



Worship Service for June 2, 2024

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Aimee Broadhurst
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
Praise & Worship Songs	Congregation

Sing! #7 “Welcome to This House”

Welcome to this house,
Open and affirming.
In God’s Son we are all one.
Hand in hand we stand.
Welcome to this house,
Caring and accepting.
In God’s Son we are all one.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
There is room for everyone.
All will sing, praises we bring
Let us all be one.

Welcome to this house,
Where God gives the call to serve.
All will sing, praises we bring.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
Blessed by Word and Harmony.
Child of God, born from above.
Know that Christ is love.

Welcome to this house,
Filled with peace and charity.
Child of God, born from above.
Welcome to this house of God.

Announcements

Aimee Broadhurst

Call to Worship

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: Where Pride goes, O God, may beauty bloom forever. Where Pride goes, may unfair standards be eased.

ALL: Where Pride goes, may acceptance be the norm. Where Pride goes, may homophobia fall. Where Pride goes, may the welcome be warm. Where Pride goes, may name calling and taunting cease.

LEADER: Where Pride goes, may love burst forth. Where Pride goes, may fear fade away.

ALL: Where Pride goes, may justice roll down and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Where Pride goes, may unjust policies be defeated. Where Pride goes, may injustice of every sort fall forever.

LEADER: Where Pride goes, may your kin-dom come and your will be done.

ALL: Where Pride goes, O God, may your Church follow.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

“We Are a Rainbow”

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different
threads, Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said “Let there be light”, created every varied shade, In
the rainbow each of us can find a place.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

Gathering Prayer**Congregation**

ALL: God of wild love and extravagant acceptance, You are faithfully present in both the grit and glitter of life, and you are present here now. Awaken us to your dream for creation: A world in which every member of the human family is free to flourish however you have made them. Forgive us for the moments we have held back your ever-flowing current of love, dignity, and justice. Remake us into a people eager to see you in the faces and bodies of all people. Remind each of us to step out of the shadows of our lives and shine fearlessly and courageously. Holy One, You call each of us beloved. Each of us cherished. Each of us desired. Each of us sacred. And so, we give you thanks now and forever.

Amen.

Invitation to Offering**Aimee Broadhurst**

LHI Houston (formerly Lesbian Health Initiative)

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: Generous God, you give so freely of your love, mercy, and grace. Prompt us to share our blessings and gifts and respond to the cries of the world. Encourage us to give in hope – that the pain of those who face discrimination may be healed. May our offerings serve this holy purpose.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

John 17:20-24

I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. God, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am.

Contemporary Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Song of the Simple Truth:
the Complete poems of Julia de Burgos
I Was My Own Route

I wanted to be like men wanted me to be:
an attempt at life;
a game of hide and seek with my being.

But I was made of nows,
and my feet level on the promissory earth
would not accept walking backwards
and went forward, forward,
mocking the ashes to reach the kiss
of new paths.

At each advancing step on my route forward
my back was ripped by the desperate flapping wings
of the old guard.

But the branch was unpinned forever,
and at each new whiplash my look
separated more and more and more from the distant
familiar horizons;
and my face took the expression that came from within,
the defined expression that hinted at a feeling
of intimate liberation;

a feeling that surged
from the balance between my life
and the truth of the kiss of the new paths.
And I was all in me as was life in me...
When the heralds announced me
at the regal parade of the old guard,
the desire to follow men warped in me,
and the homage was left waiting for me.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“May All Be One, Not the Same”

Special Music

Marshall Davies

“That They All May Be One”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Jesus’ Prayer

Congregation

The New Zealand Book of Prayer

ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustains our hope and comes on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen

Invitation to Communion

Pastor Felix Carrión

Communion Prayer

Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup
Sharing the Elements

Communion Music

Plymouth Choir

“One Bread, One Body”

One God, One Spirit, One Lord of all,
our love for others which we share.

And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one
body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man, no more

One God, One Spirit, One Lord of all,
our love for others which we share.

And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one
body in this one Lord.

Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

One God, One Spirit, One Lord of all,
our love for others which we share.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one
body in this one Lord.

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

One God, One Spirit, One Lord of all,
our love for others which we share.
And we, though many throughout the earth, we are one
body in this one Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation

**ALL: God, we thank you for breathing this
creation into existence and proclaiming from**

its birth: “It is good.” We come to you with gratitude for the endless blessings that we see, feel, and know on our journeys of life. We celebrate the rich diversity of every beautiful body, every shade of skin, every expression of love. Through your Spirit, open our hearts to the joy we can find in the midst of life’s challenges. Remind us that we are loved — fiercely and forever. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your presence.

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #35 “No Matter”

No matter who, no matter what
no matter where you are on the journey of life;
You’re welcome, welcome in this place.
No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life:
accepted, welcomed by God’s grace.

For we are family,
Meant to be purposed for eternity.
Born in love, from above,
God's community.

No matter who, no matter what
no matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life:
accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

And in diversity
unity, harmony for all to see:
Justice and equity,
God's community.

No matter who, no matter what
no matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life:
accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #76 "There Is Room For All"

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all,
sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all,
There is room for all.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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