



**Worship Service for January 2, 2022
Second Sunday after Christmas**

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Mary Davis
Welcome	Jeff Mechler
Centering Moment	Rev. Vicki
Call to Worship	Mary Davis

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

Marshall Davies

Sing! #7 "Welcome to This House"

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Vicki

Unison Prayer

Rev. Vicki

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 "Near to the Heart of God" Plymouth Choir

Invitation to Offering

Mary Davis

Doxology

Marshall Davies

Offertory Prayer

Mary Davis

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

Marshall Davies

1st Biblical Witness Jeremiah 31:7-14 Mary Davis

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I

will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

2nd Biblical Witness Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Rev. Vicki

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and

a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Reflection "A Time of New Beginnings" Rev. Vicki

Communion Rev. Vicki

Prayer of Thanksgiving / Benediction Rev. Vicki

Postlude Marshall Davies