



Worship Service for January 29, 2023

Scout Sunday

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Paula McKnight

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.

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Welcome

Pastor Mak

Centering Moment

Pastor Mak

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

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! # 12 "Come, My People"

Come, my people, welcome to worship.

Love is in the warmth of this place.

Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,

Sing to God a song of praise!

Gather in safety, welcomed in Christian love;
God touches us with strength from above.

Come, my people, welcome to worship.
Love is in the warmth of this place.
Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,
Sing to God a song of praise!

Stories of Jesus show us the way to live,
How to serve others, how to forgive.

Come, my people, welcome to worship.
Love is in the warmth of this place.
Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,
Sing to God a song of praise!

Stand with each other in one community,
Working together God's reign to see.

Come, my people, welcome to worship.
Love is in the warmth of this place.
Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,
Sing to God a song of praise!

Biblical Witness

Philippians 4:12 - 20

Paula McKnight

I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to the riches in glory of Christ Jesus. To our God be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Mak

“The Friendship Of Women” by Joan Chittister; pgs 45 & 46

“What is the opposite of two?” Richard Wilbur pondered. “A lonely me; a lonely you.” There may be no more poignant line in literature. The very thought of finding ourselves alone, cut off from the touch of a warm hand, left without a strong shoulder; bereft of the presence of the one who matters, terrifies us to the core. Who of us really wants to go into the darkness of pain or hurt of fear alone? Who of us really wants to go into the light of joy and celebration alone?

Whatever the romantic images of the strong and self-sufficient heroes, of solitary and separated hermits, of isolated and rugged individualists, the truth is that, somehow, somewhere, in the end, the human community takes everything to itself. “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much,” Hellen Keller said. We exist only in connection with the rest of the human race. We cannot stand alone. And yet, far too often we do.

Reflection “Collaboration and Kindness” Pastor Mak

Special Music Plymouth Choir
“A Future with Hope”

CHORUS:

Surely I know, surely I know, I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope, to give you a future with hope.

CHORUS again with echoes

VERSE:

When you call on me, I will answer, I will hear your ev'ry prayer. When you seek me with all your heart, you will find me, I will be there.

CHORUS again with echoes

Welcome from Scout Troop 1323 and Pack 1550

Don Hightower

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mak

Unison Prayer

Pastor Mak & Congregation

(Written by Parker J. Palmer)

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done, let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days – come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy. Forever your name is All in One.

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

Plymouth's General Fund &

“Community Peacemaker Teams” - 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

Paula McKnight

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.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 376 "God, We Thank You for Our People"

God, we thank you for our people,
Roots dug deep within the soil,
Hardy spirits, rich in loving,
Strong for struggle, bold for toil

Faithful Rock of generations,
You whom parent's parents praised:
Here in hope as we remember
May our song to you be raised.

Thank you, God, for gentle pleasure:
Lessons learned and secrets told,
Hopes and memories saved as treasure,
Passed to young ones by the old,
Pranks and glories, songs and stories,
Food by loving hands prepared.
God, we bless you for your presence
In our tears and laughter shared.

By your Spirit of creation
Keep us bold for risking still,
Eager in anticipation,
Ever strong to do your will.
Bind us close to one another,
Sharing life and death and birth,
Welcoming as sister, brother,
All your children on the earth.

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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