



## Worship Service for July 17, 2022

\* Indicates to please stand as you are able in body or heart

**Prelude**

Kevin Guess

**Chiming of the Hour**

Marcy Schmich

**\* Praise & Worship Celebration**

Congregation

Sing #76 "There Is Room for All" (sung 3 times)

There is room for all  
 In the shadow of God's wing;  
 There is room for all,  
 Sheltered in God's love.  
 And I rejoice and sing,  
 "My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."  
 There is room for all,  
 There is room for all.

Sing! # 1 "Perpetual Praise" (whole song sung 2x)

Your many blessings are new each morning  
 And with each dawning we sing your praise!  
 From early morning to restful evening  
 Our grateful hearts sing praises!

Your love and mercy, shining bright,  
 Bring home and joy as we follow in Your Light.

You breathe within us. You sing within us.  
 You move our hearts to Perpetual Praise!  
 Through all of our days, Perpetual Praise!

**Welcome**

Pastor Mak

**Centering Moment**

Pastor Mak

**Call to Worship**

Marcy Schmich

LEADER: With our eyes and our spirits

**ALL: we seek you, O God.**

LEADER: With our hearts we reach out

**ALL: to feel your love and life.**

LEADER: In joy or sorrow,

**ALL: with faith we offer our praise.**

**\* Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 30 "Colorful Creator"

Colorful Creator, God of mystery,  
Thank you for the artist teaching us to see  
Glimpses of the meaning of the common place,  
Visions of the holy in each human face.

Harmony of ages, God of listening ear,  
Thank you for composers tuning us to hear  
Echoes of the Gospel in the songs we sing,  
Sounds of love and longing from the deepest spring.

God of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word,  
May we be creators by the Spirit stirred,

Open to your presence in our joy and strife,  
Vessels of the holy coursing through our life.

## **Biblical Witness**

Pastor Mak

### Genesis 2:1 — 3

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that God had done, and rested on the seventh day from all the work that was done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that had been done in creation.

### The Gospel Of Luke 14:1 — 6

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?” But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. Then he said to them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?” And they could not reply to this.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Marcy Schmich

“Called to Question” by Sister Joan Chitister;  
excerpt, pgs 1 and 9

If there is one thing that we have all been taught to fear, it is surely questions. There are some things, we learn early, that are never to be challenged. They simply are. They are absolute. They come out of a fountain of eternal truth. And they are true because someone else said they are true. So we live with someone else's answers for a long time. Until the answers run dry. I know that because I myself have been caught in the desert of doubt and found the answers to be worse than the questions could ever be.

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This book is not objective. It is a personal excursion through questions that for years I feared to ask because they had all been answered. Now I am convinced that not to answer them for ourselves means that we will fail in the only thing that, in the end, the spiritual life is surely all about — the search for meaning and for life.

We suckle ourselves on clear or comfortable answers because we fear to ask the questions that make the real difference to the quality and content of our souls. The spiritual life begins when we discover that we can only become spiritual adults when we go beyond the answers, beyond the fear of uncertainty, to that great encompassing mystery of life that is God.

## **Reflection**

Pastor Mak

“The Idolatry Of Absolutism”

## **Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

“Open My Eyes Spirit Divine”

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Unison Prayer**

Congregation

**We are holy and beloved by God. Because of this we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. We bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, we forgive each other; just as forgiveness and grace have been given us.**

**Above all, we clothe ourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. We let Holy peace rule in our hearts, to which we are called in this one community of Christ's body. As thankful people we share our lives with one another, sing praises, and pray. May the hopes in our hearts and the work we do in ministry add to the love in the world. Blessed be.**

**Invitation to Offering**

Marcy Schmich

Plymouth's General Fund & Loose Offering  
Plymouth Village UCC, in Beaumont ~ Turkey Fund

**Offertory Music**

Kevin Guess

**\* 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

based on The Letter of James

LEADER: Every generous act of giving comes from Love.

**ALL: We are doers of our faith and not merely hearers.**

LEADER: There is a religion that is pure and undefiled before God.

**ALL: It is to care for orphans and widows in their distress.**

LEADER: Jesus taught, healed, and fed the crowds.

**ALL: He blessed their bodies and their spirits.**

LEADER: Together we seek to do the same.

**ALL: O God, bless these gifts to make a difference to people in need. Amen.**

**\* Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #563 "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

We cannot own the sunlit sky,  
The moon, the wildflowers growing,  
For we are part of all that is  
Within life's river flowing.  
With open hands receive and share  
The gifts of God's creation,  
That all may have abundant life

In every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night  
 And, weary, wait for morning.  
 When children have no bread but tears,  
 And war horns sound their warning,  
 God calls humanity to wake,  
 To join in common labor,  
 That all may have abundant life  
 In oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join  
 As partners in creating  
 a future free from want or fear,  
 Life's goodness celebrating.  
 That new world beckons from afar,  
 Invites our shared endeavor,  
 That all may have abundant life  
 And peace endure forever.

**Benediction**

Pastor Mak

**Song Of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! #187 "Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
 Pure and holy, tried and true  
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
 Sanctuary for You.

God, empower me to be a witness for you,  
Acting boldly, in your name;  
Seeking justice, where there is hurting  
Offering hope where there is pain.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.

**Postlude**

Kevin Guess