



Worship Service for October 13, 2024

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Mary Davis
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
Praise & Worship Songs	Congregation

“God of the Movement and Martyrs”

God of the movements and martyrs,
God of the powerless child,
God of broken and hopeless and unreconciled,
God of the just and the faithful,
God of the night and the day,
God of the whole of creation,
in your name we pray.

Many have followed the savior
into the face of the storm,

Strengthened by long generations,
by love they were formed.

In basements of tall steepled churches,
in shadows of fences and walls,
In alleys and hallways of power,
they answered your call.

Now it's our turn to do justice,
humbly we rise to the day,
Give us the strength and the wisdom
to walk in your way.

Gather the loaves and the fishes,
share until all have been fed,
Walk in compassion and mercy,
by love we'll be led,

Standing in circles surrounding,
all holding hands while we pray,
When powers bear down on the helpless,
we'll stand in the way.
God of the worn and the wounded,

let us be healed by the truth,
When doorways are blocked we will lower
our friends through the roof.

God of the circle that holds us,
God of the ones pushed away,
We will reach out to our neighbors,
in your name we'll say:

No matter your creed or your country,
no matter the hue of your skin,
Your age, who you love,
or the body your soul was born in,

No matter the places you're broken,
no matter the things you have done,
Lay down that weight on the altar,
a new day's begun.

You are a child of the maker,
you are beloved and known,
Join us in work of the kindom,

we welcome you home.

Join us in work of the kingdom,

we welcome you home.

Announcements

Mary Davis

Call to Worship

Mary Davis

LEADER: May God bless you each step of life's way.

**ALL: May you learn each day to open yourself to
love and the blessings of love.**

LEADER: May you find a stick to lean on when the road
is hard – and not use the stick to beat yourself.

**ALL: May you never give in to despair or the lie
that nothing can change.**

LEADER: May you find enriching paths through life and
walk them with courage,

**ALL: knowing that every step is within the heart
of Jesus who holds all our days in love.**

***Congregational 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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Gathering Prayer

Mary Davis

ALL: Tender God, your gentle and kind-hearted love waits for us in the darkness and shields us when we feel overwhelmed. We remember today all those who live in the depths of mental health challenges. We hold them in our hearts.

Continue to cherish us all when we find it so difficult to cherish ourselves. Enable us to discover companions of compassion who will abide with us, as you abide with us. May your gentle peace grant us rest when our hearts and

minds live in fear and pain. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

John 17:9-12

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy God, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me.

Contemporary Witness

Mary Davis

World Mental Health Day (10 October) is an international day for global mental health education, awareness and advocacy against social stigma. It was first celebrated in 1992 at the initiative of the World Federation for Mental Health, a global mental health organization with members and contacts in more than 150 countries. This day, each October, thousands of supporters come to celebrate this annual awareness program to bring attention to mental illness and its major effects on people's lives worldwide. In addition, this day provides an opportunity for mental health professionals to discuss and shed light on their work, making mental health a priority worldwide.

Reflection

Mental Health Super Team
Dialogical Panel

Special Music

Marshall Davies

Fugue in B-flat Major, BWV 866
Johann Sebastian Bach

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Mary Davis

UCC Neighbors in Need: "Mental Health Justice For All!"

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: Gracious and Generous One, thank you for the blessings of this and all our days. Accept, we pray, not just these gifts we bring but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you do for us. May they serve your purpose and will, spreading love and joy in our world.

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

“We’ll Build a World”

We are diff’rent, you and I,
Yet together, fates entwine.
Now we gather in this space,
joined in spirit, filled with grace;
bring your fullness, I’ll bring mine
And together we will shine.

Together, we’ll build a world
where there’s room for all to be;
a world where we’ll live
our lives liberated, strong, and free!
This glorious future build it now with me.

As we labor toward that day,
don’t let diff’rence fall away.
Your uniqueness I will see,
and the same thing, see in me.

Thus we're valued, known, and named,
honored, cherished, loved and claimed.

Together, we'll build a world
where there's room for all to be;
a world where we'll live
our lives liberated, strong, and free!
This glorious future build it now with me.

In this varied universe
all existence so diverse.
Filled with wonder, life so queer,
Steeped in myst'ry, oft unclear.
Yet together, hand in hand,
we'll create that Promised Land.

Together, we'll build a world
where there's room for all to be;
a world where we'll live
our lives liberated, strong, and free!
This glorious future build it now with me.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

“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, clap, 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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