

Worship Service for October 30, 2022

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Terri Sachnik

Praise & Worship Celebration Congregation

Sing! # 82 "You Are Holy"

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here
to the church in wine and bread,
Raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy. You are wholeness. You are present, let the cosmos praise you, God! Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia Halleluia our God.

You are holy, you are whole.

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Welcome Pastor Mak

Centering Moment Pastor Mak

Call to Worship

Terri Sachnik

LEADER: God of grace, we come before you with our whole selves.

ALL: We gather ourselves as a community of faith, hope, and love.

LEADER: Show us your kin-dom of kindness.

ALL: Teach us to love our enemies as well as our friends.

LEADER: Come to us as we come to you.

ALL: In your embrace we pray, praise, and rest.

*Hymn Congregation

Sing! # 12 "Come, My People"

Come, my people, welcome to worship. Love is in the warmth of this place. Sing to God a song of thanksgiving, Sing to God a song of praise!

Gather in safety, welcomed in Christian love; God touches us with strength from above. Come, my people, welcome to worship. Love is in the warmth of this place. Sing to God a song of thanksgiving, Sing to God a song of praise!

Stories of Jesus show us the way to live, How to serve others, how to forgive.

Come, my people, welcome to worship. Love is in the warmth of this place. Sing to God a song of thanksgiving, Sing to God a song of praise!

Stand with each other in one community, Working together God's reign to see.

Come, my people, welcome to worship. Love is in the warmth of this place. Sing to God a song of thanksgiving, Sing to God a song of praise!

1st Biblical Witness

Terri Sachnik

Corinthians 4:7-12

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

2nd Biblical Witness

Pastor Mak

2 Corinthians 4:13-18

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with

Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Reflection "Learning From Experience" Pastor Mak

Special Music Aimee and Jennifer

"Our Story"

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Mak

Unison Prayer Pastor Mak & Congregation

"Prayer for Bodies" By Bekah Anderson God, I will live in this body. This body built by your hands, by acts of the world, planned and unplanned, by my own choices. This body was born with abilities and disabilities.

It grew and changed, through accident, Illness, medical procedure, the passage of time, and more actions and events than we can name. I have made my body my own, through prosthetics, assistive tech, tattoos and piercings, Medications, intentional movement, Meditation, and all the choices one can make about a body. This body is mine, co-created with you, O God. I bless it, as it is blessed by you. I bless it in comfort and in pain, in clarity and in brainfog, in ease of movement and in struggle, in the good days and the bad. I bless this body, even when I do not love what it does. I bless this body because it is the only body I have. And I will live in it, for we are one. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Terri Sachnik

Plymouth's General Fund & "Home of Hope Texas" - Loose Offering

Offertory Music

"Rainbow"

Amie Friday

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

Terri Sachnik

written 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.

*Hymn

Congregation

TNCH # 539 "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

Won't you let me be your servant,

Let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Go the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you In the shadow of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; When you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow Till we've seen this journey through.

Won't you let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace To let you be my servant, too.

Benediction

Pastor Mak and Terri Sachnik

"Litany of Continuing Access" By Bekah Anderson

Pastor Mak: As we leave this place, let us celebrate the work we have done: the ramps that connect us, the elevators that uplift us, the conversations that help us know more deeply how God is present with us, reflected in a diversity of bodyminds.

ALL: God, draw us closer to Access and Love.

Terri: And we realize that there is always more to be done. Our physical access has not accounted for every body. Our communication access has not accounted for every mind. Our attitudes and theologies remain shaped by a culture that does not love disabled bodyminds, and untangling those beliefs is the work of a lifetime.

ALL: God, draw us closer to Access and Love.

Pastor Mak: We are not perfect. But we are not called to be perfect. We are called to love our neighbor, and to recognize when our attempts at love have gone astray. We are called to live deeply, fully, grounded in our own bodymind, and reaching out to the unique bodyminds of those who share this life with us.

ALL: God, draw us closer to Access and Love.

Terri: Let us rejoice in the continued work of access! Let us rejoice that there are more ways than we know to love one another! Let us be bold, creative, thoughtful, empathetic, and faithful. Let us rejoice, knowing there is yet more wisdom to learn on this journey of access.

ALL: God, draw us closer to Access and Love.

Pastor Mak: Amen, and go in peace.

Song Of Parting

Marshall Davies

Sing! # 213 "Wherever You Go"

Wherever you go, God is with you;

Wherever you go, God is there.

Wherever you go,

Whatever you do,

You are in God's care.

Wherever we go, God is with us;

Wherever we go, God is there.

Wherever we go,

Whatever we do,

We are in God's care.

Postlude

Marshall Davies