



Worship Service for October 16, 2022

Prelude

Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour

John Davis

Praise & Worship Celebration

Congregation

Sing! # 82 "You Are Holy"

You are holy, you are whole.

You are always ever more
than we ever understand.

You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.

Blessed are you coming here
to the church in wine and bread,
Raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy. You are wholeness.

You are present,
let the cosmos praise you, God!
Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia
Halleluia our God.

You are holy, you are whole.

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Welcome

Pastor Mak

Centering Moment

Pastor Mak

Call to Worship

John Davis

LEADER: God of grace, we come before you with our whole selves.

**ALL: We gather ourselves as a community of faith,
hope, and love.**

LEADER: Show us your kin-dom of kindness.

ALL: Teach us to love our enemies as well as our friends.

LEADER: Come to us as we come to you.

ALL: In your embrace we pray, praise, and rest.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 423 "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

Great is your faithfulness,
O God, Creator,
With you no shadow
Of turning we see.
You do not change,
Your compassions they fail not;
All of your goodness
Forever will be.

Great is your faithfulness!
Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter,
And springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars

In their courses above,
Join with all nature
In manifold Witness
To Your great faithfulness,
Mercy, and love.

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Biblical Witness

John Davis

Leviticus 19:9 - 16

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall

judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

2nd Biblical Witness

Pastor Mak

1 Corinthians 9:9 - 10

For it is written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Or does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was indeed written for our sake, for whoever plows should plow in hope and whoever threshes should thresh in hope of a share in the crop.

Reflection

“Fair Share”

Pastor Mak

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“A World of Difference”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mak

Unison Prayer

Pastor Mak & Congregation

“Prayer for Bodies” By Bekah Anderson

God, I will live in this body.

This body built by your hands,

by acts of the world, planned and unplanned,

by my own choices.

This body was born with abilities and disabilities.

**It grew and changed,
through accident,
Illness,
medical procedure,
the passage of time,
and more actions and events than we can name.
I have made my body my own,
through prosthetics,
assistive tech,
tattoos and piercings,
Medications,
intentional movement,
Meditation,
and all the choices one can make about a body.
This body is mine,
co-created with you, O God.
I bless it, as it is blessed by you.
I bless it in comfort and in pain,
in clarity and in brainfog,
in ease of movement and in struggle,
in the good days and the bad.
I bless this body, even when I do not love what it does.
I bless this body because
it is the only body I have.
And I will live in it,
for we are one.
Amen.**

Invitation to Offering

John Davis

Plymouth's General Fund &
"Lazarus House" - 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

John Davis

written by Rev. Dr. Derek Browning

LEADER: Generous God, here are our gifts of time;

ALL: here are our gifts of talents;

LEADER: here are our gifts of money;

ALL: building stones for Your Kingdom,

LEADER: awaiting shaping and placing

ALL: within Your loving purpose. Amen.

*Hymn

Congregation

TNCH # 588 "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

Let justice flow like streams

Of sparkling water, pure,
Enabling growth, refreshing life,
Abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on
As others' cares we heed,
An ever flowing stream of faith
Translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight,
Define our measure true,
And justice, right, and peace pervade
This world our whole life through.

Benediction

Pastor Mak and John Davis

“Litany of Continuing Access” By Bekah Anderson

Pastor Mak: As we leave this place, let us celebrate the work we have done: the ramps that connect us, the elevators that uplift us, the conversations that help us know more deeply how God is present with us, reflected in a diversity of bodyminds.

ALL: God, draw us closer to Access and Love.

John: And we realize that there is always more to be done. Our physical access has not accounted for every body. Our communication access has not accounted for every mind.

Our attitudes and theologies remain shaped by a culture that does not love disabled bodyminds, and untangling those beliefs is the work of a lifetime.

ALL: God, draw us closer to Access and Love.

Pastor Mak: We are not perfect. But we are not called to be perfect. We are called to love our neighbor, and to recognize when our attempts at love have gone astray. We are called to live deeply, fully, grounded in our own bodymind, and reaching out to the unique bodyminds of those who share this life with us.

ALL: God, draw us closer to Access and Love.

John: Let us rejoice in the continued work of access! Let us rejoice that there are more ways than we know to love one another! Let us be bold, creative, thoughtful, empathetic, and faithful. Let us rejoice, knowing there is yet more wisdom to learn on this journey of access.

ALL: God, draw us closer to Access and Love.

Pastor Mak: Amen, and go in peace.

Song Of Parting

Marshall Davies

Sing! # 213 "Wherever You Go"

Wherever you go, God is with you;
Wherever you go, God is there.

Wherever you go,
Whatever you do,
You are in God's care.

Wherever we go, God is with us;
Wherever we go, God is there.
Wherever we go,
Whatever we do,
We are in God's care.

Postlude

Marshall Davies