



**Worship Service for June 14, 2026
Pride Month**

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Aimee Broadhurst

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

Aimee Broadhurst

Call to Worship

Aimee Broadhurst

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

Aimee Broadhurst

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.

Biblical Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Luke 10:25 - 37 (NRSV - Updated Edition)

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.” But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the

other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

1 John 4:18 (NRSV - Updated Edition)

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

Contemporary Witness

Mark Vines

*Preface to the song "We Made It Through the Night"
Written by Pattie Gonia, a drag queen and environment
activist*

"Scientists agree that birds sing to each other in the morning to tell each other that they made it through the night. I think that queer people do the same. Pride is our birdsong. We are here. We made it... through our night."

"Pulse"

A song written by Melisa Etheridge as an emotional tribute and call for unity following the tragic mass shootings at the Pulse gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida in 2016

"I am human, I am love, and my heart beats with my blood. Love will always win. Underneath the skin. Everybody's got a pulse, pulse, pulse, pulse."

Reflection

Mark Vines

"Show Up"

Special Music

Pride Chorus Houston & Coro Gay Ciudad de Mexico
(Video)

My Family, Mi Familia - A Lullaby"

I watch them sleep, so safe, so small,
Little hands, dreams big and tall.
But shadows creep beyond our door,
A world that whispers, "Not yours, not yours."

Mi familia, mi corazón, (My family, my heart,)
Love has no borders, love makes us strong.
Pero el miedo, lo siento venir, (But the fear, I feel it coming,)
Will they take you away from us?
Will they take you away from home?

They say our love should not be real,
That fathers like us should never feel
The right to hold, to call them mine,
To build a home that stands through time.

Will we wake to find our vows erased?
A world that says our love is misplaced?
Will the papers burn, will we be denied?
Will we have to run, will we have to hide?
This is my family, just as it is'
United by love, threatened by fear.

Esta Mi familia (This is my family)
Tal y como es
menazado por el miedo (Just as it is, threatened by fear)
Unidos por amor (United by love)

They say our love is wrong
But love isn't wrong.
They say our family isn't real
But I have held them, wiped their tears.
They say we do not belong
But where else could we go?
This is our home!

Mi familia, mi corazón, (My family, my heart,)
No nos quitan nuestro amor. (They won't take away our
love.)

No matter the storm
No matter the fight
we will rise, we will shine
We will hold on tight.

Sleep my love, don't be afraid
Your fathers will stand,
We will not break
Through every storm, through every fight
My love will forever burn bright.
Nuestro amor es eterno (our love is eternal)
Our love forevermore.
Amor (Love)

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Aimee Broadhurst

Pride Chorus Houston

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 so

that we might all know the truth of our

precious lives. Everything we have been given

has the purpose of shaping us to be of one

heart and mind, and so we offer what we have

to you. Bless these gifts as we bring them, that

we all might reveal the truth of the handiwork

of God in our lives.

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.

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Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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