.

Here are our hands.

Here are our lives.

Use them as You can.

Show us those who hurt.

Show us those in need.

Show us how to serve.

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**Welcome**

Pastor Mak

**Centering Moment**

Pastor Mak

**Call to Worship**

Marcy Schmich

LEADER: This month we mark a new beginning.

**ALL: We set our minds and spirits on you, O God.**

LEADER: We are the work of your hands, your spirit, and your love.

**ALL: Help us to leave behind the failures and flaws of the past year.**

LEADER: Loosen our grip on the past so that we can be free in your love.

**ALL: You are God.**

LEADER: We trust you to be our strength.

**ALL: We worship you in spirit, in hope, and in love.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 292 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

I Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew  
That I may love the way you love  
And do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Until my heart is pure,  
Until with you, I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Stir in me one desire:  
That every earthly part of me  
May glow with holy fire.

### **1st Biblical Witness**

Marcy Schmich

The Gospel Of Luke 9:1 - 9

Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money — not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere. Now Herod the ruler heard about all that had taken place, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the ancient prophets had arisen. Herod said, "John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?" And he tried to see him.

## 2nd Biblical Witness

Pastor Mak

### The Gospel Of Luke 9:10 - 20

On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place." But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each." They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God."

**Reflection**      “Being and Doing Church”      Pastor Mak

**Special Music**      Plymouth Choir

Sing! #73 “Like A Healing Stream”

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,  
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,  
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,  
promising revival and rebirth like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,  
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,  
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,  
yearning for an end to want and need like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,  
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,  
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,  
calling for an end to hate and war like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,  
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,  
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:  
God will always challenge and provide!

Like a mighty sea,  
Like a river strong,  
Like a gentle rain,  
like a healing stream.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Unison Prayer**

Pastor Mak &amp; Congregation

(Written by Parker J. Palmer)

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done, let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days – come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy. Forever your name is All in One.**

**Invitation to Offering**

Marcy Schmich

Plymouth's General Fund &amp;

“Church World Services School Kits and UCC Back Bay Mission Hygiene Kits” - 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

Marcy Schmich

LEADER: Holy One, you watch over our coming and our going.

**ALL: Sometimes we live in chaos. Sometimes in calm.**

LEADER: You walk with us always, in all circumstances.

**ALL: As a church we desire to walk with others in all their circumstances.**

LEADER: We bless this offering now as one way to do that.

**ALL: May the time, talent, and treasure represented here be the first steps to sharing our abundant love.**

## \*Hymn

Congregation

The Faith We Sing #2130 "The Summons"

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown in you and in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
 Will you risk the hostile stare  
 should your life attract or scare?  
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
 Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
 And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the “you” you hide if I but call your name?  
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
 Will you use the faith you’ve found  
 to reshape the world around,  
 Through my sight and touch and  
 sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when  
 you but call my name!  
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
 In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus, I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**Benediction**

Pastor Mak

**Song Of Parting**

Marshall Davies

Sing! 197 “La Paz Sea Contigo” (Peace Be With You)



La paz sea contigo  
La paz sea contigo  
May God's peace be with you,  
Now and forever  
La paz sea contigo

El amor sea contigo  
El amor sea contigo  
May God's love be with you,  
Now and forever  
El amor sea contigo

El espíritu sea contigo  
El espíritu sea contigo  
May God's Spirit be with you  
Now and forever  
El espíritu sea contigo

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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