



Worship Service for November 10, 2024

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Margaret Stone
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
Praise & Worship Songs	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

Margaret Stone

Call to Worship

Margaret Stone

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

Margaret Stone

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

Judy Walden &
Aimee Broadhurst

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Psalms 46:9 & 10

‘Be still, and know that I am God!

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth.’

The God of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

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.

Contemporary Witness

Margaret Stone

Faith+Lead
A Website Resource

God gave us starry nights and sunsets that take our breath away.

God gave us summer rainstorms and the crunch of fall leaves.

God gave us the sound of music—choirs singing in harmony.

God gave us blueberry pancakes, Vermont maple syrup, and coffee—that holy bean water that wakes our bones.

God gave us new years of life, marked by embarrassing renditions of “Happy Birthday” in restaurants and the extinguishing of a candle on a glorified pastry.

God gave us church—this imperfect clump of humanity that gathers week after week, striving to be better, striving to do good in the world.

God gave and gave, and gives and gives;

and how do we respond?

We say thank you.

We give what we can.

We let it feel like a joy, not an obligation.

We let it feel like a gift, not a burden.

We show up in this space.

We believe these gifts can somehow make a difference,

and we refuse to give up on this world.

Thank goodness for the opportunity to say thank you for it all.

Amen.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Grace, Gratitude, Generosity” Part II

Special Music

Mark Vines (video)

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my hear to fear,
And Grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
my God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
unending love, Amazing Grace.

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
unending love, Amazing Grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,

Will be forever mine,
will be forever mine,
will be forever mine.

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Margaret Stone

Meals on Wheels - a NAM Ministry

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

Margaret Stone

**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 difference in the world.

Go make a difference.

We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world

(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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