



Worship Service for March 5, 2023

Prelude **Marshall Davies**

Chiming of the Hour **Marcy Schmich**

Praise & Worship Celebration **Congregation**

Sing! #84 "All My Days"

You know my words, before they're said

You know my need and I am fed.

You give me life. You know my ways,

My strength, my path for all my days,

My strength, my path for all my days.

If I should fly beyond the dawn,

The shadows will not overcome.

If I lie down in deepest night,

Still you are there, my truth, my light,

Still you are there, my truth, my light.

Our every thought, each word we say,

The whole of time, the present day,

Are held within your mighty hand

Too wonderful to comprehend,

Too wonderful to comprehend.

O mend my heart and free my voice.
From sin released, I will rejoice.
O search me now, my spirit cries,
And let my song of praise arise,
And let my song of praise arise.

Welcome

Marcy Schmich

Intentional Moment

Destiny Barber

Call to Worship

Marcy Schmich

LEADER: We rejoice in the Divine as we make our way
through this Lenten Journey.

**ALL: In the wilderness our hunger is filled by Holy
Hope.**

LEADER: In the desert our thirst is quenched from the
stream of God's Presence.

**ALL: On the road to Jerusalem our weariness is
transformed into strength by Grace.**

LEADER: We each walk our own journey as led by the Spirit.

**ALL: We all walk together as the Body of Christ in
the world.**

***Hymn**

Congregation

Sing! #20 "Waiting For You"

We are waiting for you,

Knowing that you always abide,
We are waking to your presence
And our hearts are open wide,
Open wide, open wide. (x2)

Contemporary Witness

Marcy Schmich

Rev. Dr. Brent Hawkes, C.M.

From his TEDtalk: Spirituality and Sexuality.

You can have both.

“If my family found out, they would disown me and my church would kick me out. So I believed I had to make a choice...The church was saying I was sinful, the law was saying I was a criminal and psychiatry was saying I was sick.”

Biblical Witness

Destiny Barber

Isaiah 61: 4 NIB (the New Interpreter’s Study Bible)

They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

Sermon “Reconciling with the Divine”

Destiny Barber

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“Open Hearts, Open Doors”

In this sacred place of worship we gather once again to renew our faith and praise the God we love.

So to share His grace with others, we welcome all who enter by these doors, and we pledge today as one:

Open hearts, open doors;

all are welcome here to seek and find the Lord.

Open hearts and open doors;

ev'ryone is welcome here to seek and find the Lord.

In Christ there is no east or west,

in him no south or north,

but one great fellowship of love

throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere

their high communion find;

His service is the golden cord

close binding humankind.

With open hearts and open doors,
ev'ryone is welcome here to seek and find the Lord.
All are welcome here to seek and find the Lord.

Pastoral Prayer

Destiny Barber

Invitation to Offering

Marcy Schmich

Plymouth's General Fund &
"LHI Houston" - 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: God of the journey, we give these offerings in
gratitude,

ALL: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

LEADER: We give these offerings in faith,

ALL: trusting that you will provide for our needs.

LEADER: We give these offerings in hope,

**ALL: knowing you can use them to spread your love
in this world.**

LEADER: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

**ALL: may we live with generous hearts, with open
hands. Amen.**

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #436 "God of Grace & God of Glory" vs 1, 2, 4

God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

From the evils that surround us
And assail the Savior's ways,
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts for faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to your control.
Shame our reckless, selfish gladness,

Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Make our broken spirits whole,
Make our broken spirits whole.

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces.
In the fight to set us free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
In the quest for liberty,
In the quest for liberty.

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the search for your salvation
Be our glory ever more.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

Benediction

Destiny Barber

Song Of Parting

Marshall Davies

Sing! #201 "Deep Peace" VS 1

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.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

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