



Worship Service for July 19, 2026

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

*TNCH #397 "Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers"
vs. 2 & 3*

Praise to God for congregations,
keeping faith with Christ as guide;
Many tongues of many nations,
song and service unified.
Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol,
when our song is raised as one.
Glory, glory, your the power,
as in heaven your will be done.
Holy is your name forever!

Heal divisions that remain;
Bless the church's new endeavors;
make our witness one again.
One in Christ and in Christ's gospel,
make us one we now implore.
Glory, glory, yours the glory,
then and now and evermore.

Announcements

Paula McKnight

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: We are invited by Jesus to abide in him, as we
abide in each other.

ALL: We gather together because we abide in Jesus.

LEADER: The branches that remain on the vine bear much
fruit.

**ALL: We gather together because we seek to be
spiritually alive and vibrant.**

LEADER: We abide in each other, as well.

ALL: We are branches, bearing fruit.

LEADER: Together we are a spiritual family, loving and serving.

ALL: Together, we are a living witness here and now.

Hymn

Congregation

TNCH #388 "Help Us Accept Each Other"
vs. 1, 2, & 4

Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us,
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them,
Or as they may become.

God, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For righteousness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit;
God! Free us, make us one!

Gathering Prayer

Paula McKnight

ALL: O God, we gather together in your presence with expectation, seeking your higher will for our lives and community, eager to hear your living word. May the seeds of this holy word take root in our hearts and produce an abundance of good deeds. Open our hearts to one another as

siblings in love and faith, grounding us in your Spirit, as we abide together each day without fail. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Paula McKnight

Acts:42 - 47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Contemporary Witness

Bill Hoffman

*An Excerpt from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Speech:
"The Birth of a New Age"*

We have made of the world a neighborhood and now the challenge confronts us through our moral and spiritual means to make of it a brotherhood. We must live together, we are not independent we are interdependent. We are all involved in a single process. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly for we are tied together in a single progress. We are all linked in the great chain of humanity. As one man said, that no man is an Island, entirely of himself. Every man is a piece of a continent and a part of a man. I am involved in mankind, therefore we will not send to know for whom the bells toll, they toll for thee. We must discover that and live by it . . . if we are to live meaningfully in this one world that is emerging.

Reflection

Bill Hoffman

"Gamophobia"

Special Music

Plymouth Choir (video)

"Let Me Be..."

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

*UCC Global H.O.P.E. Disaster Response
to Venezuela Earthquake*

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

Congregation

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 bear fruit in
our lives and community.**

Amen.

Hymn

Congregation

*TNCH #181 "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"
vs. 1, 2, & 4*

You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the City of God!

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people:
bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the City of God!

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

*Song of Parting

Congregation

TNCH #181 "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"
(refrain)

Bring forth the reign of mercy,
bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice,
bring forth the City of God!
(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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