



**Worship Service for March 27, 2022  
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	John Davis
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Mak
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Mak
<b>Call to Worship</b>	John Davis

LEADER: We rejoice in the Divine as we make our way through this Lenten Journey.

**ALL: In the wilderness our hunger is filled by Holy Hope.**

LEADER: In the desert our thirst is quenched from the stream of God's Presence.

**ALL: On the road to Jerusalem our weariness is transformed into strength by Grace.**

LEADER: We each walk our own journey as led by the Spirit.

**ALL: We all walk together as the Body of Christ in the world.**

**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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 All I have needed your hand has provided,  
 Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

## **Biblical Witness**

John Davis

The Gospel Of John 1:19 — 23

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ ”

## **Contemporary Witness**

Pastor Mak

Our Native Daughters - "I Knew I Could Fly"  
 [Behind The Scenes Documentary] (video)

## **Reflection**

“Being Yourself”

Pastor Mak

## **Lenten Ritual of Grief and Lament**

Pastor Mak

“What are your church griefs about the pandemic?”

## **Special Music**

Marshall Davies

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Unison Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Prayer for Conscience and Courage**

*by Sister Joan Chittister*

**Loving God, lead us beyond ourselves to care and protect, to nourish and shape, to challenge and energize both the life and the world You have given us. God of light and God of darkness, God of conscience and God of courage lead us through this time of spiritual confusion and public uncertainty. Lead us beyond fear, apathy and defensiveness to new hope in You and to hearts full of faith. Give us the conscience it takes to comprehend what we're facing, to see what we're looking at and to say what we see so that others, hearing us, may also brave the pressure that comes with being out of public step. Give us the courage we need to confront those things that compromise our consciences or threaten our integrity. Give us, most of all, the courage to follow those before us who challenged wrong and changed it, whatever the cost to themselves.**

**Invitation to Offering**

John Davis

Plymouth's General Fund &

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)- 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

John Davis

*written by Rev. Joanna Harader*

LEADER: God of the journey, we give these offerings in  
gratitude,

**ALL: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in faith,

**ALL: trusting that you will provide for our needs.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in hope,

**ALL: knowing you can use them to spread your love  
in this world.**

LEADER: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

**ALL: may we live with generous hearts, with open  
hands. Amen.**

## Hymn

Congregation

Sing! # 187 Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.

God, empower me to be a witness for you,  
Acting boldly, in your name;  
Seeking justice, where there is hurting  
Offering hope where there is pain.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You.

## Benediction

Pastor Mak

## Song of Parting

Congregation

TFWS # 2279 "Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace;

The mountains and the hills  
Will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field  
Will clap their hands;  
The trees of the field  
Will clap their hands;  
The trees of the field  
Will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies