



Worship Service for May 26, 2024

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Amie Friday

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Mary Davis

Praise & Worship Songs Congregation

“God Will See Us Through”

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God has seen us through.

Times when our strength was gone,
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God has seen us through.

Look behind and see
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God has never let us down.

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

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God will see us through somehow.

Step by step we'll be
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Announcements

Amie Friday

Call to Worship

Amie Friday

LEADER: No matter who you are or where you are on
life's journey, you are invited and included here
today to be loved and accepted as you are.

**ALL: We will let the sound of God's welcome be
heard in the heart of *very one* of us.**

LEADER: Somehow, despite all the pitfalls along the
way, all the trials and tribulations in each of our lives,
God has kept watch over us.

**ALL: We have been confined and burdened; we
have walked through fire and water; we have
been mightily tested, but we have not been
overcome.**

LEADER: We are heard because in our hearts we
embrace and cherish and speak the truth of our
lives.

**ALL: God hears us all and continues to love us
with a steadfast and undying love.**

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #179 "We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"

We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness
and for your healing touch;
too long have we felt helpless;
our burdens seemed too much.
Forgetting all pretenses
we make our pleadings heard,
in hope and expectation
await your gracious Word.

We long to have companions
who travel by our side,
strong friends to call and answer

with whom we are allied;
As we lift up each other
when struggles lay us low,
community develops;
our faith and caring grow.

We need your living presence,
O Christ of Galilee,
a presence that revives us
and sets our spirits free.
No longer are we fearful,
your love pervades each place.
Empower us with courage
to claim your healing grace.

Gathering Prayer

Amie Friday

ALL: Holy One, be with us in this sacred space.

**Stir your Spirit in and among us as we offer
ourselves to you. We long to hear more than
our own fearful groaning. From the places**

deep within us, may your Spirit intercede for us. May we recognize you in ourselves and in our neighbors. Let us see you through all brokenness that we may find wholeness in being your holy body here and now. Create in us a tenderness to the needs of all, an openness to everyone's gifts, and a commitment to the journey of healing and wholeness. We offer this prayer in the name of love and truth.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.

It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there God ordained God's blessing,
life for evermore.

Ephesians 2:19-22

So then you are no longer strangers and outsiders, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Contemporary Witness

Amie Friday

My Body Is Not a Prayer Request:
Disability Justice in the Church
by Amy Kenny

The worst of it wasn't the hospital tests or even the doctors' cavalier words. It was the way I had stifled my own screams. For so long I have kept my pain hidden,

underground, so it cannot be dismissed by anyone. Smiling instead of wincing, reporting that I am “fine” instead of divulging the truth of the torture, shielding people from the ache of disability slurs, dreading that my wounds will scare people off.

For every disabled person wondering whether you fit in, fretting that you are too much. You, with your canes, crutches, chemical sensitivities, and Communication Real Time Translations (CART) are worthy of belonging. You are enough.

Reflection

Mary Davis, Ann Marie Kennedy,
Amy Gallagher, & Amie Friday

“Mental Health Journeys”

Special Music

“A Heartsong Blessing”

Let our breath be gentle wind.

Let our ears be of those who listen.

Let our hearts be love songs for the earth.

Let all our spirits serve, bringing hope and peace to all the world.

Let our minds be filled with hope.

Let our hands reach out in kindness.

Let our eyes, with interest and respect, seek health and happiness,

Let our souls be filled with wonder.

Let us join our hands in this moment.

We are one in heart and voice.

Let us touch the future together.

As we pray and play, as we live each day,

We can change the world with love,

We can change the world with love.

Love!

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Amie Friday

Beauty After Bruises

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

Amie Friday

ALL: Holy One, you have given us the gift of love so that we might all know the truth of our precious lives. Everything we have been given has the purpose of shaping us to be of one heart and mind, and so we offer what we have to you. Bless these gifts as we bring them, that we all might reveal the truth of the handiwork of God in our lives.

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #75 "Banner of Hope"

Hastening down the morning,
floating on the breath of day,
holding out dawn's promise to the world.
Beyond any sensible warning,
joy finds a place to stay.
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,
coming forth without delay,
op'ning up tomorrow for God's Word.
Despite all the bitterness, scorning,
grace finds a place to stay.
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,
spiriting the fear away,
blessings dance as true hope is restored.
Love grows from the ashes of sorrow,

faith finds a place to stay.

Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

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

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