



Worship Service for July 23, 2023

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

“As We Gather Draw Us Near”

As the seagull boldly soaring
Sings a song in wordless flight,
As a mother rocks her baby
Humming hope’s sweet lullaby,
As the stones cry out, “Hosanna,”
As the rising of the tide,
May our hearts find natural rhythm,
Singing praises with our lives.

As the redwoods reach for heaven,
We extend ourselves to You.

As the strings stretch on the fretboard,
Let us pull ourselves in tune.
As a child draws her family,
Favorite crayon in chubby hand,
Each encounter of Your glory
A new way to understand.

As we gather, draw us nearer,
In our hunger, find Your feast.
Deepest longings now are sated
By Your presence and Your peace.
In the wideness of Your mercy,
May we find ourselves at home.
Warmly welcomed at Your table
Where we never eat alone.

Announcements

Paula McKnight

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: Today we gather as spiritual seekers, trusting
that our quest is not in vain and will lead to a deeper
fulfillment and new light.

**ALL: Here we commune with one another in Spirit
and in truth, as we partake of divine life.**

LEADER: Here we journey and join together in love.

Here we are joyful together.

**ALL: As we rejoice together, we serve the true aims
of love.**

***Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

Sing! #5 "Here in this Place"

Holy one may your presence here
open our minds
May your Spirit among us
Help us to find your
rising now like a fountain of grace
From the holy ground.

Here in this place
Here in this place

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Gathering Prayer

Paula McKnight

ALL: Gracious One, gentle in your power, you have brought us forth from your very own Being and breathed into us the breath of life. We live in the liberating presence of your Spirit and with Jesus' love poured into our hearts. Guide our search and steps. Guide our service to you and to one another. Rejoicing together, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

Biblical Witness

Paula McKnight

Matthew 17:1-5

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah,

talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix

The Untethered Soul: The Journey Beyond Yourself

by Michael A. Singer

People see you and they remark that you look like a bundle of light. Where did all this energy come from? What you’ll see, if you watch carefully, is that you have a phenomenal amount of energy inside of you. It doesn’t come from food and it doesn’t come from sleep. This energy is always available to you. At any moment you can draw upon it. It just wells up and fills you from inside. When it is flowing strongly, you can actually feel it coursing through you in waves. It gushes up spontaneously from deep inside and restores, replenishes, and recharges you.

Reflection

“Three Booths, Really?”

Special Music

“I Am the Vine”

I am the vine and you are the branches
abide in me and I will abide in you.

Then you will bear much fruit
for without me you can do nothing,
abide in me and I will abide in you.

I am the the vine and you are the branches,
abide in me and I will abide in you,
I will abide in you.

Then you will bear much fruit
for without me you can do nothing,
Abide in me and I will abide in you,
I will abide in you.

As God has loved me, so I will love you.
Go then and love one another.
Keep this commandment,
for no greater love have you,
than to lay down your life for you friends.

I am the vine and you are the branches,
abide in me and I will abide in you.

Love one another as I have loved you.

I am the vine, and you are the branches.

Go then and bear fruit,

Go abide in my love

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Moderator Moment

Aimee Broadhurst

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

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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: Holy One, we give you thanks and praise for the abundant gifts you bestow on us each day. We offer now our gifts and ask your blessing upon them. May they empower our congregation and community. May they serve love's purposes in our world. Amen.

***Praise & Worship Song**

TNCH # 469 "O Grant Us Light"
vs. 1, 2, & 4

O grant us light,
that we may know wisdom
that you alone can give,
That truth may guide us as we go,
and virtue bless the lives we live.

O grant us light
that we may find where error
lurks in human lore,
And turn to you our seeking minds,
and love your holy Word the more.

O grant us light,
when soon or late,
all earthly scenes shall pass away,
In you to find the open gate,

to deathless home and endless day.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

***Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! # 201 "Deep Peace" vs. 1 & 2

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,

Not as the world gives, I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,

My love I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,

My love I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,

Not as the world gives, I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,

My love I give to you.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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