



**Worship Service for June 7, 2026
Pride Month**

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

Sing! #7 "Welcome to This House"

Welcome to this house,
Open and affirming.
In God's Son we are all one.
Hand in hand we stand.

Welcome to this house,
Caring and accepting.
In God's Son we are all one.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
There is room for everyone.
All will sing, praises we bring
Let us all be one.

Welcome to this house,
Where God gives the call to serve.
All will sing, praises we bring.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
Blessed by Word and Harmony.
Child of God, born from above.
Know that Christ is love.

Welcome to this house,
Filled with peace and charity.
Child of God, born from above.
Welcome to this house of God.

Announcements

Amie Friday

Call to Worship

Amie Friday

LEADER: Where Pride goes, O God, may beauty bloom forever.

ALL: Where Pride goes, may acceptance be the norm. Where Pride goes, may rejection be no more. Where Pride goes, may name-calling and labeling cease.

LEADER: Where Pride goes, may love burst forth and fear fade away.

ALL: Where Pride goes, may justice roll down and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Where Pride goes, may unjust and oppressive policies be defeated.

LEADER: Where Pride goes, may God's welcoming will be done.

ALL: Where Pride goes, O God, may the world come to know your embracing love and acceptance.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

"We Are a Rainbow"

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different
threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,

Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any
more,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

Gathering Prayer

Amie Friday

**ALL: God of extravagant acceptance, awaken us to
your dream for creation: A world in which every
member of the human family is free to flourish
however you have made them. Forgive us for the
moments we have held back your ever-flowing
current of love, dignity, and justice. Remake us
into a people eager to see you in the faces and
bodies of all people. Remind each of us to step
out of the shadows of our lives and shine
fearlessly and courageously. Holy One, You call**

each of us beloved, cherished, and sacred. And so, we give you thanks now and forever.

Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Amie Friday

LHI (formerly Lesbian Health Initiative)

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, enriching our precious lives. Your blessings shape us to be of one heart and mind, and so we offer what we have to you. Bless these gifts as we bring them, and may they empower our mission.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Amie Friday

1 Corinthians 1:4 - 9

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

June Pride Month:

The Work to Love and Welcome All Continues

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The Rev. Derek A. Terry, pastor of St. Peter's United Church of Christ in Cincinnati and program director for the Open and Affirming Coalition (ONA), says the Apostle Paul's message in Romans 12:12 to "rejoice in hope, be patient in affliction, and persevere in prayer" resonates deeply with our mission as an Open and Affirming Church within the United Church of Christ. "Paul urges believers to live a life marked by hope, patience, and prayer," he said.

As a self-described Black Queer who came from a denomination far from accepting of who God created him to be, Terry found the UCC "liberating and encouraging" but not without challenges. He has observed how there's still much work to be done "with hope, patience and prayer" in building an inclusive, welcoming and loving world. "It's beautiful...and [challenging]," he says of the work, with the emphasis always on the "beautiful" first.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

"Enriched: Definitely Not Lacking"

Special Music

Marshall Davies

"Bruyères"

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: where we are fed the feast of life in the bread
and cup.**

**Breaking Bread, Pouring Cup
Communion Prayer
Sharing the Elements**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**all elements are alcohol & gluten free*

Communion Music

Marshall Davies

"Liebestraume #3"

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.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #35 "No Matter"

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life:
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

For we are family, meant to be
purposed for eternity.

Born in love, from above,
God's community.

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life:
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

And in diversity, unity,
harmony for all to see:
Justice and equity,
God's community.

No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
No matter who, no matter what,
no matter where you are on the journey of life:
Accepted, welcomed by God's grace.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #76 "There Is Room For All"

There is room for all
in the shadow of God's wing;

there is room for all,
sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all,
There is room for all.
(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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