



Worship Service for April 28, 2024

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

"Everything That's Beautiful"

Everything that's beautiful radiates from you

Whatever takes my breath away draws its breath from you

(x2)

Colors on canvas, orchards in bloom

Laughter on faces, a child in the womb

Everything that's beautiful radiates from you

Whatever takes my breath away draws its breath from you

(x2)

Moon over mountains, poems on the page
Wings beating skyward, an empty cage

Everything that's beautiful radiates from you
Whatever takes my breath away draws its breath from you
(x2)

Everything that's beautiful radiates from you
(x4)

Announcements

Aimee Broadhurst

Call to Worship

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: We gather in gratitude and abundance, away from the rush and the race, to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, "may all have enough."

ALL: We gather to live into the work of God's call.

LEADER: We gather in Grace, awake to the opportunities to be more and the possibilities seeded within.

ALL: We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk, ready to make change one letter, one meal, one gift, and one hand at a time.

LEADER: We gather to grow, to change moment-by-moment, in grace again and again.

ALL: We gather to give of our time and our talents, our energy and commitment.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

“Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing

Praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Mine is the sunlight

Mine is the morning

Born of the One Light Eden saw play

Praise with elation, praise every morning

God's recreation of the new day

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing

Praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

***Gathering Prayer**

Aimee Broadhurst

ALL: Holy One, we give you praise and thanks for the gift of life on earth. In this sacred time of unity and community, open our eyes to see your artistry and the splendor of creation all around us. May we hold in our hearts all that you have created. Amen.

Biblical Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Psalm 104:10 - 13

You make springs gush forth in the valleys;
they flow between the hills,
giving drink to every wild animal;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;
they sing among the branches.

From your lofty abode you water the mountains;
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

New York Times Article by Stephen Markley
Author of the Novel "Deluge"

History will fork, and in a single day our window of opportunity for keeping the climate crisis from spiraling out of control could very well slam shut. Global emissions must peak this decade and begin a rapid decline for the world to have any chance of avoiding

catastrophic warming. When I began writing my novel [Deluge], we had something like 20 years to accomplish that task. After the election [of 2024], we will have 62 months.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“The Clarion Call”

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“The Gift of Love”

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift of all inspire,
and have not loved; my word are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give my love profess, all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,

Our spirits long to be made whole,

Let inward love guide every deed.

By this we worship, we are freed.

Amen.

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Aimee Broadhurst

Hope Center Houston

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 have been made in your image. So, in your generosity, grant us generosity of spirit. In your faithfulness, grant us faithfulness of heart. So that whatever gift we bring to you might be an offer of our devotion to you and all of creation.

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

"Arise"

Arise, arise, your light

Your light has come

Nations will come

All will come, All will come

(x2)

For your love has turned us around

Your love has turned us around

These walls we've built
Are all comin' on down
Nations will come, all will come, all will come

Arise, arise, your light
Your light has come
Nations will come
All will come, All will come
(x2)

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Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

***Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! #199 "Go, Make A Diff'ence"

Go make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go make a diff'ence in the world.

Go make a diff'ence.

We can make a diff'ence.

Go make a diff'ence in the world

(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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