



## **Worship Service for June 25, 2023**

<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

### **"I Choose You"**

I choose you to follow my way, to follow my way

I choose you to grow and to change, to grow and to change

(Refrain) I choose you to be my love.

Be my love in the world

I choose you to be my love.

Be my love in the world

I choose you to live as a friend, to live as a friend

I choose you to try it again, to try it again

I choose you to be my love.

Be my love in the world

I choose you to be my love.

Be my love in the world

I choose you to live as a gift, to live as a gift

I choose you to go and bear fruit, to go and bear fruit

I choose you to be my love.

Be my love in the world

I choose you to be my love.

Be my love in the world

**Announcements**

Paula McKnight

**Call to Worship**

Paula McKnight

LEADER: Come into this sacred space to seek the presence of the Holy One. Come into this sacred space to know the Good News of Jesus.

**ALL: Here we journey and join together in divine unity and in the joyful embrace of love and acceptance.**

LEADER: Come into this holy place to celebrate who you are and who we are.

**ALL: Here we open our hearts and receive the sacred gifts of our precious souls and identities. Here sacred interconnectedness is experienced and we are made new.**

**\*Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

Sing! #12 "Come, My People" v. 1 & 3

Come, my people, welcome to worship.

Love is in the warmth of this place.

Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,

Sing to God a song of praise!

Gather in safety, welcomed in Christian love;

God touches us with strength from above.

Come, my people, welcome to worship.

Love is in the warmth of this place.

Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,

Sing to God a song of praise!

Stand with each other in one community,  
working together God's reign to give.

Come, my people, welcome to worship.

Love is in the warmth of this place.

Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,

Sing to God a song of praise!

**Gathering Prayer**

Paula McKnight

**ALL: Come, Loving One, the Light of our lives, to  
renew us and creation. Send the truth that sets  
us free and opens the doors of our hearts and  
minds. We gather as one people who call upon  
you and who trust in your unfailing presence  
and illumination. We greet you with reverence  
and welcome you! Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

Pastor Felix

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. As it is, there are many members, yet one body. Now you are the body of Jesus and individually members of it.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Paula McKnight

“The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled  
LGBTQ+ Advocate”

by Jeannie Gainsburg

I’m starting with the most important way to show respect to all people with our language, not just people in the

LGBTQ+ communities: Listen carefully and mirror the terms that people use for themselves. It's so beautifully simple and will take you so far.

## **Reflection**

“Many Members, One Body”

## **Special Music**

“Hidden Hallelujah”

There's a hallelujah hidden in a downtown bar  
where a drag-queen is performing tonight.

She will float above her body when the protestors come,  
but there's still a flame burning bright.

There's a hallelujah hidden in a Texas school  
where a mom is waiting for her boy with new laws  
to govern gender they will let you drown,  
but she's praying for a way to carry on.

They're both reaching for the music,  
the faintest whisper of that kingdom come.

They're all reaching for that hidden hallelujah,  
straining hard to hear bells of justice ring.

And though it's bad as it can get,  
they're not giving up just yet,

'cause it ain't over 'til the angels sing.

There's a hallelujah hidden in a crisis home  
where a shy transgender teen put on their shoes.

All the frightened stares will cut today and the insults  
burn but they'll rise again tomorrow just like you.

We're all reaching for the music,  
the faintest whisper of that word of grace.

We're all reaching for that hidden hallelujah,  
straining hard to hear those bells of justice ring.

And though your weeping lasts all night,

joy comes with the morning light

'cause it ain't over 'til the angels sing.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

We're all reaching for that hidden hallelujah,  
straining hard to hear those bells of justice ring.

And though you're walking through that fire,  
the love of God will never tire,

'cause it ain't over 'til the angels sign.

It ain't over 'til the angels sing.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**New Member Reception**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Questions for New Members**

Pastor Felix, Paula McKnight

& Pam Laham



**Welcome and Reception**

Congregation

**ALL: We welcome you with joy into the life and faith of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and mission.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor Felix

**ALL: O God, we thank you for gathering us into the Church, the Body of Jesus. We rejoice that you have increased the community of our congregation. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love. Amen.**

**Greeting of Christian Love Plymouth Church Family**

Pastor Felix & Congregation

**Invitation to Offering**

Paula McKnight

**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: O Holy One, may these gifts serve to bless our congregation and community. May they be used in service of your holy will here on earth. Amen.**

**\*Praise & Worship Song**

Sing! #192 "Carry the Light"

We have all witnessed Your presence.

We have all received Your grace.

We give You honor and glory.

For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the Good News.

Now we go out to share Your love.

Now we go out to share the Good News.

Now we go out to share Your love.

Carry the Word!

Carry the Word!

Carry the Word to all the earth!

Carry the Word!

Carry the Word!

Carry, O carry Jesus' Word!

Carry the Word!

Carry the Word!

Carry the Word to all the earth!

Carry the word!

Carry the word!

Carry, O carry Jesus' Word!

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**\*Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! # 192 "Carry the Light"

(Sing twice)

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light to all the earth!

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light!

Carry, O carry Jesus' Light!

Carry the Light!

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

**Today's Worship Participants**

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