



## **Worship Service for October 8, 2023**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Aimee Broadhurst
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>*Praise &amp; Worship Songs</b>	Congregation

“Here In This Place”

Holy One, may your presence here open our minds,  
may your Spirit among us help us to find  
you are rising up now like a fountain of grace  
from the holy ground  
here in this place,  
here in this place.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty  
the whole universe speaks of your glory  
from the holy ground  
here in this place,

here in this place.

**Announcements**

Aimee Broadhurst

**Call to Worship**

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: Rejoice, Jesus is in our midst.

**ALL: To know and affirm this truth is to be  
blessed.**

LEADER: Be glad, friends, blessings abound here in this  
place.

**ALL: We are set free from the pursuit of all that  
does not satisfy our needs and longings.**

Leader: Sing for joy, one and all.

**ALL: God meets us here and revives us. Thanks  
be to God!**

**\*Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

TNCH #321, "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Break now the bread of life,  
Jesus, to me, as you once  
broke the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page

I seek you, God;  
my spirit yearns for you, O Living Word.

Bless now the truth, dear One,  
to me, to me, as you once  
blessed the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease,  
all shackles fall,  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

## **Gathering Prayer**

Aimee Broadhurst

**ALL: Loving God, you are our Creator and Sustainer. When you open your hands, you satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living being. And so we look to you whenever we are in need, trusting in your love and your abundant goodness. God we praise you for the many and varied gifts in our lives. Fill us now with your love and compassion so that we would willingly share our gifts with those who**

**are in need. We pray in the name of the Holy One, who blesses one and all. Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

Pastor Felix

Mark 8:1-9

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, ‘I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance.’ His disciples replied, ‘How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?’ He asked them, ‘How many loaves do you have?’ They said, ‘Seven.’ Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the

broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Aimee Broadhurst

### **“The Ecological Self” Earth Prayers From Around the World**

Earth prayer begins with our intuition of the oneness of all life. We recognize that our identity is inextricably entwined with lives beyond our own. This sense of expanded identity goes beyond human relationships. We depend upon trees, trees depend upon grasses, grasses depend upon animals, mountains depend upon oceans, the dolphin depends upon the farthest star. Our breathing, our acting, our thinking arise in interaction with our shared world. Our own hearts constantly beat out the cosmic rhythm within us.

## **Reflection**

**“Let’s Do the Math”**

## Special Music

### “Go Light Your World”

There is a candle in every soul

Some brightly burning, some dark and cold

There is a Spirit who brings fire

Ignites a candle and makes His home

Carry your candle, run to the darkness

Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn

Hold out your candle for all to see it

Take your candle, and go light your world

Take your candle, and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to

Light his own candle some other way

See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to

Still holds a candle without a flame

Carry your candle, run to the darkness

Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn

Hold out your candle for all to see it

Take your candle, and go light your world

Take your candle, and go light your world

We are a family whose hearts are blazing

So let's raise our candles and light up the sky

Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus

Make us a beacon in darkest times

Carry your candle, run to the darkness

Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor

Hold out your candle for all to see it

Take your candle, and go light your world

Carry your candle, run to the darkness

Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn

Hold out your candle for all to see it

Take your candle, and go light your world

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## **Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns**

Pastor Felix Carrión

## **Invitation to Offering**

Aimee Broadhurst

UCC Disabilities Ministries

## **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: O Holy One, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. You call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.**

**Empower us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Bless now these**



**gifts we bring and may they be a blessing to all.**

**Amen.**

**\*Praise & Worship Song**

Sing! #89 "Ground and Source of All that Is"

vs. 1, 2 & 5

Ground and source of all that is,  
one that anchors all our roots,  
Being of all ways and forms,  
deepest home and final truth.

We live and move in you.

We live and move in you.

Lover of ten thousand names,  
holy presence all have known,  
Beauty ever welcoming  
mystery to stir the soul.

We live and move in you.

We live and move in you.

Call to kindness, call to serve,  
freedom for our chosen course,  
Guide and friend for all who dream,  
nourished by our ground and source.

We live and move in you.

We live and move in you.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**\*Song of Parting**

Congregation

TFWS # 2279 "Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy

And be led forth with peace;

The mountains and the hills

Will break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy

And all the trees of the field

Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field

Will clap their hands;

The trees of the field

Will clap their hands;

The trees of the field

Will clap their hands

While you go out with joy.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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