



Worship Service for June 12, 2022

Prelude

Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour

Jane Winter

Praise & Worship Celebration

Congregation

Sing! #7 "Welcome To This House"

Welcome to this house,
Open and affirming.
In God's Son we are all one.
Hand in hand we stand.
Welcome to this house,
Caring and accepting.
In God's Son we are all one.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
There is room for everyone.
All will sing, praises we bring
Let us all be one.
Welcome to this house,
Where God gives the call to serve.
All will sing, praises we bring.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
Blessed by Word and Harmony.
Child of God, born from above.

Know that Christ is love.
Welcome to this house,
Filled with peace and charity.
Child of God, born from above.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome

Pastor Mak

Centering Moment

Pastor Mak

Call to Worship

Jane Winter

LEADER: This month we celebrate the diversity of families.

ALL: We thank you God, that you have created us differently.

LEADER: We find unity together as a diverse family of faith.

ALL: All love comes from God because God is love.

LEADER: This month we celebrate the diversity of gender identities and expressions.

ALL: We thank you God, that you have created us differently.

LEADER: The expansive nature of your creation is a gift and a marvel.

ALL: It is beyond our understanding, and a delight to experience.

LEADER: We rejoice in the kaleidoscope adventure of life.

ALL: We praise you, for we are all wonderfully made.

Hymn

Congregation

TNCH #8 "Praise to the Living God" vs. 1 & 4

Praise to the living God,
The God of love and light,
Whose word brought forth the myriad suns
And set the worlds in flight;
Whose infinite design,
Which we but dimly see,
Pervades all nature,
Making all a cosmic unity. (1)

Praise to the living God,
Around, within, above,
Beyond the grasp of human mind,
But whom we know as love.
In these tumultuous days,
So full of hope and strife,
May we bear witness to the Way
O Source and Goal of life. (4)

Biblical Witness

Jane Winter

Genesis 37:1 — 8

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding

the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Mak

"The Queer Bible Commentary" (pgs 52-53)

by Michael Carden

In Islamic tradition, Joseph is considered to have been extraordinarily beautiful. The Qur'an records Joseph's story

in Sura 12, named for Joseph/Yusuf himself. In Jewish tradition, too, Joseph is the image of his mother, 'fair of form and fair to look at'. But this is a transgressive, suspect beauty, as Ostriker points out, "Joseph is the darling, a pretty boy ... his father's pet ... the rabbis say he painted his eyes and walked with mincing step. Showing off the coat of many colors, which old Jacob made him. Twirling, hugging himself. A young Hebrew Narcissus. No wonder his brothers hated him." Twirling, mincing, in rainbow garb and with painted eyes, Joseph is a flaming young queen. No wonder his brothers, particularly the sons of Leah, hate him. In the previous parasha, they have even resorted to genocide to salve their wounded male honour. It is no wonder, then, that they will resent and hate this prettified affront to normative manhood.

Reflection "Are What We Wear?" Pastor Mak

Special Music "A World of Difference" Plymouth Choir

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Mak

Unison Prayer Congregation

**Holy One Of Blessing, eternally we co-create ourselves
in your love.**

All companionship orientations;

All gender identities and expressions;

All ways of having family.

**We celebrate this Pride month for LGBTQ+ peoples
everywhere**

Knowing that many are still not safe to come out;

To be free;

To live life abundantly.

Heal all who are ill in body, mind, heart or spirit.

Bind up all wounds and provide adequate care.

Extinguish any stigma people are enduring.

**This month, we celebrate because everyone should be
celebrated.**

We are your body on earth.

**May our love and hope be sent on the wings of this
prayer**

**To all who need refreshing, affirmation, and love's
embrace.**

May it be so.

Invitation to Offering

Jane Winter

**Plymouth's General Fund &
"SAGE" - 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

Jane Winter

LEADER: We are all one human family.

ALL: In your love you created us.

LEADER: Through your grace you reach out to us.

ALL: You are great enough to hold us all in your arms at the same time.

LEADER: Help us to open our hearts to the world that you love.

ALL: Teach us to weave our lives together.

LEADER: We yield to Spirit, offering what we have to the greater good.

ALL: In this way, each day, we begin again in love.

Hymn

Congregation

Sing! #122 "Pray"

Pray, pray, pray
For peace within our world.
Pray, pray, pray,
For peace within our souls.
Pray, pray, pray for love and unity:

Quiet our busy hearts.

Pray, pray, pray.

Pray, pray, pray. (1)

Pray, pray, pray

For peace within our world.

Pray, pray, pray,

For peace within our souls.

Pray, pray, pray for love and unity:

Comfort our anxious hearts.

Pray, pray, pray.

Pray, pray, pray. (2)

Pray, pray, pray

For peace within our world.

Pray, pray, pray,

For peace within our souls.

Pray, pray, pray for love and unity:

Open our angry hearts.

Pray, pray, pray.

Pray, pray, pray. (3)

Pray, pray, pray

For peace within our world.

Pray, pray, pray,

For peace within our souls.

Pray, pray, pray for love and unity:

Nourish our hungry hearts.

Pray, pray, pray.

Pray, pray, pray. (4).

Benediction

Pastor Mak

Song Of Parting

Congregation

TFWS # 2279 "Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands;
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands;
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field
Will clap their hands;
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands;
The trees of the field
Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

Postlude

Marshall Davies