



## **Worship Service for November 24, 2024**

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

Sing! #123 "Draw The Circle Wide"

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song,

No one stands alone,

Standing side by side,

Draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,

'Round whom all creation turns;

Nothing lost, but held forever

In God's gracious arms.

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song,

No one stands alone,

Standing side by side,

Draw the circle wide.

Let our hearts touch far horizons,

So encompass great and small;

Let our loving know no borders,

Faithful to God's call.

Draw the circle wide.

Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song,

No one stands alone,

Standing side by side,

Draw the circle wide.

Let the dreams we dream be larger,  
Than we've ever dreamed before;  
Let the dream of Christ be in us,  
Open every door.

Draw the circle wide.  
Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song,  
No one stands alone,  
Standing side by side,  
Draw the circle wide.

**Announcements**

Paula McKnight

**Call to Worship**

Paula McKnight

LEADER: On our journey in and through life, we walk together.

**ALL: We remember all those who taught us the way of gratitude, the faithful ones whose example of giving lives in our hearts and memory, and today inspires our commitments.**

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

**ALL: shine in our lives your glory and spread  
through us your love. Amen.**

**\*Congregational Song**

Congregation

TNCH #562 “Take My Gifts”

Take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first loved all of me,  
gave me light and food and shelter,  
gave me life and set me free,  
now because your love has touched me,  
I have love to give away,  
now the bread of love is rising,  
loaves of love to multiply!

Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
juice that makes the wine of God,

spiced with humor, laced with laughter -  
flavor of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure,  
taste and zest beyond belief.

Take whatever I can offer -  
gifts that I have yet to find,  
skills that I am slow to sharpen,  
talents of the hand and mind,  
things made beautiful for others  
in the place where I must be:  
take my gifts and let me love you,  
God who first loved all of me.

## **Gathering Prayer**

Paula McKnight

**ALL: Gracious One, we seek you with all our hearts and minds. We welcome your grace that envelops us. Your love and light shields and empowers us at all times. We encourage and inspire each other to live with loving-kindness**

**and gratitude. Enable us to discover the power and path of generosity. May your holy presence grant us boldness and courage for the living of these days. We ask this in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

**Grow In Generosity Moment**

Amie Friday

**Biblical Witness**

Pastor Felix Carrión

Mark 6:35 - 38

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.' But he answered them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?' And he said to them, 'How many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass.

So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

### 1 Peter 4:10

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Paula McKnight

### Quotes on Generosity and Service

#### **Amy Carmichael**

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving."

#### **Brian Tracy**

"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting."

## **Carol Ryrie Brink**

"The most truly generous persons are those who give silently without hope of praise or reward."

## **Winston Churchill**

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

## **Martin Luther King Jr.**

"Life's persistent and most urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

## **Mahatma Gandhi**

"The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer."

## **Reflection**

Pastor Felix Carrión

"Live Generously"

## **Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

## “We Come to Say Thank You”

Thank You, O God, we come to say, “Thank You.”

For all You’ve done, we say, “Thank You, thank You today for all the blessings You send our way.”

Thank You, O God, we come to say, “Thank You.”

For all You’ve done we say, “Thank You, thank You today for all the blessings You send our way.”

For the beauty of the earth, for the glories of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

For the wonder of each hour of each day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, stars of heavenly light.

Thank You, O God, we come to say, “Thank You.”

For all You’ve done, we say, “Thank You, thank You today for all the blessings You send our way.”

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.

For Thy self, best gift divine, to our race so freely giv'n, for  
the great, great love of Thine, peace on earth and joy in  
heav'n, endless joy in heav'n!

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For all You've done, we say, "Thank You, thank You today for  
all the blessings You send our way."

Thank you, O God we come to say, "Thank You."

For all You've done, we say, "Thank You, thank You today for  
all the blessings You send our way."

For all the blessings You send, we thank You, God.

We thank You, God.

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

Pastor Felix Carrión

## **Invitation to Offering**

Paula McKnight

Doctor Without Borders

## **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**

Paula McKnight

**ALL: Gracious and Generous One, thank you for the blessings of this and all our days. Accept, we pray, not just these gifts we bring but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you do for us. May they serve your purpose and will, spreading love and joy in our world.**

**Amen.**

**\*Congregational Song**

Congregation

**“Ask, Seek, Knock”**

Ask and it will be given.

Seek and you will find.

Knock and the door will be open.

These are the gifts of God.

These are the gifts of God

(x2)

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! #199 "Go Make a Difference"

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world

(x2)

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

## **Today's Worship Participants**

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