



Worship Service for October 22, 2023

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Aimee Broadhurst
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
*Praise & Worship Songs	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: When distance separates us, love cannot.

ALL: Near or far, we are a family united by God's love.

LEADER: When time lapses and space seems to be great, God's peace and our precious memories are unailing.

ALL: Cherished times, sounds, and expressions of home are forever etched in our hearts.

Leader: We're grateful for a place to call home, and people we call family. Our unending love for one another leaves a legacy for generations to come!

ALL: "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcomed here."

***Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

Sing! #35 "No Matter" vs. 1 & 3

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

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

No matter who, no matter what
no matter where you are on the
journey of life; accepted, welcome

in this place by God's grace.

Together we will sing, worship bring,
hands and hearts outstretched to all.
Jesus praise, hearts ablaze,
listen to God's call.

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no matter where you are on the
journey of life; you're welcome in this place.

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

Gathering Prayer

Aimee Broadhurst

**ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer,
Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall
be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in**

whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustains our hope and comes on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix

Luke 24:28-33

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with

them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

Contemporary Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Quotes by Albert Einstein and Gloria Steinem

“Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.”

- Gloria Steinem

“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.”

- Albert Einstein

Reflection

Pastor Felix

“That Same Hour”

Special Music

Choir

“This is Who We Are”

We lift our candles in the darkness.

We stand together in the night:

to mourn and bear each other’s pain,

to claim our better selves again.

We are the bearers of the light.

We send our hope into the silence.

We lift our voices sure and strong:

to set the human spirit free, to sing our shared humanity.

We are the keepers of the song.

We raise our eyes to the heavens though the clouds may
hide the stars.

We stand, we sign, we shine our light.

This is who we are.

We join as one for peace and justice.

We join as one (we sing to make) the broken whole:

to speak the truth, to take a stand, we walk together hand in hand.

We are the drum beat of the soul.

Our journey urges us onward, even though we've come so far.

We stand, we sing, we shine our light.

This is who we are.

We raise our eyes to the heavens though the clouds may hide the eyes to the stars.

We stand, we sing, we shine our light, we shine our light.

This is who we are,

this is who we are, who we are!

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

ALL: We bow to the sacred in all creation.

May our spirits fill the world with beauty and wonder.

May our minds seek truth with humility and openness.

May our hearts forgive without limit.

May our love for friend, enemy, and outcast be without measure.

May our needs be few and our living simple.

May our actions bear witness to the suffering of others.

May our hands never harm a living being.

May our steps stay on the journey of justice.

May our voices speak for those who are poor without fear of the powerful.

May our prayers rise with patient discontent until no child is hungry.

May our life's work be a passion for peace and nonviolence.

May our souls rejoice in the gift of life.

May our imagination overcome death and despair with
new possibility.

And may we risk reputation, comfort, and security to bring
this hope to the children.

(A moment of silence please)

Invitation to Offering

Aimee Broadhurst

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Offertory Music

Choir

“ 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!

*** 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 and Protector of life, you call us to be stewards of your bounty and caretakers of creation. Empower us to always receive and use the varied gifts from your hands wisely and teach us the power of generosity. Bless now these gifts we offer and may they serve to bless one and all.

Amen.

Why I Love Plymouth Video

*Praise & Worship Song

TNCH # 433 “In the Bulb There Is a Flower
(Hymn of Promise)”

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.

In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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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