



## **Worship Service for August 21, 2022**

**Prelude**

Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour**

Terri Sachnik

**Praise & Worship Celebration**

Congregation

Sing! # 31 "Lord, You Are Welcome"

Peace, you are welcome in this place,  
Truth, you are welcome in this place,  
Love, you are welcome in this place,  
Show us your way.

Send your anointing in this place.  
Send your anointing in this place.  
Send your anointing in this place.  
Show us your way.

Move by your Spirit in this place.  
Move by your Spirit in this place.  
Move by your Spirit in this place.  
Show us your way.

Heal and deliver in this place.  
Heal and deliver in this place.  
Heal and deliver in this place.  
Show us your way.

Peace, you are welcome in this place,  
Truth, you are welcome in this place,  
Love, you are welcome in this place,  
Show us your way.

**Welcome**

Pastor Mak

**Centering Moment**

Pastor Mak

**Call to Worship**

Terri

LEADER: Eye has not seen nor ear heard all the wonders of  
God.

**ALL: Our hearts hope and seek out God's wonders.**

LEADER: Come, let us glimpse the grandeur of God  
together.

**ALL: Our strength is renewed in the Presence of  
Love.**

LEADER: Splendor and abundant life flow to us and from us.

**ALL: This is our river of Life.**

LEADER: We sing and praise your beauty!

**ALL: We open our souls to wonder!**

**\*Hymn**

## Congregation

TNCH # 478 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul.  
I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul.

**Biblical Witness**

Pastor Mak

The Gospel Luke 1:46 - 55

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for God has looked with favor on the lowliness of this servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name. Mercy is for those who are in awe of God from generation to generation. God has shown strength with their arm; has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. God has helped their servant Israel, in remembrance of mercy, according to the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

**Contemporary Witness**

Terri

"Christian Responsibility" excerpt by Linda Jaramillo  
published on 9-23-15

As far back as I can remember my Mom and Dad were engaged in public life, taking their civic responsibilities seriously. I can still hear my Mother, who came from a community cloaked with injustice, calling on people to step out and speak up. At the same time, our family was active in the Roman Catholic Church. As a child, I did not connect our faith with public responsibilities, but I suspect that my parents did. Time passed and generations evolved; however, those teachings remain imbedded in values that drive my

belief that people of faith must be part of social engagement dedicated to the common good. As I grew into adulthood, it became clearer that my faith was inextricably linked to my passion for justice and equality.

After years of social activism in the community, I needed to add my voice to the masses, fearfully I might add. So, when I joined the United Church of Christ nearly 35 years ago and I learned that the Bible was the very basis for our prophetic witness. It was as a laywoman in the pews of my local church that I learned to shout out with courage. It was in the pews that I have heard the scriptures read claiming that God is a God of justice. It became vividly clear to me that every single person's dignity must be respected and restored.

A question often arises – what business does the church have in this anyway? As Christians, we have the responsibility to influence our social culture rather than being a product of it. As followers of Jesus Christ, we have no choice but to take His message of love, justice, hope, and reconciliation inside and outside of our churches far beyond Sunday morning. The church is the place where God's justice, God's peace, and God's powerful and unconditional love should be made markedly evident through our actions. The church, indeed, has some business in all of this.

**Reflection** "Replacing The System"

Pastor Mak

**Special Music** "Sing to Bring Us Together" Plymouth Choir

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Unison Prayer**

Pastor Mak & Congregation

**Higher Power, here with me now, humbly I seek your grace. All in your care, your will be done, through me as it is through others. Give me today hope and courage to forgive all past transgressions as I surrender my fears and resentments. Strengthen me against temptation but free me to let go of control. Fill my spirit with calm, and compassion, and clarity to carry to others. Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering**

Terri

Plymouth's General Fund &  
"Covenant House Texas" - 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**

Terri

LEADER: With willing hearts we give you these gifts.

**ALL: Bless the money to go where it needs to go.**

LEADER: Bless our time to be spent where we need to spend it.

**ALL: Bless our talents to be shared in love.**

LEADER: Lead us toward the needs of others.

**ALL: In faith and trust, we give today. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

Sing! # 195 "Children of God"

Children of God, let's love one another.

Love is a gift, a blessing of God.

Love one another, sisters and brothers.

Love is a gift of God.

Let love be more than what we say.

Make it the way that we live each day. Oh oh

Children of God, let's love one another.

Love is a gift, a blessing of God.

Love one another, sisters and brothers.

Love is a gift of God.

Now perfect love removes all fear.  
By this we know God is always near. Oh oh

Children of God, let's love one another.  
Love is a gift, a blessing of God.  
Love one another, sisters and brothers.  
Love is a gift of God.

Let us bear witness to the Light,  
Living in love, doing what is right. Oh oh  
Children of God, let's love one another.  
Love is a gift, a blessing of God.  
Love one another, sisters and brothers.  
Love is a gift  
Love is a gift  
Love is a gift of God

**Benediction**

Pastor Mak

**Song Of Parting**

Marshall Davies

TNCH # 236 "Halleluja"

Halle, halle, halle - luja  
Halle, halle, halle - luja.  
Halle, halle, halle - luja.  
Halleluja, halleluja.

Halle, halle, halle - luja

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halleluja, halleluja.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies