



Worship Service for December 12, 2021 Blue Christmas

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Pam Laham

Welcome Pastor Mak

Centering Moment Pastor Mak

Call to Worship Pam Laham

LEADER: Today we come bringing our hurts, our worry, our grief, and our fears.

ALL: We come acknowledging our pain.

LEADER: With the psalmist of old we say,

ALL: "O Lord, you are my refuge,

LEADER: My portion in the land of the living.

ALL: Give heed to my cry, for I am brought very low."

Hymn Congregation

Sing! #61 "Call To Prayer"

Floating and flaming and filling new life.

Hov'ring and healing and helping with sighs.

Spirit at work since the dawning of time;

Meet us right here, touch us right now.

Meet us right here, touch us right now.

Calling and caring and changing each heart.

Loving and lifting us to a new start;

Jesus our brother, our teacher, our friend

Meet us right here, touch us right now.

Meet us right here, touch us right now

Searching and saving and soothing indeed

Teaching and turning and taking the lead;

Fathering, Mothering, birthing new ways;

Meet us right here, touch us right now.

Meet us right here, touch us right now

Biblical Witness

Psalm 27:1-14

Pastor Mak

Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth — a stranger, and not your own lips.

A stone is heavy, and sand is weighty, but a fool's provocation is heavier than both.

Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who is able to stand before jealousy?

Better is open rebuke than hidden love.

Well meant are the wounds a friend inflicts, but profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

The sated appetite spurns honey, but to a ravenous appetite even the bitter is sweet.

Like a bird that strays from its nest is one who strays from home.

Perfume and incense make the heart glad, but the soul is torn by trouble.

Do not forsake your friend or the friend of your parent; do not go to the house of your kindred in the day of your calamity.

Better is a neighbor who is nearby than kindred who are far away.

Be wise, my child, and make my heart glad, so that I may answer whoever reproaches me.

The clever see danger and hide; but the simple go on, and suffer for it.

Take the garment of one who has given surety for a stranger; seize the pledge given as surety for foreigners.

Whoever blesses a neighbor with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, will be counted as cursing.

Contemporary Witness

Pam Laham

“Advent – Peace” by Mike Bonikowsky

I am afraid this time of year.

It is so dark, and then so bright

So happy, then suddenly sad

The music is always so loud

And the lights are always changing.

It gets inside my head and heart

‘Til they don’t know what’s happening

Everyone tells me to be glad

Everyone tells me I should sing,

Says 'Peace, peace,' But there is no peace.

I think I need to be alone

I need to sit in a corner

On the bare flat unmoving floor

I need to stare at just one thing

Not see, hear, think of any else.

So I go into my corner,

And I wait for the Lord to come:

Small enough for me to carry

Plain enough for me to look at

Quiet enough for me to hear

With the peace only (God) can give

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“Breath of Heaven”

Reflection

Pastor Mak

Ritual of the Four Elements

Pastor Mak

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mak

Hymn

Congregation

Sing! #201 “Deep Peace”

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives,

I give to you,

Not as the world gives,

I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,

My love I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,

My love I give to you.

Not as the world gives,

I give to you,

Not as the world gives,

I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,

My love I give to you!

Benediction

Pastor Mak

Postlude

Marshall Davies