



## **Worship Service for November 26, 2023**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Paula McKnight
<b>Welcome</b>	Aimee Broadhurst
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Aimee Broadhurst
<b>*Praise &amp; Worship Songs</b>	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 loveAnd 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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The world will change

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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**Announcements**

Paula McKnight

**Call to Worship**

Paula McKnight

LEADER: On our pilgrimage of life and faith, we do  
not walk alone. God is with us! We walk with  
each other!

**ALL: We remember all those who taught us the  
way of stewardship – the witnesses whose**

**example burns bright in our memory and  
inspires our commitments.**

LEADER: God of grace, by whose love the world  
exists –

**ALL: show us your divine light once again and  
reveal to us your glory in all creation.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #384

“For the Faithful Who Have Answered Your Call”

For the faithful who have answered  
when they heard your call to serve,  
for the many ways you led them,  
testing will and stretching nerve,  
For their work and for their witness  
as they strove against the odds,  
for their stewardship and courage,  
we give thanks and praise, O God.

Many minds have glimpsed the promise;  
many hearts have yearned to see;  
many souls have heard you calling  
us to greater liberty.

Some have fallen in the struggle;  
others still are pressing on.

You are not ashamed to love us;  
we give thanks and praise, O God.

For this cloud of faithful witness,  
for the common life we share,  
for the work of peace and justice,  
for the gospel that we bear,  
For the vision that our homeland  
is your love -- deep, high, and broad,  
for the different roads we travel,  
we give thanks and praise, O God.

## Gathering Prayer

Paula McKnight

**ALL: Precious One, thank you for drawing us into this sacred and safe place that we call our spiritual home. Inspire us with the lives of those who came before us. May we continue here as trustworthy stewards tending to our inheritance of faith. May we join our gifts and giving with their gifts and giving. May we set an example of stewardship as they did. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen.**

## Biblical Witness

Paula McKnight

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully, will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every

blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Aimee Broadhurst

### A Litany from Fran Pratt

God,

You created humanity, and humanity exists in an economy based on money.

We acknowledge that money profoundly affects our lives.

We acknowledge that dealing with money requires our attention and effort.

We acknowledge that the love of money is a root of evil.

We acknowledge our temptation toward greed.

We acknowledge that money and hard work are linked.

We acknowledge that money and privilege are linked.

We acknowledge that poverty is an ongoing problem, and that Your heart is for the poor.

Help us to steward well that which You choose to give us authority over.

Help us to have healthy attitudes towards money, to neither disregard nor idolize it.

Help us to use our money for Your [kindom] work.

Help us to care for the needy, the orphan, and the lonely.

Help us to be generous, as You have been generous towards us.

Help us to be disciplined and work hard, and be rewarded accordingly.

Help us to save for times of need, and for pleasure.

Help us to trust in Your care and provision.



May we, Your children, exist in a deeper economy;  
not an economy based on money or power, but on grace.  
May we live, not from scarcity, but from the abundance of  
Your kingdom.

Amen

**Reflection**

Aimee Broadhurst

Dialogic Discussion Moderated by Aimee Broadhurst with  
Peggy Johnson, Paula McKnight, and Jeff Mechler

**Special Music**

Choir

““For Where Love Is, There is God”

Come as strangers to the altar,

for where love is, there is God.

Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is,  
there is God.

Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith and sacred  
Love, sharing peace and consolation,

for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another,

for where love is, there is God,

and embrace us all our siblings,

for where love is, there is God.

Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious  
ways.

Spread the grace of love unending,

for where love is, there is God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, share the light

Alleluia, alleluia, for where love is, there is God, there is  
God.

**Moment of Prayer**

Aimee Broadhurst

**Invitation to Offering**

Paula McKnight

Special Olympics Texas

## **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: Giver of life and all good gifts, you call us to be stewards of your bounty and caretakers of creation. Empower us to always receive and use the gifts from your hands with an awareness of and a commitment to generosity. Bless now these gifts we offer, and may these gifts transcend the limits of time and space to reach all in need.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

TNCH # 565 “God’s, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

vs. 1 & 4

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, death’s  
shattered door;  
Gifted by you, we turn to you offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

Lend your joy to all our giving,  
let it light our pilgrim way;  
From the night of anxious keeping,  
loose us into generous day.  
Then when years on earth are over,  
and we’ve lived our human span,  
God, fulfill beyond our dreaming,  
all our stewardship began.

**Benediction**

Aimee Broadhurst

**\*Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! #197 “La Paz Sea Contigo”

La paz sea contigo.

La paz sea contigo.

May God’s peace be with you, now and forever.

La paz sea contigo.

El amor sea contigo.

El amor sea contigo.

May God’s love be with you, now and forever.

El amor sea contigo.

El Espiritu sea contigo.

El Espiritu sea contigo.

May God's Spirit be with you, now and forever.

El Espiritu sea contigo.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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