



**Worship Service for March 20, 2022
Third Sunday in Lent**

Prelude	Kevin Guess
Chiming of the Hour	Paula McKnight
Welcome	Jeff Mechler
Centering Moment	Lynette Ross
Call to Worship	Paula McKnight

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 # 30 "Colorful Creator"

Colorful Creator, God of mystery,
Thank you for the artist teaching us to see
Glimpses of the meaning of the common place,
Visions of the holy in each human face.

Harmony of ages, God of listening ear,
Thank you for composers tuning us to hear
Echoes of the Gospel in the songs we sing,
Sounds of love and longing from the deepest spring.

Author of our journey, God of near and far,
Praise for tale and drama telling who we are,
Stripping to the essence struggles of our day,
Times of change and conflict when we choose our way.

God of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word,
May we be creators by the Spirit stirred,
Open to your presence in our joy and strife,
Vessels of the holy coursing through our life.

Biblical Witness

Paula McKnight

Isaiah 61:1-4

"The Spirit of Exalted YHWH is upon me, for YHWH has anointed me: God has sent me to bring good news to those who are poor; to heal broken hearts; to proclaim release to

those held captive and liberation to those in prison; to announce a year of favor from YHWH, and the day of God's vindication; to comfort all who mourn, to provide for those who grieve in Zion — to give them a wreath of flowers instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of tears, a cloak of praise instead of despair. They will be known as trees of integrity, planted by YHWH to display God's glory. They will restore the ancient ruins, and rebuild sites long devastated; they will repair the ruined cities, neglected for generations.

Contemporary Witness

Lynette Ross

Michael Phillips, Briarpatch Book as quoted in
Chop Wood Carry Water

"In the past it was considered reasonable for people to develop a marketable skill and pursue a career that would earn them enough money to do the things they really wanted to do. People worked at their jobs so they could do the things they wanted on weekends, go where they wanted on vacations, and in some cases, earn enough to retire 'early' and then do what they wanted. Now our peers are saying, 'that's nonsense; why should I do something I don't like 70% of my life so I can do what I want 30%?' The old wage-slave mentality of renting ourselves to our jobs for eight hours a day to cover the essentials of life is giving way to an

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

Paula McKnight

Plymouth's General Fund &

“UN Women - Ukraine support” - Loose Offering

Offertory Music

Kevin Guess

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

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! # 201 "Deep Peace"

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,

Not as the world gives, I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,
My love I give to you.
Love, love, strong love,
My love I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,
Not as the world gives, I give to you.
Love, love, strong love,
My love I give to you.

Joy, joy, great joy,
My joy I give to you.
Joy, joy, great joy,
My joy I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,
Not as the world gives, I give to you.
Joy, joy, great joy,
My joy I give to you.

Benediction

Lynette Ross

Postlude

Kevin Guess