



**Worship Service for December 01, 2022**  
**World AIDS Day**

**Prelude** Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour** Judy Walden

**Welcome** Pastor Mak

**Centering Moment** Pastor Mak

**Call to Worship** Judy Walden

LEADER: Tonight we remember together our family, friends, and loved ones who have lost their battle with HIV/AIDS.

**ALL: We feel the pain of grief in each other's company.**

LEADER: Tonight we remember together our family, friends, loved ones, and ourselves who are living with HIV/AIDS

**ALL: We reach out to each other for strength, comfort, and the particular understanding which we share together.**

LEADER: Tonight we deeply breathe in the presence of The Holy and of each other.

**ALL: We create this Holy Space together in love and  
in remembrance.**

**\*Hymn**

**Congregation**

Sing! # 61 "Call To Prayer"

Floating and flaming and filling new life.  
Hov'ring and healing and helping with sighs.  
Spirit at work since the dawning of time;  
Meet us right here, touch us right now.  
Meet us right here, touch us right now.

Searching and saving and soothing indeed  
Teaching and turning and taking the lead;  
Fathering, Mothering, birthing new ways;  
Meet us right here, touch us right now.  
Meet us right here, touch us right now.

Calling and caring and changing each heart.  
Loving and lifting us to a new start;  
Jesus our brother, our teacher, our friend  
Meet us right here, touch us right now.  
Meet us right here, touch us right now.

**1st Biblical Witness**

**Pastor Mak**

Psalms 35:1 - 5; 12; 17 - 24

Contend, O God, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me! Take hold of shield and buckler, and rise up to help me! Draw the spear and javelin against my pursuers; say to my soul, "I am your salvation." Let them be put to shame and dishonor who seek after my life. Let them be turned back and confounded who devise evil against me. Let them be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the Lord driving them on. ... They repay me evil for good; my soul is forlorn. ... How long, O Lord, will you look on? Rescue me from their ravages, my life from the lions! Then I will thank you in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you. Do not let my treacherous enemies rejoice over me, or those who hate me without cause wink the eye. For they do not speak peace, but they conceive deceitful words against those who are quiet in the land. They open wide their mouths against me; they say, "Aha, Aha, our eyes have seen it." You have seen, O Lord; do not be silent! O Lord, do not be far from me! Wake up! Bestir yourself for my defense, for my cause, my God and my Lord! Vindicate me, O Lord, my God, according to your righteousness, and do not let them rejoice over me.

## **1st Contemporary Witness**

Judy Walden

Quote by Winnie Byanyima; Executive Director of UNAIDS  
Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations

"Racism is a public health and human rights issue of global concern. It is recognised that racism is a key determinant of disease and defines who has access to life-saving

prevention, treatment, quality health care and overall well-being."

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"Failure to tackle racism will continue to cost millions of lives and livelihoods around the world; to stall progress on tackling poverty; to block development efforts and threaten global public health and economic security."

**2nd Contemporary Witness** (Video)

"HIV is about life and death"

Lord Fowler former UK Secretary of State for Health and UNAIDS ambassador

**3rd Contemporary Witness** (Video)

"Stella Ebeh, a public health officer, has this to say about stigma"

**Reflection** "Stir Up Our Souls" Pastor Mak

**Special Music** "For Good" Aimee and Mark  
ELPHABA

I'm limited: Just look at me - I'm limited  
And just look at you - You can do all I couldn't do, Glinda  
So now it's up to you for both of us  
Now it's up to you:

GLINDA

I've heard it said  
That people come into our lives for a reason  
Bringing something we must learn and we are led  
To those who help us most to grow if we let them  
And we help them in return  
Well, I don't know if I believe that's true  
But I know I'm who I am today  
Because I knew you:

Like a comet pulled from orbit  
As it passes a sun  
Like a stream that meets a boulder  
Halfway through the wood  
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?  
But because I knew you  
I have been changed for good

ELPHABA

It well may be that we will never meet again  
In this lifetime  
So let me say before we part  
So much of me is made of what I learned from you  
You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart  
And now whatever way our stories end  
I know you have re-written mine  
By being my friend: like a ship blown from its mooring  
By a wind off the sea

Like a seed dropped by a skybird  
In a distant wood  
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?  
But because I knew you:

GLINDA

Because I knew you:

BOTH

I have been changed for good

ELPHABA

And just to clear the air  
I ask forgiveness  
For the things I've done you blame me for

GLINDA

But then, I guess we know  
There's blame to share

BOTH

And none of it seems to matter anymore

GLINDA ELPHABA

Like a comet pulled Like a ship blown  
From orbit as it Off it's mooring  
Passes a sun, like By a wind off the

A stream that meets Sea, like a seed  
A boulder, half-way Dropped by a  
Through the wood Bird in the wood

**BOTH**

Who can say if I've been changed for the better?  
I do believe I have been changed for the better?

**GLINDA**

And because I knew you:

**ELPHABA**

Because I knew you:

**BOTH**

Because I knew you: I have been changed for good.

**Remembering & Honouring With Ribbons** Pastor Mak

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Unison Prayer**

Pastor Mak & Congregation

**Holy Love, we accept your invitation to walk with you  
and with each other. When we are feeble, help us reach  
out to your strong arm. When we are in trouble, help us  
call on your grace without guilt. Increase our faith when**

our destination seems distant and our hearts are heavy. Remind us that our doubts are evidence of thinking and feeling deeply. Draw us close as a family of faith. Where there is discord help us mend. Give us ears to hear each other and hearts to love beyond our fears. We long to know your sacred presence more fully each day and share it with each other. We yield to Spirit. Show us how to live more honestly and to see the needs around us so we can make a difference. Our hearts are grateful and sing praises for the beauty, wonder, and mystery of Love.

**Invitation to Offering**

Judy Walden

Plymouth's General Fund &

"AIDS Foundation Houston (AFH)" - 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**

Judy Walden

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

TNCH #438 "When Peace, Like a River"

When peace, like a river,  
Upholds me each day,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul." (1)

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though evil should tempt me,  
Though trials should come,  
Let this blessed assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! (2a/3b)

It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

O God, speed the day  
That is filled with your light,  
When clouds are rolled back as a scroll;  
The trumpet shall sound  
And the Lord shall appear,  
“even so” – it is well with my soul. (4)

Refrain  
It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Benediction**

Pastor Mak

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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