



## **Worship Service for July 30, 2023**

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

**“As We Gather Draw Us Near”**

As the seagull boldly soaring  
Sings a song in wordless flight,  
As a mother rocks her baby  
Humming hope’s sweet lullaby,  
As the stones cry out, “Hosanna,”  
As the rising of the tide,  
May our hearts find natural rhythm,  
Singing praises with our lives.

As the redwoods reach for heaven,  
We extend ourselves to You.

As the strings stretch on the fretboard,  
Let us pull ourselves in tune.  
As a child draws her family,  
Favorite crayon in chubby hand,  
Each encounter of Your glory  
A new way to understand.

As we gather, draw us nearer,  
In our hunger, find Your feast.  
Deepest longings now are sated  
By Your presence and Your peace.  
In the wideness of Your mercy,  
May we find ourselves at home.  
Warmly welcomed at Your table  
Where we never eat alone.

**Announcements**

Pam Laham

**Call to Worship**

Pam Laham

LEADER: Today we gather as spiritual seekers, trusting  
that our quest is not in vain and will lead to a deeper  
fulfillment and new light.

**ALL: Here we commune with one another in Spirit  
and in truth, as we partake of divine life.**

LEADER: Here we journey and join together in love.

Here we are joyful together.

**ALL: As we rejoice together, we serve the true aims  
of love.**

**\*Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

Sing! #5 "Here in this Place"

Holy one may your presence here  
open our minds  
May your Spirit among us  
Help us to find your  
rising now like a fountain of grace  
From the holy ground.

Here in this place  
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## **Gathering Prayer**

Pam Laham

**ALL: Gracious One, gentle in your power, you have brought us forth from your very own Being and breathed into us the breath of life. We live in the liberating presence of your Spirit and with Jesus' love poured into our hearts. Guide our search and steps. Guide our service to you and to one another. Rejoicing together, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.**

## **Biblical Witness**

Pam Laham

2 Corinthians 6:2

For God says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

## **Contemporary Witness**

Pastor Felix

### The Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment by Eckhart Tolle

The inner purpose concerns a deepening of your Being in the vertical dimension of the timeless Now. Your outer journey may contain a million steps; your inner journey only has one: the step you are taking right now. As you become more deeply aware of this one step, you realize that it already contains within itself all the other steps as well as the destination.

## **Reflection**

“I Am Now”

## **Special Music**

“Near The Heart of God”

In a place of quiet rest, near the heart of God,  
We will feel acceptance near the heart of God.  
O Jesus, bless-ed comforter, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before You  
near to the heart of God.

In a place of comfort sweet, near the heart of God,  
We will sit at Jesus' feet, near the heart of God.  
O Jesus, bless-ed comforter, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before You  
near to the heart of God.

In a place of full release, near the heart of God,  
We will find our joy and peace, near the heart of God.  
O Jesus, bless-ed comforter, sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before You  
near to the heart of God.  
near to the heart of God.

## **Pastoral Prayer with Joy & Concerns**

Pastor Felix Carrión

## **Moderator Moment**

Aimee Broadhurst

## **Invitation to Offering**

Pam Laham

Our Church's Wider Mission

## **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**

Pam Laham

**ALL: Holy One, we give you thanks and praise for the abundant gifts you bestow on us each day. We offer now our gifts and ask your blessing upon them. May they empower our congregation and community. May they serve love's purposes in our world. Amen.**

**\*Praise & Worship Song**

TNCH # 469 "O Grant Us Light"

vs. 1, 2, & 4

O grant us light,  
 that we may know wisdom  
 that you alone can give,  
 That truth may guide us as we go,  
 and virtue bless the lives we live.

O grant us light  
 that we may find where error

lurks in human lore,  
And turn to you our seeking minds,  
and love your holy Word the more.

O grant us light,  
when soon or late,  
all earthly scenes shall pass away,  
In you to find the open gate,  
to deathless home and endless day.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**\*Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! # 201 "Deep Peace" vs. 1 & 2

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,

Not as the world gives, I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.



Love, love, strong love,

My love I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,

My love I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,

Not as the world gives, I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,

My love I give to you.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

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

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