



## **Worship Service for October 27, 2024**

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

**“God of the Movement and Martyrs”**

God of the movements and martyrs,  
God of the powerless child,  
God of broken and hopeless and unreconciled,  
God of the just and the faithful,  
God of the night and the day,  
God of the whole of creation,  
in your name we pray.

Many have followed the savior  
into the face of the storm,

Strengthened by long generations,  
by love they were formed.  
In basements of tall steepled churches,  
in shadows of fences and walls,  
In alleys and hallways of power,  
they answered your call.

Now it's our turn to do justice,  
humbly we rise to the day,  
Give us the strength and the wisdom  
to walk in your way.

Gather the loaves and the fishes,  
share until all have been fed,  
Walk in compassion and mercy,  
by love we'll be led,

Standing in circles surrounding,  
all holding hands while we pray,  
When powers bear down on the helpless,  
we'll stand in the way.  
God of the worn and the wounded,

let us be healed by the truth,  
When doorways are blocked we will lower  
our friends through the roof.

God of the circle that holds us,  
God of the ones pushed away,  
We will reach out to our neighbors,  
in your name we'll say:

No matter your creed or your country,  
no matter the hue of your skin,  
Your age, who you love,  
or the body your soul was born in,

No matter the places you're broken,  
no matter the things you have done,  
Lay down that weight on the altar,  
a new day's begun.

You are a child of the maker,  
you are beloved and known,  
Join us in work of the kindom,

we welcome you home.

Join us in work of the kingdom,

we welcome you home.

**Announcements**

Cii-jayy Jones

**Call to Worship**

Cii-jayy Jones

LEADER: May God bless you each step of life's way.

**ALL: May you learn each day to open yourself to love and the blessings of love.**

LEADER: May you find a stick to lean on when the road is hard – and not use the stick to beat yourself.

**ALL: May you never give in to despair or the lie that nothing can change.**

LEADER: May you find enriching paths through life and walk them with courage,

**ALL: knowing that every step is within the heart of Jesus who holds all our days in love.**

**\*Congregational Song**

Congregation

“God Will See Us Through”

In times of brokenness,  
in ev'ry wilderness,  
God has seen us through.

Times when our strength was gone,  
somehow we carried on,  
God has seen us through.

Look behind and see  
throughout history,  
God has never let us down.

Lean ahead and trust,  
God is guiding us,  
God is with us here right now.

God will see me through,  
God will see you through,

God will see us through somehow.

Step by step we'll be

given all we need

God will see us through this now.

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given all we need  
God will see us through this now.  
God will see us through this now.

## Gathering Prayer

Cii-jayy Jones

**ALL: Powerful One, we seek you with all our hearts and minds. Your mystery envelops us and we welcome it. Your light shines on the path you call us to walk in faith and shields us when we feel overwhelmed. We encourage and inspire each other to live with faith. Continue to grant us the kind of inspiration that moves us forward. Enable us to discover the power of faith as we walk the path before us. May your holy presence grant us boldness and courage to dispel the**

**memories of being knocked down and trust we learn from those lessons. We ask this in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

Pastor Felix Carrión

Mark 2:1-12

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them.

Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this fellow speak

in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, ‘Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, “Your sins are forgiven”, or to say, “Stand up and take your mat and walk”? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins’—he said to the paralytic— ‘I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.’ And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, ‘We have never seen anything like this!’

## **Contemporary Witness**

Cii-jayy Jones

Infinite Possibilities: The Art of Living Your Dreams  
by Mike Doodley

There could be no better time than now, at this crossroads in history, to finally learn the truth about who you really are and all you're capable of. This book is about learning of your power, and, also about learning of your responsibilities. It shares exactly how to operate within the framework of these two pillars so that you can move through the affairs of the world, discovering opportunity where others have only found closed doors. What I discovered is that remembering my true place in life – understanding my role in its creation and demonstrating such understandings through thought, word, and deed – is always enough to change everything.

## **Reflection**

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Faith Makes It Happen”

## **Special Music**

Marshall Davies

Piano Sonata in B-flat Major, K. 333,  
1st movement, Allegro

## Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Invitation to Offering**

Cii-jayy Jones

UCC Hurricanes 2024 Appeal

**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**

Cii-jayy Jones

**ALL: Gracious and Generous One, thank you for the blessings of this and all our days. Accept, we pray, not just these gifts we bring but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you do for us. May they serve your purpose and will, spreading love and joy in our world.**

**Amen.**

**\*Congregational Song**

Congregation

“We’ll Build a World”

We are diff’rent, you and I,  
Yet together, fates entwine.  
Now we gather in this space,  
joined in spirit, filled with grace;  
bring your fullness, I’ll bring mine  
And together we will shine.

Together, we’ll build a world  
where there’s room for all to be;  
a world where we’ll live  
our lives liberated, strong, and free!  
This glorious future build it now with me.

As we labor toward that day,  
don’t let diff’rence fall away.  
Your uniqueness I will see,  
and the same thing, see in me.  
Thus we’re valued, known, and named,

honored, cherished, loved and claimed.

Together, we'll build a world  
where there's room for all to be;  
a world where we'll live  
our lives liberated, strong, and free!  
This glorious future build it now with me.

In this varied universe  
all existence so diverse.  
Filled with wonder, life so queer,  
Steeped in myst'ry, oft unclear.  
Yet together, hand in hand,  
we'll create that Promised Land.

Together, we'll build a world  
where there's room for all to be;  
a world where we'll live  
our lives liberated, strong, and free!  
This glorious future build it now with me.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Song of Parting**

Congregation

“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, clap, 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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