



## **Worship Service for Oct 17, 2021**

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

Leader: We gather in the name of our God.

**All: The Disabled God, the God of Access, the God of Interdependence, the God whose Differences are Holy.**

Leader: How shall we worship this God?

**All: With sound and with silence, with raised hands and with stillness, with words spoken and unspoken, with deep thought and the inner movements of our souls.**

Leader: With every limit and ability of our bodies and minds, we will worship God.

**All: Praise be to God.**

**Kidz Korner**

Pastor Mak

**Hymn TNCH # 32**

Marshall Davies

“God Of The Sparrow”

**1st Biblical Witness**

Paula McKnight

The Gospel of Mark 15:33-39

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.” And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

**Contemporary Witness**

Pastor Mak

II. CREATION AS AN ACT OF LOVE (excerpt);

“Being God’s Creatures”

[https://www.oikoumene.org/sites/default/files/Document/GEN-PRO-06-Gift-of-Being\\_ADOPTED.pdf](https://www.oikoumene.org/sites/default/files/Document/GEN-PRO-06-Gift-of-Being_ADOPTED.pdf)

36. Affirming that being created is an expression of God’s love means that in the eyes of a loving God there are no categories of human beings divided according to status,

race, gender, age, or ability. There are only human beings who are God's children. To be God's creature, then, entails being offered the loving kindness of our maker. This is the gift of being. It is offered to anyone, whether black or white, male or female, young or old, with or without impairment. The first act toward each of God's creatures is this gift.

37. ... Although persons living with impairments are less and less kept behind walls in segregated places, the walls of fear and prejudice remain, even within the church.

38. Particularly in the church, other people's stares are often more painful than inaccessible stairs. Looking at others as though they are not part of "us" conflicts with the fact that God has called them to be faithful children as well. It also contradicts Christ's ministry of restoring all of us in God's communion. Therefore the community of the church is called upon especially to tear down walls of prejudice and fear that maintain the division between "us" and "them."

**Reflection**

"Sacred Access"

Pastor Mak

**Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Mak

**Unison Prayer**

Pastor Mak

written by the UCC Disability Ministries

**Our God who is disabled, holy are your differences.**

**May your work of inclusion be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Grant us access in all the ways we need.**

**And forgive us for excluding others, as we forgive those who exclude us.**

**Keep us away from the temptation of believing we're not enough, and deliver us from the evils of ableism.**

**God, in you we find community, welcome, and belonging; now and forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering**

Paula McKnight

**Offertory Music**

Marshall Davies

**Doxology**

Marshall Davies

**Offertory Prayer**

Paula McKnight

by Rev. Dr. Derek Browning

LEADER: Generous God, here are our gifts of time;

**ALL: here are our gifts of talents;**

LEADER: here are our gifts of money;

**ALL: building stones for Your Kingdom,**

LEADER: awaiting shaping and placing

**ALL: within Your loving purpose. Amen.**

**Benediction**

Pastor Mak

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies