Plymouth
UNITED CHURCH, UCC

Worship Service for November 9, 2025

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Paula McKnight

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise & Worship Songs Congregation

"We'll Be The Hands, We'll Be The Feet"

Open our hearts, open our minds,
Let us join together as we have been designed
Let Us grow more deeply into You,
Let us spread Your light and keep it shining through.

Each one of us, all around the earth
As a part of the body has our worth
We'll be the hands, We'll be the feet,
We'll circulate through the heart, where we all meet.
Built up in love, and joined as one.
Grown into Chrst, we'll see Your work through till it's done.

We will be strong, we'll live without fear
Emboldened by Your love, we will persevere
We will stand for truth, in justice we'll rejoice.
We will speak the Word for those who have no voice.

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Announcements Paula McKnight

Call to Worship Paula McKnight

LEADER: On our journey in and through life, we walk together.

ALL: We remember all those who taught us the way of gratitude, the faithful ones whose example of

giving lives in our hearts and memory, and today inspires our commitments.

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

ALL: shine in our lives your light of truth as we seek to spread grace, gratitude, and generosity in our world.

Amen.

***Hymn** Congregation

TNCH #542 "Born of God, Eternal Savior" vs. 2, 3, & 4

Christ, as you have lived for others,
so may we for others live;
Freely have your gifts been granted,
freely may your servant give.
All the wealth that we may gathers
is for use in causes just.
We are stewards of the bounty
loaned to us in solemn trust.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
granting love and joy and peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel, discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure,
shame our selfish greed for gain.

See the Christ-like, host advancing,
high and lowly, great and small,
Linked in bonds of common service,
answering God’s sacred call.
Jesus Christ, we hear your pleading
that your people should be one.
Grant, O grant our hope’s fruition;
here on earth, your will be done.

Gathering Prayer Paula McKnight

ALL: Gracious One, we seek you with all our hearts and minds. We welcome your grace that envelops us. Your love and light shield and empower us at all times. We seek to inspire each other to live with loving-kindness and gratitude. Enable us to discover the path of possibilities. May your holy presence grant us boldness and courage for the living of these days. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Biblical Witness Pastor Felix Carrión

Mark 6:35 - 38

When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.’ But he answered them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?’ And he said to them, ‘How

many loaves have you? Go and see.' When they had found out, they said, 'Five, and two fish.' Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled; and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

Contemporary Witness Paula McKnight

Following the Example of the Good Steward
Taken from "Stewardship: Active Generosity" (website resource)

In exploring Jesus as the Good Steward, we've been introduced to a model for faithful living that embraces stewardship from a number of angles. Jesus' teachings and embodiment of humility, service, compassion and sacrifice provide a clear framework for us to follow. As we navigate our lives in accordance with these principles, we become stewards not only of our personal time, talents and treasure, but also of love, justice, and the environment — a holistic approach that mirrors the example set by Jesus.

Reflection Pastor Felix Carrión

“The Good Steward”

Special Music Plymouth Choir

“Potter’s Hand”

Wonderful God, awesome creator, I know for sure, all of my days are held in your hand, crafted into your perfect plan.

You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit. Teach me, dear God, to live all of my life through your eyes.

I'm captured by your holy calling. Set me apart, I know you're drawing me to yourself, Lead me, God, I pray.

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Potter's Hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me, I give my life to the Potter's Hand, the Potter's Hand.

You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by Your Holy Spirit. Teach me, dear God, to live all of my life through your eyes.

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Take me, mold me, use me, fill me. I give my life to the Potter's Hand.
Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me, I give my life to the Potter's Hand, the Potter's Hand.

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns
Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering Paula McKnight
UCC: Hurricane Melissa Relief Effort

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: Gracious 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 unity throughout our community.

Amen.

***Hymn** Congregation

TNCH #495 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"
vs. 1, 2, & 4

Called as partners in Christ's service,

Called to ministries of grace,

We respond with deep commitment

Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
Gracious gifts from God unfold.

So God grant us for tomorrow
Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow
With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
Our compassion to increase,

Messengers of faith, thus giving

Hope and confidence and peace.

Benediction Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting Congregation

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Postlude Marshall Davies

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