



Worship Service for October 6, 2024

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Aimee Broadhurst
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 kingdom,

we welcome you home.

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Announcements

Aimee Broadhurst

Call to Worship

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: Gathering God, joined as one family we come to worship you today, mindful of our global family to which we belong.

ALL: Jesus, on this Communion Sunday, you call us to your table as one people. Let our hunger for justice and peace for all people be fulfilled.

LEADER: Life-giving Spirit, may our hearts receive love and grace, and our divisions be healed.

ALL: Divine One, we bring our whole selves in gratitude for life's blessings. As we gather around Jesus' table today, we commit ourselves to live more fully in love and unity.

Amen.

***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

Congregation

ALL: O God of the morning and the evening hours, let your Holy Spirit come upon us here gathered as one community of love and unity.

This is the sacred place where we call on you in faith, joining heart, voice, and actions in thanksgiving and praise to your Divine will.

Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Aimee Broadhurst

American Indian Center of Houston

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

Aimee Broadhurst

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.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

James 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

Contemporary Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Infinite Possibilities: The Art of Living Your Dreams
by Mike Dooley

Our responsibilities are indeed [meager] compared to what will effortlessly be done for us, yet nevertheless, taking some action –constant action– is of paramount importance. Again, it's not so much because of what you

might achieve but because taking action is how we put ourselves in a place of receivership of life's [extraordinary bounty]. Act with faith and act, knocking on a few more doors and turning over a few new stones.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Kinetic Faith”

Special Music

Marshall Davies

Sonata in E-Major op. 14, No. 1, First Moment
Ludwig van Beethoven

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Jesus' Prayer

Congregation

The New Zealand Book of Prayer

**ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer,
Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall
be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God,
in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your**

name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustains our hope and comes on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Amen

Invitation to Communion

Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: Welcome, friends, to this holy sharing.

ALL: Welcome to offer love.

PASTOR: Welcome to this time set apart.

ALL: A time to remember the holy promises of God.

PASTOR: Welcome to this table of remembrance and joy.

**ALL: The table where we are fed, the feast we share
with many.**

Communion Prayer

Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup

Sharing the Elements

Communion Music

Plymouth Choir

“In Remembrance”

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.

In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own
will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother
in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink, and remember too, that
this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for
you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart,
look in your heart, (look in your heart,)
look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Do this in remembrance of me.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation

**ALL: Loving God, thank you for feeding us in
this sacrament, uniting us with Christ and one
another, and giving us a taste of your eternal
realm of love and union. Send us out in the
power of your Spirit to live and work as
children of your divine will. In Jesus' name, we
pray.**

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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