Plymouth
UNITED CHURCH, UCC

Worship Service for October 25, 2026

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise & Worship Songs Congregation

THCH #394 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ there is no East or West,
in Christ no South or North;
But one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
in Christ meet South and North;
One joyous, true community
throughout the whole wide earth.

Announcements Mary Davis

Call to Worship Mary Davis

LEADER: We gather as a spiritual family to affirm that we walk together each step of life's way.

ALL: Each day, we walk together and strive to open our hearts to love and love's healing power.

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

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

LEADER: May you find enriching paths to walk with courage.

ALL: You are enough. I am enough. We are enough.

Hymn Congregation

Songs of the Holy Other #87 "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.

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.

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.

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 Jesus' name.

Amen.

Biblical Witness Pastor Felix Carrión

Matthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that those in authority lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you, but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave, just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Contemporary Witness Mary Davis

-Duane Elmer

“Cross-Cutlural Servanthood:Serving the World in Christlike Humility”.

Power is meant to be shared with the goal of empowering others. Hoarded power weakens others and exalts oneself. Power, when grounded in biblical values, serves others by liberating them. It acknowledges that people bear the image of God and treats them in a way that will nurture the development of that image. In so doing, we honor the Creator.

Reflection Pastor Felix and Mary Davis

“The Greatest of These”

Special Music Choir

"What Love Can Do"

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering Mary Davis

Houston Labyrinth Network

the Houston Labyrinth Network who have events, group walks, and spiritual practices across public, church, and private labyrinths in the Houston area. Labyrinths are a tool for so many things: meditation, grounding, resolving questions or conflicts, reflection, spirituality, increasing and/or focusing energy, and so much more. Unlike a maze (which has dead ends and choices), a labyrinth is a single, unicursal path that leads inward to a center and back out. It is used as a meditative, prayerful, and slow-paced walking practice.

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 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.

Hymn Congregation along with Video

CMP Video- "Dream God's Dream"

Benediction Pastor Felix Carrión

***Song of Parting** Congregation

Sing! #199 "Go Make a Difference"

Go, make a difference;

We can make a difference.

Go, make a difference in the world!

Go, make a difference;

We can make as difference.

Go, make a difference in the World!

Postlude Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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