



**Worship Service for June 21, 2026
Pride Month**

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Cii-jayy Jones

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise & Worship Songs Congregation

Sing! #7 "Welcome to This House"

Welcome to this house,
Open and affirming.
In God's Son we are all one.
Hand in hand we stand.

Welcome to this house,
Caring and accepting.
In God's Son we are all one.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
There is room for everyone.
All will sing, praises we bring
Let us all be one.

Welcome to this house,
Where God gives the call to serve.
All will sing, praises we bring.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
Blessed by Word and Harmony.
Child of God, born from above.
Know that Christ is love.

Welcome to this house,
Filled with peace and charity.
Child of God, born from above.
Welcome to this house of God.

Announcements

Cii-jayy Jones

Call to Worship

Cii-jayy Jones

LEADER: Where Pride goes, O God, may beauty bloom forever.

ALL: Where Pride goes, may acceptance be the norm. Where Pride goes, may rejection be no more. Where Pride goes, may name-calling and labeling cease.

LEADER: Where Pride goes, may love burst forth and fear fade away.

ALL: Where Pride goes, may justice roll down and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Where Pride goes, may unjust and oppressive policies be defeated.

LEADER: Where Pride goes, may God's welcoming will be done.

ALL: Where Pride goes, O God, may the world come to know your embracing love and acceptance.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

"We Are a Rainbow"

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different
threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,

Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any
more,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

Gathering Prayer

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**ALL: God of extravagant acceptance, awaken us to
your dream for creation: A world in which every
member of the human family is free to flourish
however you have made them. Forgive us for the
moments we have held back your ever-flowing
current of love, dignity, and justice. Remake us
into a people eager to see you in the faces and
bodies of all people. Remind each of us to step
out of the shadows of our lives and shine
fearlessly and courageously. Holy One, You call**

each of us beloved, cherished, and sacred. And so, we give you thanks now and forever.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Joel 2:28 & 29

Then afterward, I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men [and women] shall dream dreams, and your young men [and women] shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Contemporary Witness

Cii-jayy Jones

*Courageous Collaboration with Gracious Space:
From Small Openings to Profound Transformation
by Patricia Hughes, Karma Ruder and Dale Nienow*

Welcome to *Courageous Collaboration with Gracious Space: From Small Openings to Profound Transformation*. We are excited to share with you what we have learned about using Gracious Space as a catalyst for human

transformation and collaborative changes. We have found that Gracious Space enables people to have conversations that invite different backgrounds and ideas, emphasize respectful listening, and encourage and openness to working together. They have found that Gracious Spece has the power to create a safe environment where different perspectives are welcome and where people can learn together rather than compete and defend.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

"In These Days"

Special Music

Members of Pride Chorus Houston & Plymouth Choir (Video)

"What Love Can Do"

There's a dream inside your heart,

it's waited far too long to fly.

A dream for justice, a dream for peace, a dream that will not be denied.

And I hope you can see what your dream means to me.

We will learn from each other, heal one another, build what is good and true.

We will reach out, sing out, make a change.

We will show the world, show the world what love can do.

There is a song inside my soul, it can't be silent anymore.

(We will show the world what love can do.)

A song of kindness, a song of hope, a song too strong to be ignored.

(We will show the world what love can do.)

Let us sing everywhere of vision we share.

We will learn from each other, heal one another, build what is good and true.

We will reach out, sing out, make a change.

We will show the world, show the world what love can do.

The shadows are fading.

The walls are coming down.

From the fallen stones we will build a home where light and love are found.

We will learn from each other, heal one another, build what is good and true.

We will reach out, sing out, make a change.

We will show the world, we will reach out,
we will show the world, we will sing out, we will make a change and show the world what love can do.

What love can do, what love can do!

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Cii-jayy Jones

Open and Affirming Coalition of the UCC

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

***Doxology**

Congregation

ALL: 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

Congregation

ALL: Holy One, you have given us the gift of love so that we might all know the truth of our precious lives. Everything we have been given has the purpose of shaping us to be of one heart and mind, and so we offer what we have to you. Bless these gifts as we bring them, that we all might reveal the truth of the handiwork of God in our lives.

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #35 "No Matter"

No matter who, no matter what,
 no matter where you are on the journey of life;
 You're welcome, welcome in this place.
 No matter who, no matter what,
 no matter where you are on the journey of life:
 Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

For we are family, meant to be
purposed for eternity.

Born in love, from above,
God's community.

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life:
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

And in diversity, unity,
harmony for all to see:
Justice and equity,
God's community.

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
No matter who, no matter what,

no matter where you are on the journey of life:
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #76 "There Is Room For All"

There is room for all
in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all,
sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all,
There is room for all.
(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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