



Worship Service for September 17, 2023

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Pam Laham
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
*Praise & Worship Songs	Congregation

“How Then Shall We Live”

In times like these, all hope seems lost as we wander
through the wilderness;

In this disease, we're turned and tossed as our neighbors
find new ways to oppress.

As we withstand the storm, will we be transformed so that
one day truth may be restored?

Out of isolation, be the invitation into one love, one mind, of
one accord.

We are starting again, though we bear the weight of all
through which we've been;

As we journey down this road, we are called to carry on and share the load.

How then shall we gather? How then shall we lament?

How then shall we hope? How then shall we live?

We've drifted apart through time and space; how will we overcome the distance?

When fear rules hearts and hate is embraced, what chance do we have for coexistence?

What can we let go as we learn to grow as disciples for justice in Christ's way?

Seeking liberation in co-creation, we will breathe new life into each day.

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Announcements

Pam Laham

Call to Worship

Pam Laham

LEADER: In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night,
on the mountain, in the valley, in every place we find
ourselves God touches us, and we are transformed.

**ALL: In this time, together, we invite God to open our
eyes to the transformation of our lives and our
congregation.**

LEADER: And through the change –we praise a God
who is the author of transformation.

**ALL: This is the Holy One who brings us into new
life. Therefore, we do not lose heart and take
courage in what is being revealed and unfolding.**

***Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

TNCH #391, “In the Midst of New Dimensions” vs. 1, 3, 5

In the midst of new dimensions,

in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

As we stand a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village,
might envision wider dreams.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit
recreate the church again.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

Gathering Prayer

Pam Laham

ALL: O Holy One, as we stand in awe of your grace and mercy, we invite you to be present amongst us. Thank you that you have made the transformative way of love known to us in Jesus. We pray that you would reveal the truth of your path to us so that we may walk it. May your love empower us for mission in our community and beyond. May we pour forth praise and thanksgiving as an expression of

**our worship and witness. We pray in Jesus’
holy name. Amen.**

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix

Romans 12:1 & 2

I appeal to you therefore by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Contemporary Witness

Pam Laham

Teilhard de Chardin

When I feel I am losing hold of myself
and am absolutely passive within the hands
of the great unknown forces that have formed me;
in all these dark moments, O God,
grant that I may understand that it is You
who are painfully parting the fibers of my being
in order to penetrate to the very marrow
of my substance.

Reflection

“Transformation”

Special Music

“In This Very Room”

In this very room there’s quite enough love for one like me,
and in this very room room there’s quite enough joy for one
like me,

and there’s quite enough hope and quite enough power to
chase away any gloom,

for Jesus, Lord, Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there’s quite enough love for all of us.

And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for all of us,

And there’s quite enough hope and quite enough power to
chase away any gloom.

For Jesus, Lord, Jesus is in this very room.

And in this very room there’s quite enough love for all the
world.

And in this very room there’s quite enough joy for all the
world.

And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to
chase away any gloom,

For Jesus, Lord, Jesus is in this very room.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Pam Laham

Covenant House Texas

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

Pam Laham

**ALL: God, we have been made in your image. So, in
your generosity, make us generous. In your
faithfulness, make us faithful. So that whatever gift
we bring to you might be an offer of worship before
you, sanctified for the blessing of one and all. Amen.**

***Praise & Worship Song**

The Faith We Sing #2130 "The Summons"
vs. 1, 4 & 5

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around?
Through my sight & touch & sound
in you and you in me.

God, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

***Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! #205 "Dance into Joy" vs. 4

So dance into joy with hands upraised.
Greet each new day as the holiest of days,
and to your God sing great songs of praise.
To your God sing praise!

Weave now each one this web of light
surrounding our world both day and night
with healing love and inner peace.
Joining together, joy will increase.

So dance into joy with hands upraised.
Greet each new day as the holiest of days,
and to your God sing great songs of praise.
To your God sing praise!

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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