



**Worship Service for May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter
Mental Health Month**

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Paula McKnight
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Mary Davis
Praise & Worship Songs	Congregation

"God Will See Us Through"

In times of brokenness,
in ev'ry wilderness,
God has seen us through.
Times when our strength was gone,
somehow we carried on,
God has seen us through.

Look behind and see
throughout history,

God has never let us down.
Lean ahead and trust,
God is guiding us,
God is with us here right now.

God will see me through,
God will see you through,
God will see us through somehow.
Step by step we'll be
given all we need
God will see us through this now.

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Announcements

Paula McKnight

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: Somehow, despite all the pitfalls along the way, all the trials and tribulations in each of our lives, God has kept watch over us.

ALL: We have been confined and burdened; we have walked through fire and water; we have been mightily tested, but we have not been overcome.

LEADER: We are here because we seek to embrace, cherish, and speak the truth of our lives.

ALL: God hears us all and continues to love us with a steadfast and undying love.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #179 "We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"

We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness
and for your healing touch;
too long have we felt helpless;
our burdens seemed too much.
Forgetting all pretenses
we make our pleadings heard,
in hope and expectation
await your gracious Word.

We long to have companions

who travel by our side,
strong friends to call and answer
with whom we are allied;
As we lift up each other
when struggles lay us low,
community develops;
our faith and caring grow.

We need your living presence,
O Christ of Galilee,
a presence that revives us
and sets our spirits free.
No longer are we fearful,
your love pervades each place.
Empower us with courage
to claim your healing grace.

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

**ALL: Holy One, be with us in this sacred space. Stir
your Spirit in and among us as we offer
ourselves to you. We long to hear more than our**

own fearful groaning. From the places deep within us, may your Spirit intercede for us. Let us see you through all brokenness that we may find wholeness in being your holy body here and now. Create in us a tenderness to the needs of all, an openness to everyone's gifts, and a commitment to the journey of healing and wholeness. We offer this prayer in the name of love and truth.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Paula McKnight

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and outsiders, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

True Love: A Practice for Awakening the Heart
by Thich Nhat Hanh

When you are really there, you have the ability to recognize the presence of the other. To be there is the first step, and recognizing the presence of the other is the second step. To love is to be; to be loved is to be recognized by the other. If you love someone and you continue to ignore his or her presence, this is not true love. Perhaps your intention is not to ignore this person, but the way you act, look, and speak does not manifest the desire to recognize the presence of the other. When we are loved, we wish the other to recognize our presence, and this is a very important practice. We speak the mantra: “Dear one, I know that you are here, and it makes me very happy.” If you practice in this way, with a lot of concentration and mindfulness, you will see that this person will open immediately, like a flower blossoming.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“To Recognize the Presence of the Other”

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“You Are Wonderfully Made”

You are wonderfully made.

You are God’s creation.

Let no one bring you down by what they say.

You are wonderfully made.

You are wonderfully made.

Remember that you’re a child of God (you’re a child of God),
part of God’s creation (you’re a child).

So when you feel you are weak and flawed,
remember that you’re a child of God,
remember that you’re a child of God.

Love your neighbor as yourself, the commandment still holds
true.

But how can you love someone else if we never learn to love ourselves?

You are wonderfully made.

You are God's creation.

Let no one bring you down by what they say.

You are wonderfully made.

You are wonderfully made.

You're a child of God.

You are wonderfully made,

You're a child, wonderfully made.

You're a child of God.

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión & Congregation

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

UCC Mental Health Network

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

Doxology

Congregation

**ALL: 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

ALL: Holy One, you have given us the gift of love so that we might all know the truth of our precious lives. Everything we have been given has the purpose of shaping us to be of one heart and mind, and so we offer what we have to you. Bless these gifts as we bring them, that we all might reveal the truth of the handiwork of God in our lives.

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #75 "Banner of Hope"

Hastening down the morning,
floating on the breath of day,
holding out dawn's promise to the world.
Beyond any sensible warning,
joy finds a place to stay.
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,
coming forth without delay,
op'ning up tomorrow for God's Word.
Despite all the bitterness, scorning,
grace finds a place to stay.
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,
spiriting the fear away,
blessings dance as true hope is restored.
Love grows from the ashes of sorrow,

faith finds a place to stay.

Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #187 "Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You.

God, empower me to be a witness for you,

Acting boldly, in your name;

Seeking justice, where there is hurting

Off'ring hope where there is pain.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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