



## **Worship Service for November 7, 2021**

### **Communion Sunday**

**Prelude** Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour** Terri Sachnik

**Welcome** Pastor Mak

**Call to Worship** Terri Sachnik

LEADER: Living and Loving God, help us find your essence today.

**ALL: We seek you with what we see, with what we hear, and with what we feel.**

LEADER: Find us where we are, O God.

**ALL: Open our hearts to what is beautiful and hopeful.**

LEADER: Today we choose to embrace all the good that is around us.

**ALL: With gratitude our souls are nourished and flourish.**

**Centering Moment** Pastor Mak

**Hymn** Marshall Davies

Sing! #8 "Come to the Banquet"

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

## **Unison Prayer**

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.

## **Special Music**

Aimee, Marcy, and Mark

“In This Very Room”

## **Invitation to Offering**

Terri Sachnik

## **Doxology**

Marshall Davies

## **Offertory Prayer**

Terri Sachnik

LEADER: These gifts are a small measure of our abundance of care.

**ALL: With thankful hearts we give what we have.**

LEADER: Loving God, take these gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

**ALL: Help us use them to create community and deepen our faith.**

LEADER: To widen our table and increase our generosity.

**ALL: Acting in Holy Love in all we do and say. Amen**

**Special Music**

Marshall Davies

**Kidz Korner**

Pastor Mak

**Biblical Witness**

Terri Sachnik

2 Samuel 9:1 - 13

David asked, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul to whom I may show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" .... Ziba said to the king, "There remains a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." ... King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar.

Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul came to David, and fell on his face and did obeisance. David said, "Mephibosheth!" He answered, "I am your servant." David said to him, "Do not be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan; I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul, and you yourself shall eat at my table always." ... Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. Mephibosheth had a young son

whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he always ate at the king's table.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Pastor Mak

Open Letter (excerpt), by Marti Bier

Director of Programs of the Texas Freedom Network

Two days ago a fire was set outside the sanctuary doors of my synagogue in Austin. Throughout the state this year, and particularly in the last few months, we have seen a disturbing rise in antisemitic attacks. As a Jew and a Texan, I'm writing today on behalf of Texas Freedom Network to publicly denounce antisemitism and the acts of hate we're seeing with increasing regularity in communities around Texas.

Decades ago, I found myself in social-justice work because of my connection with the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam — “repairing the world.”

As members of Texas Freedom Network, we have publicly condemned acts of violence and hatred against Asian Pacific Islanders, Black, Latinx, LGBTQ+, Muslim communities, and abortion providers; we affirm daily that Black lives matter; we

mobilize students to advocate for fair voting processes for people of color; we know abortion is health care. We are advocates who take action to redress wrongs and seek justice. At TFN, we practice living Tikkun Olam.

And because of who we are, today and every day, we must fiercely speak out against the dangerous and hateful acts clearly targeting the Jewish community. We encourage others to do the same.

<b>Reflection</b>	“Eating Together”	Pastor Mak
<b>Communion</b>		Pastor Mak
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving / Benediction</b>		Pastor Mak
<b>Postlude</b>		Marshall Davies