



Worship Service for November 5, 2023

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

“Dream God’s Dream”

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Holy Spirit, help us dream

Of a world where there is justice

And where everyone is free

To build and grow and loveAnd to simply have enough

The world will change

When we dream God’s dream

I’m dreaming of a world, where the color of one’s skin

Will mean less than what’s within the person’s heart

A world where water's clean, and where air is safe to
breathe

And every child born has enough to eat

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I'm dreaming of the call God is offering to me

How to use my energy and my best gifts

To do the work of Christ—to say God, please use my life

To spread your healing Love and to live your Truth

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I'm dreaming of the way that I want my life to go
I've got hopes and I've got goals I'd like to meet
I'm reaching for the stars, but I won't forget the scars
Of Christ who died to show that the Dream's for all

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Announcements

Mary Davis

Call to Worship

Mary Davis

LEADER: On our pilgrimage of life and faith, in a
changing and uncertain world – we do not walk
alone. God is with us!

**ALL: We remember all those who taught us the
way of love and peace and justice – the**

**cloud of witnesses whose example burns
bright in our memory.**

LEADER: God of grace, by whose love the world
exists –

**ALL: show us your divine light once again and
reveal to us your glory in all creation and in
all souls. Amen.**

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #384

“For the Faithful Who Have Answered Your Call”

For the faithful who have answered when they heard your
call to serve,

or the many ways you led them,

testing will and stretching nerve,

For their work and their witness as they strove against the
odds, for their courage and obedience,

we give thanks and praise, O God.

Many minds have glimpsed the promise;

many hearts have yearned to see;
many souls have heard you calling us to greater liberty.
Some have fallen in the struggle;
others still are pressing on. You are not ashamed to own us;
we give thanks and praise, O God.

For this cloud of faithful witness, for the common life we
share,

for the work of peace and justice,

for the gospel that we bear,

For the vision that our homeland is your love -

deep, high, and broad for the different roads we travel,

we give thanks and praise, O God.

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

**ALL: Precious One, thank you for drawing us into
community here in this place that has been called home
for so many. Inspire us with the lives of those who came
before us, those dear ones who have lived their faith,
and gave your love to all those who needed it. May we
continue here as a trustworthy presence for the**

pilgrimage of life. May we join our voice with the voice of our ancestors, in the one great song of love. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Mary Davis

Meals on Wheels program at NAM

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

Mary Davis

ALL: Gracious God, we offer thanks for the communion of today's feast. By this shared bread may we each be restored for the work of peace and justice in our world. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the embodiment of your living presence in our world. Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix

Psalm 139:7-18

Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
And settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
Even there your hand shall lead me,
And your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,
And the light around me become night',

Even the darkness is not dark to you;
The night is as bright as the day,
For darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
You knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
When I was being made in secret,

Intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days that were formed for
me,
When none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.

Contemporary Witness

Mary Davis

Life Prayers from Around the World:
Affirmations to Celebrate the Human Journey

You knew your last act
was to a different audience.

As it entered you—
oh how you must have danced!
curving toward God,

elegant and alone.

Dear one, what is it like?

Tell us! What is death?

Birth,

you say, your voice swathed in wings.

I am born in the endless beginning.

I am not. I am.

You start turning into us,

we who love you.

You weep in our sadness,

you laugh when we do,

you greet each moment fresh,

when we do.

So may your gift of loving enter our own

and be with us that way, forever.

–Elias Amidon

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“I come to the end—I am still with you”

Special Music

Video

“A Dance on the Grass”

May you go like a dance out on the grass
as you're watching the day's final golden light pass
with the twirl of a cotton dress patterned with flowers
may you go, gently go, through these final hours.

May you go like a dance out in the yard
with a voice in your ear whispering, “It's not that hard.
just keep moving your bare feet 'til we move as one
and we'll go, gently go, as the day is done.”

May you go like a dance out on the grass
as the evening's long shadows embrace you at last
in the arms of a mystery, all burdens now gone
may you go, gently go, as the dance goes on.

Hmm....

Honoring the Saints of Our Lives

Pastor Felix & Congregation

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.

Communion Prayer and The Words of Institution

Pastor Felix Carrión

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation

ALL: O God, we have come to this table with thanksgiving. We heard Jesus' welcome — inviting and forgiving. We embraced your Spirit's peace as it embraced us. Diverse in our cultures, you nourished us as one. The bread and the cup that we shared here with others are gifts uniting one and all. We rise from this table with new dedication to feed the world's children, to free the oppressed, to care for creation. We pray, O God of peace, that our work will be blessed. Amen.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 383

“Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls”

Come, let us join with faithful souls our song of faith to raise;
One family in heart are we, and one the God we praise.

Faithful are all who love the truth and perfect truth proclaim,
Who steadfast stand at God’s right hand and glorify God’s
name.

O God of hosts, our faith renew, and grant us, in your grace,
To join the songs sung by the saints in every time and place.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #191 “Give Us Vision”

I have one pray'r.

Let me know you are there.

I have one goal
to feel your love in my soul.

Give me vision that I may see
my true identity.

Give me power that I may do,
Your will in all things.

God, let me remember You.

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Postlude

Marshall Davies

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