



## **Worship Service for October 1, 2023**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Terri Sachnik
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Praise &amp; Worship Songs</b>	Congregation

“Here In This Place”

Holy One, may your presence here open our minds,  
may your Spirit among us help us to find  
you are rising up now like a fountain of grace  
from the holy ground  
here in this place,  
here in this place.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty  
the whole universe speaks of your glory  
from the holy ground

here in this place,  
here in this place.

## **Announcements**

Terri Sachnik

## **Call to Worship**

LEADER: Gathering God, joined as one family we come to worship you today, mindful of the life that you have called into being across countries and climates; inclusive of all creatures.

**ALL: Jesus, teacher friend, today you call us to your table and invite us to be fed, so that we might then feed others. Let our hunger for justice and our desire for peace never be exhausted until all your children are safe and fed.**

LEADER: Life-giving Spirit, let the words that reach our open ears and your movement in our souls in this time together bless and comfort us.

**ALL: So that the work of your servants here may be directed along the right paths for the sake of the world. And all the people say: Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #332 "As We Gather at Your Table" vs. 1, 2, 3

As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's  
victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Jesus, your great compassion to forgive as you  
forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you sought to  
save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summons other guests to share that feast

where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.

There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,

as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

### **Gathering Prayer**

**ALL: God of love and life, we bring our whole selves to you and offer our full reverence and awe. Jesus prayed that we would be one and called us to live in unity with each other and with you. We long for you to help us experience communion with you and with each other. We pray for your Spirit to heal all our divisions. As we gather around your Word and table, we commit ourselves to live more fully in the love and unity of your divine presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Offering**

Terri Sachnik

UCC Neighbors in Need (UCC 5 for 5)

## **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**

Terri Sachnik

**ALL: Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the global communion of today's feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your reign. Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

Terri Sachnik

## Ephesians 3:14-17

For this reason I bow my knees before God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit, and that Jesus may dwell in your hearts, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

**Contemporary Witness**

Pastor Felix

“A Blessing for World Communion Sunday”

Jan Richardson, Painted Prayerbook

And the table will be wide. And the welcome will be wide.  
And the arms will open wide to gather us in. And our hearts  
will open wide to receive.  
And we will come as children who trust there is enough.  
And we will come unhindered and free. And our aching  
will be met with bread. And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear. And we will  
give up

our appetite for despair. And we will taste and know of  
delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world. And we will  
become drink

for those who thirst. And the blessed will become the  
blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast.

**Reflection**

Pastor Felix Carrión

“The Colors of Our Communion”

**Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

“One World, One Communion”

One world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son,

One world, one communion, and there is room for everyone.

One world, one communion, one faith in Christ, the Son,  
One world, one communion, and there is room for everyone.

Wherever people gather to share the bread and cup, though  
we are many, we are one in love. So much we have in  
common, though we are miles apart, through the Holy Spirit,  
we are one in heart.

And so we are one world, one communion, one faith in  
Christ, the Son.

One world, one communion, and there is room for everyone.

Wherever bread is broken and where the cup is poured,  
kindred and siblings we are one in love. Though many things  
divide us, with great diversity, through the power of love we  
will find unity.

So help us see there's one world, one communion, one faith  
in Christ, the Son. One world, one communion, and there is  
room for everyone.



There is room for everyone.

There is room for everyone.

There is room for all, for all who come.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Lord's Prayer**

Congregation

The New Zealand Book of Prayer

**ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer,  
Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is  
heaven: The hallowing of your name echoes through  
the universe! The way of your justice be followed by  
the peoples of the world!**

**Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustains  
our hope and comes on earth. With the bread we  
need for today, feed us.**

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the  
grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the  
glory of the power that is love, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **Communion Prayer and The Words of Institution**

**Pastor Felix Carrión**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Congregation**

**ALL: O God, we have come to this table with  
thanksgiving. We heard Jesus' welcome — inviting  
and forgiving. We embraced your Spirit's peace as it  
embraced us. Diverse in our cultures, you nourished  
us as one. The bread and the cup that we shared  
here with others are gifts uniting one and all. We rise  
from this table with new dedication to feed the  
world's children, to free the oppressed, to care for  
creation. We pray, O God of peace, that our work will  
be blessed. Amen.**

**\*Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

Undivided

Down they fall – no walls divide us

Love must now replace all hate

Teach us wisdom to revive us

Give us hands to recreate

God of all, our hearts adore you

Open wide your heaven's gate

Break the chains of past oppression

Let us claim our liberty

Cast out greed and self-obsession

Sharing life o'er land and sea

God of all, our voices praise you

Worship now the One-in-Three

Take the hand of friend and neighbor

Share a meal and pass the plate

Do the work to share God's favor

Learn God's ways and stimulate

Flourish then in life abundant  
Heaven's foretaste will not wait.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Song of Parting**

TFWS # 2279 "Trees of the Field"

You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills  
Will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field  
Will clap their hands;  
The trees of the field  
Will clap their hands;  
The trees of the field

Will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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