



## Worship Service for May 8, 2022

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Paula McKnight
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Mak
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Mak
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Paula McKnight

LEADER: Whoever you are,

**ALL: wherever you are on life's journey;**

LEADER: you are welcome here.

**ALL: We are all welcome here.**

LEADER: Gathering spirit to spirit

**ALL: we open our hearts.**

LEADER: Come, let us be open to all that is sacred and beautiful!

**ALL: Blessed be all the names of Love.**

**Hymn** 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.

Together we will sing, worship bring,

Hands and hearts  
Outstretched to all.  
Jesus praise, hearts ablaze,  
Listen to God's call.

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.

The God who spoke through Christ,  
Speaks to us;  
Listen to our Savior's call.  
Welcome home, welcome in,  
Welcome one and all.

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.

## **Biblical Witness**

Paula McKnight

Romans 12:6 — 18

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:  
prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the

teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Pastor Mak

“Tune My Heart” by Rev. Vince Amlin  
(UCC Daily Devotional; May 2, 2022)

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. - 1

Corinthians 12:4-7 (NRSV)

Last week, my wife and I went to the Milwaukee Art Museum. In one of the galleries, there was a video installation playing on a loop. As we made our way into the next wing, my wife started humming a quick, four-note pattern.

“That’s the music that was playing over that video,” she said, and hummed it again.

“Uh...no it wasn’t,” I insisted. “It sounded like this.” And I sang a slow, descending three notes. We both looked at each other confused.

“Now we have to go back,” she said. And we did. The moment we opened the doors to the gallery, I heard those quick four notes she had hummed.

“You were right,” I admitted. But even as I said it, underneath them came my slow, descending motif. We were both right. Both lines had been playing over and over, and each of us had heard only one of them. Another example of the way the Spirit is made manifest, the way beloved community is built. Not by choosing one line to sing in unison, but by learning each of our parts well enough to find the rich harmonies between them. Not by convincing others to hear God’s voice the way I hear it. But by encouraging everyone to listen deeply to what the Spirit may be saying only to them.



## 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

LEADER: Some of us give out of our abundance.

**ALL: Others give out of our scarcity.**

LEADER: For all of these gifts we seek your blessing.

**ALL: To be a source of healing.**

LEADER: To be a resource of freedom for the oppressed.

**ALL: To proclaim good news that all are loved and cherished by God.**

## Hymn

Congregation

TNCH # 388 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

Help us accept each other  
As Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother,  
Each person to embrace.

Be present, God, among us,  
And bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted  
And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons,  
As in our daily life  
We struggle to be human  
And search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people,  
For all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them,  
Or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,  
So that we may be moved  
In living situations  
To do the truth in love;  
To practice your acceptance,  
Until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness  
And laughter's healing art.

God, for today's encounters  
With all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance,  
For righteousness and bread,



Bring us new eyes for seeing,  
New hands for holding on;  
Renew us with your Spirit;  
God! Free us, make us one!

**Benediction**

Pastor Mak

**Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! # 213 "Wherever You Go"

Wherever you go, God is with you;  
Wherever you go, God is there.  
Wherever you go,  
Whatever you do,  
You are in God's care.

Wherever we go, God is with us;  
Wherever we go, God is there.  
Wherever we go,  
Whatever we do,  
We are in God's care.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies