



## **Worship Service for July 9, 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

**“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**

Terri Sachnik

**Call to Worship**

Terri Sachnik

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  
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## **Gathering Prayer**

Terri Sachnik

**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**

Terri Sachnik

Matthew 7:7-9

Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there

anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone?

## **Contemporary Witness**

Pastor Felix

The Untethered Soul: The Journey Beyond Yourself  
by Michael A. Singer

Ultimately, the word “beyond” captures the true meaning of spirituality. In its most basic sense, going beyond means going past where you are. It means not staying in your current state. When you constantly go beyond yourself, there are no more limitations. There are no more boundaries. Limitations and boundaries only exist at the places where you stop going beyond. If you never stop, then you go beyond boundaries, beyond limitations, beyond the sense of a restricted self.

## **Reflection**

“Spiritual Seekers”

## **Special Music**

“Open My Eyes, Spirit Divine”

Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;

place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free:

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear (, that I may hear)  
voices of truth Thou sendest clear (, Thou sendest clear);  
and while the scriptures fall on my ear, (on my ear,)  
ev'rything false will disappear:

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth and let me bear (Open my mouth and let  
me bear)

gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere; (gladly the warm truth  
ev'rywhere;)

open my heart, and let me prepare (open my heart, prepare  
love)

love with thy children thus to share. (love with Thy children  
thus to share.)

Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Silently I wait for Thee, (Silently I wait for Thee,)  
Spirit divine.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Invitation to Offering**

Terri Sachnik

T.E.A.M. (Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries)

**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: 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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