



Worship Service for February 23, 2025
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Paula McKnight
Welcome	Bill Hoffman
Centering Moment	Mary Davis
Praise and Worship Song	Congregation

"God Will See Us Through"

In times of brokenness,
in ev'ry wilderness,
God has seen us through.

Times when our strength was gone,
somehow we carried on,
God has seen us through.

Look behind and see
throughout history,

God has never let us down.

Lean ahead and trust,
God is guiding us,
God is with us here right now.

God will see me through,
God will see you through,
God will see us through somehow.

Step by step we'll be
given all we need
God will see us through this now.

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Announcements

Paula McKnight

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: We are called to walk in the path of love and unity, seeing in each person the likeness and image of God.

ALL: We have been empowered to claim Jesus' liberating truth for all people and to share creation's bounty as one human family.

LEADER: This is the path of justice and peace.

ALL: Holy One, bring us to a deeper understanding of the spiritual beauty of all people and creation.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

“Dream God's Dream ”

Dream God's Dream

Holy Spirit, help us dream

Of a world where there is justice
And where everyone is free
To build and grow and love
And to simply have enough
The world will change
When we dream God's dream

I'm dreaming of a world, where the color of one's skin
Will mean less than what's within the person's heart
A world where water's clean, and where air is safe to
breathe
And every child born has enough to eat

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I'm dreaming of the call God is offering to me
How to use my energy and my best gifts
To do the work of Christ—to say God, please use my life
To spread your healing Love and to live your Truth

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I'm dreaming of the way that I want my life to go
I've got hopes and I've got goals I'd like to meet
I'm reaching for the stars, but I won't forget the scars
Of Christ who died to show that the Dream's for all

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Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL: O God, you have given all peoples a common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure equality for all people worldwide. May there be an end to division, strife, and war. May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love, justice, and peace. We ask this in your name. Amen

Biblical Witness

Bill Hoffman

Matthew 25:35, 36, & 40

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Contemporary Witness

Paula McKnight

Taken from: Martin Luther King Jr.,
A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward."

Reflection

Bill Hoffman

“The Engaged Life:Hoffman’s Version

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“Change The World With Love”

Go in peace, go in hope.

Change the world with love.

Go in peace, go in hope.

Change the world with love.

Treasure each moment,

Cherish each sunrise.

Walk in joy and light.

Always thankful for wonders and miracles.

Come and celebrate life!

Come and celebrate life!

Go in peace, go in hope.

Change the world with love.

Go in peace, go in hope.

Change the world with love.

Amen. Amen

Change the world with love,
change the world with love.

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Bill Hoffman

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

Equal Justice Initiative

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

Paula McKnight

ALL: Holy One, accept and bless our offerings this day. Grant that we might live generously, as we serve to be a blessing to our world. May we be faithful in all things and at all times!

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

"Change This World"

Spirit of Christ, shine through our lives

Use us to change this world

Fill us with Light, brilliant and bright

Use us to change this world

Help us do what's ours to do

To make this world a better place

There is enough

Compassion, Mercy and Love

God's Justice working through us

To change this world

Change this world

Spirit of Christ, shine through our lives

Use us to change this world

Fill us with Light, brilliant and bright

Use us to change this world

Help us do what's ours to do

To make this world a better place

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To change this world

Change this world

We can change this world

Change this world

Benediction

Bill Hoffman

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #187 "Lord Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

God, empower me to be a witness for you,
Acting boldly, in your name;
Seeking justice, where there is hurting
Off'ring hope where there is pain.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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