



## **Worship Service for June 11, 2023**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Mary Davis
<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**

Mary Davis

**Call to Worship**

Mary Davis

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.**

(ppt 8) 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

(ppt 10) 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!

(ppt 11) Gather in safety, welcomed in Christian love;

God touches us with strength from above.

(ppt 12) 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!

(ppt 13) Stand with each other in one community, working together God's reign to give.

## Gathering Prayer

Mary Davis

**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

Galatians 3:25-28

But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Jesus have clothed yourselves with Him. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Jesus.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Mary Davis

An excerpt from a statement from the  
National LGBTQ Task Force

In early 2006, the Institute for Welcoming Resources (IWR) became a program of the National LGBTQ Task Force. Denominational representatives of the Welcoming Church Movement created IWR in November 2002. The purpose of this ecumenical group is to provide the resources to facilitate a paradigm shift in multiple denominations whereby churches become welcoming and affirming of all congregants regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. IWR wants to help build church homes that are truly welcoming and nurturing, where everyone knows “they’re okay, just like they are.”

## **Reflection**

“This Is Who We Are”

## **Special Music**

“I Hope You Dance”

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder,  
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger,  
May you never take one single breath for granted,  
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed,  
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,  
Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,  
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,  
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.  
I hope you dance... I hope you dance...  
I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance,  
Never settle for the path of least resistance,  
Livin' might mean takin' chances, but they're worth takin',  
Lovin' might be a mistake, but it's worth makin',  
Don't let some Hell bent heart leave you bitter,  
When you come close to sellin' out reconsider,  
Give the heavens above more than just a passing glance,

And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.

I hope you dance... I hope you dance.

I hope you dance... I hope you dance.

(Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along,

Tell me who wants to look back on their years

And wonder where those years have gone.)

I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean,

Whenever one door closes I hope one more opens,

Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance,

And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.

Dance... I hope you dance.

I hope you dance... I hope you dance.

I hope you dance... I hope you dance.

(Time is a wheel in constant motion always rolling us along,

Tell me who wants to look back on their years

And wonder where those years have gone.)

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Invitation to Offering**

Mary Davis

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**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**

Mary Davis

**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.

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!

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!

**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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