



Worship Service for May 29, 2022

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Faith Muniz
Welcome	Rev. Alisha Mills
Centering Moment	Rev. Alisha Mills
Call to Worship	Faith Muniz

LEADER: Whoever you are,

ALL: wherever you are on life's journey;

LEADER: you are welcome here.

ALL: We are all welcome here.

LEADER: Gathering spirit to spirit

ALL: we open our hearts.

LEADER: Come, let us be open to all that is sacred and beautiful!

ALL: Blessed be all the names of Love.

Hymn	Congregation
Sing! # 195 "Children of God"	

Children of God, let's love one another.

Love is a gift, a blessing of God.
Love one another, sisters and brothers.
Love is a gift of God.

Let love be more than what we say.
Make it the way that we live each day. Oh oh

Children of God, let's love one another.
Love is a gift, a blessing of God.
Love one another, sisters and brothers.
Love is a gift of God.

Now perfect love removes all fear.
By this we know God is always near. Oh oh

Children of God, let's love one another.
Love is a gift, a blessing of God.
Love one another, sisters and brothers.
Love is a gift of God.

Let us bear witness to the Light,
Living in love, doing what is right. Oh oh

Children of God, let's love one another.
Love is a gift, a blessing of God.
Love one another, sisters and brothers.
Love is a gift
Love is a gift
Love is a gift of God

Biblical Witness

Faith Muniz

John 14: 22-29 from The Inclusive Bible

Judas - not Judas Iscariot - said, "Rabbi, why is it that you'll reveal yourself to us, and not to the whole world?" Jesus answered, "Those who love me will be true to my word, and Abba God will love them; and we will come to them and make our dwelling place with them. Those who don't love me don't keep my words. Yet the message you hear is not mine; it comes from Abba God who sent me. This much I have said to you while still with you; but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom Abba God will send in my name, will instruct you in everything and she will remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; but the kind of peace I give you is not like the world's peace. Don't let your hearts be distressed; don't be fearful. You've heard me say, I am going away but I will return.' If you really love me, you would rejoice because I am going to Abba God, for Abba is greater than I. I tell you this now, before it happens, so that when it happens you will believe.

Contemporary Witness

Rev. Alisha

Faith and Neurodivergence
From ItinerantMystic

Organized Faith is Exclusionary

Partly, I feel my calling in these places of worship is to dismantle the systems that make neurodivergence unacceptable to the rites and rituals of the world of organized faith.

In that, I also believe my place is to be in the communities that I most relate with: the people who are outside the churches, the people who have been hurt by churches, and the people who would never feel comfortable crossing the threshold of a religious building.

I believe the Divine is everywhere. I do not believe we need special buildings or super-secret codes of behavior to access it. But, I do believe that those of us who are neurodivergent have been sold a lie that says we have to hide who we are to be loved by the Divine.

I want to break the illusion of that lie. I want to burn it and let it become the ash that fertilizes the ground for new growth and spiritual renewal. The Divine made all of us, and within all of us, the spark of life that keeps us going is part of the plurality of creation, the divine variance granted to each of us. That means our weirdness, our oddity, and our divergence serve a purpose.

Reflection

“Both/And”

Rev. Alisha

Sing-a-Long Music

Todd & Maryella Mills

“The Fish Song”

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Alisha

Unison Prayer

Rev. Alisha

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.

Special Music

“The Potter’s Hand”

Plymouth Choir

Invitation to Offering

Faith Muniz

Plymouth’s General Fund &
Slumber Falls - 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

Faith Muniz

LEADER: Some of us give out of our abundance.

ALL: Others give out of our scarcity.

LEADER: For all of these gifts we seek your blessing.

ALL: To be a source of healing.

LEADER: To be a resource of freedom for the oppressed.

ALL: To proclaim good news that all are loved and cherished by God.

Hymn

Congregation

TNCH # 433 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:

Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn for every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

Benediction

Rev. Alisha

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! # 213 "Wherever You Go"

Wherever you go, God is with you;
Wherever you go, God is there.
Wherever you go,
Whatever you do,
You are in God's care.

Wherever we go, God is with us;
Wherever we go, God is there.
Wherever we go,
Whatever we do,
We are in God's care.

Postlude

Marshall Davies