

Worship Service for February 20, 2022

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Paula McKnight

Welcome Pastor Mak

Centering Moment Pastor Mak

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: Those who are thirsty, come to the fount that will not dry up.

ALL: We bring our thirst here to be quenched.

LEADER: Those who are weary, Spirit is a ready refuge.

ALL: We bring our weariness that we might find rest.

LEADER: Those who feel lost, come to the One who knows the way.

ALL: Lead us by the hand, by our hearts, and by hope.

Hymn Marshall Davies

Sing! # 33 "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"

Biblical Witness

Paula McKnight

2 Kings 2:6-14

Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." Elijah responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its

horsemen!" But when Elisha could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Contemporary Witness

Sidney Poitier and Oprah Winfrey video

Reflection "The Power to Bless" Pastor Mak

Special Music "Down to the River to Pray" Plymouth Choir

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Mak

Unison Prayer Pastor Mak

Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me

by Howard Thurman, from "Meditations of the Heart"

Open unto me, light for my darkness

Open unto me, courage for my fear

Open unto me, hope for my despair

Open unto me, peace for my turmoil

Open unto me, joy for my sorrow

Open unto me, strength for my weakness

Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion

(ppt 18) Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins

Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness

Open unto me, love for my hates

Open unto me, Thy Self for myself

Lord, Lord, open unto me!

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

Doxology

Marshall Davies

Offertory Prayer

Paula McKnight

LEADER: Hear us, O God.

ALL: We seek to do justice,

LEADER: to love kindness,

ALL: and to walk humbly with each other.

LEADER: Multiply what is before you like the loaves and the fishes.

ALL: So needs can be met and joy fulfilled. Amen.

Hymn Marshall Davies

TNCH #471 "What a Covenant"

Benediction Pastor Mak

Postlude Marshall Davies