

Worship Service for May 21, 2023

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Paula McKnight

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise & Worship Songs Congregation

Whatever Is True (Philipians 4:8)

Whatever is true

Whatever is kind

Whatever is noble

Keep this in mind

Know you are held

God's love keeps you close

No matter what,

know you are loved

Wherever you go

Open your heart, open your eyes

The love for a stranger, love for a neighbor

Seeking the Christ

Walk With Me

Walk with me on your way, step by step as you go

Walk with me for today. Companions on the road

In the water, meal and cross.

If you're sure or if you're lost, Love

Walk with me, walk with me

Announcements

Aimee Broadhurt

Call to Worship

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: Come into this sacred space to abide in Christ and one another.

ALL: Here we reside in the peaceful embrace of love.

LEADER: Come into this holy place to celebrate our community of faith and friends.

ALL: Here we open our hearts and receive the sacred gifts of the Spirit. Here sacred life and connections are shared with one another and we are made whole.

*Praise & Worship Song

Congregation

Sing! #12 "Come, My People" v. 1 & 3

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.

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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 give.

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Gathering Prayer

Aimee Broadhurst

ALL: Holy One, we gather together in the embrace of your love. We gather with humble hearts and minds attentive to your holy presence. We gather with willing spirits to serve you and one another. Meet us in this sacred here and now and speak to us the truth that sets us free. In your precious name, we pray. Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix

John 9:1-7

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming

when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

Contemporary Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Neil Gaiman

The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So write and draw and build and play and dance and live as only you can.

Reflection

"Value, Vision, Voice"

Special Music

"Down to the River to Pray with the Lord, Listen to Your Children"

As I went down to the river to oray, studyin' about that good ole way and who shall wear the starry crown oh Lord, show me the way.

O, sister, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O, brother, let's go down, down to the river to pray, down to the river to pray.

O, Lord, listen to your children prayin'. O, Lord, send your Spirit in this place. O, Lord, listen to your children prayin'. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known, when the people of the Lord get down to pray. A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a-tumbl-in down, when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

O, children, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O, children, let's go down, down to the river to pray.

O, Lord, listen to your children prayin'. O, Lord, send your Spirit in this place. O, Lord, listen to your children prayin'. Send us love, send us power, send us grace. down to the river to pray

Invitation to Offering

Aimee Broadhurst

Plymouth's General Fund & UCC Mental Health Network

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

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

Aimee Broadhurst

ALL: Holy One, we share our offerings in gratitude for your love and grace and for our community of faith. May these offerings be a blessing to our congregation and community. May they be used in service to your will for one and all. Amen.

*Hymn

Congregation

TNCH # 793 "Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)"

Santo, santo, mi corazon te adora!

Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Dios.

Holy, Holy, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, God.

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Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Postlude Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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