



## Worship Service for Nov. 21, 2021

**Prelude** Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour** Jane Winter

**Welcome** Pastor Mak

**Centering Moment** Pastor Mak

**Call to Worship** Jane Winter

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.

**Kidz Korner** Pastor Mak

**Hymn TNCH #423** Marshall Davies

**“Great Is Your Faithfulness”**

**Biblical Witness**

Pastor Mak

## Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

## Contemporary Witness

Jane Winter

“Such a Time” Jennifer Brownell; UCC Daily Devotional  
“For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” - Esther 4:14 (NRSV)

“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” said Frodo. “So do I,” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.” - J. R. R. Tolkien

Perhaps you are daunted by the complexity of the issues facing us at the moment. Perhaps you wonder how you, one person, can make a difference. Perhaps you feel constrained by personal or political circumstances that seem to make it impossible for you to speak up or act out. Perhaps you are frightened, or weary, or despairing. Perhaps you are here for such a time as this anyway.

Esther was one of the king’s wives, but the law forbade her from speaking to him. Raising her voice against the oppression of her people should have been dangerous. But

her uncle both challenged and encouraged her with the words from today's scripture. Perhaps you are who you are and where you are for such a time as this, he said.

Do you hear his voice? It's still echoing, still challenging, still calling in and calling out. You – Who me? Yes you! – are exactly where and when you need to be. We do not choose the times into which we are born. But, like Esther, we can choose what we do with them.

**Reflection**

“Here I Am”

Pastor Mak

**Special Music**

“Let Me Be”

Plymouth Choir

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Unison Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**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**

Jane Winter

**Offertory Music**

Marshall Davies

**Doxology**

Marshall Davies

**Offertory Prayer**

Jane Winter

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

**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**

**Benediction**

Pastor Mak

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies