



Worship Service for January 1, 2023

Prelude

Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour

Pam Laham

Praise & Worship Celebration

Congregation

Sing # 178 "Here Are Our Hearts"

Here are our hearts.

Here are our hands.

Here are our lives.

Use them as You can.

Show us those who hurt.

Show us those in need.

Show us how to serve.

Teach us how to see.

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Welcome

Pastor Mak

Centering Moment

Pastor Mak

Call to Worship

Pam Laham

LEADER: This month we mark a new beginning.

ALL: We set our minds and spirits on you, O God.

LEADER: We are the work of your hands, your spirit, and your love.

ALL: Help us to leave behind the failures and flaws of the past year.

LEADER: Loosen our grip on the past so that we can be free in your love.

ALL: You are God.

LEADER: We trust you to be our strength.

ALL: We worship you in spirit, in hope, and in love.

***Hymn**

Congregation

Sing! # 35 "No Matter"

No matter who, no matter what

No matter where you are on the journey of life;

You're welcome, welcome in this place.
No matter who, no matter what,
No matter where you are on the journey of life:
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

For we are family,
Meant to be purposed for eternity.
Born in love, from above,
God's community.

No matter who, no matter what
No matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
No matter who, no matter what,
No matter where you are on the journey of life:
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

And in diversity
Unity, harmony for all to see:
Justice and equity,
God's community.

No matter who, no matter what
No matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
No matter who, no matter what,
No matter where you are on the journey of life:

Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

Together we will sing, worship bring,
Hands and hearts
Outstretched to all.
Jesus praise, hearts ablaze,
Listen to God's call.

No matter who, no matter what
No matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
No matter who, no matter what,
No matter where you are on the journey of life:
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

The God who spoke through Christ,
Speaks to us;
Listen to our Savior's call.
Welcome home, welcome in,
Welcome one and all.

No matter who, no matter what
No matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
No matter who, no matter what,
No matter where you are on the journey of life:
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mak

Sung Lord's Prayer

Congregation

Our Father, our Mother, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever.

Invitation to Offering

Pam Laham

Plymouth's General Fund &
"Slumber Falls Camp" - 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

Pam Laham

LEADER: Holy One, you watch over our coming and our going.

ALL: Sometimes we live in chaos. Sometimes in calm.

LEADER: You walk with us always, in all circumstances.

ALL: As a church we desire to walk with others in all their circumstances.

LEADER: We bless this offering now as one way to do that.

ALL: May the time, talent, and treasure represented here be the first steps to sharing our abundant love.

Special Music

Video

“Kwanzaa Celebration”

Biblical Witness

Pam Laham

Romans 14:5 - 9

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of Holy Love. Also those who eat, eat in honor of Holy Love, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of Holy Love and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to Holy Love, and if we die, we die to Holy Love; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are

God's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Mak

Kwanzaa - How To Celebrate In Your Home

by Kathleen Minnick-Taylor

Day 7 - Jan 1

Principle - Imani (ee-MAH-nee), meaning faith

Affirmation - "Let us develop a never-ending capacity for hope in our people."

Ritual - We reply, "Imani," to the Habari Gani (hah-BAR-re GAH-nee) greeting. This last day of celebration is truly a family affair at our house. We spend part of the morning planting a seed with the faith that it will come to life in the spring. We place the planted seed in the center of the Kwanzaa display and then recite the above affirmation in unison. As evening approaches, we gather together in great anticipation. This is the night of the Kwanzaa Karamu (KWAHN-zah kah-RAH-moo). It is symbolic of celebrating the Afrikan harvest. We open our home to our relatives and close friends. Everyone brings a dish to pass and gifts to exchange. We try to make the occasion as joyous as possible. Prior to sitting down for the feast, we light all seven candles. We say the name of each principle as we light that candle. As we pass the unity cup we recite the Kwanzaa pledge with one strong, sure voice. We place Kwanzaa

greeting cards at the dinner table with affirmations written on them. During the meal, each person is asked to read an affirmation. Over dessert, we each reflect on what Kwanzaa has meant to us and how we plan to keep the principles alive throughout the new year.

Reflection

“Growing In Faith”

Pastor Mak

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 423 “Great Is Your Faithfulness”

Great is your faithfulness,
 O God, Creator,
 With you no shadow
 Of turning we see.
 You do not change,
 Your compassions they fail not;
 All of your goodness
 Forever will be.

Great is your faithfulness!
 Great is your faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed your hand has provided,
 Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Summer and winter,
 And springtime and harvest,

Sun, moon, and stars
 In their courses above,
 Join with all nature
 In manifold Witness
 To Your great faithfulness,
 Mercy, and love.

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 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed your hand has provided,
 Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

Communion Pastor Mak

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Benediction Pastor Mak

***Song Of Parting** Marshall Davies

Sing! 197 “La Paz Sea Contigo” (Peace Be With You)

La paz sea contigo
 La paz sea contigo
 May God’s peace be with you,
 Now and forever
 La paz sea contigo

El amor sea contigo
 El amor sea contigo
 May God’s love be with you,
 Now and forever

El amor sea contigo

El espíritu sea contigo

El espíritu sea contigo

May God's Spirit be with you

Now and forever

El espíritu sea contigo

Postlude

Marshall Davies

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