



Worship Service for October 29, 2023

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Paula McKnight
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
*Praise & Worship Songs	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

Paula McKnight

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: When distance separates us, love cannot.

ALL: Near or far, we are a family united by God's love.

LEADER: When time lapses and space seems to be great, God's peace and our precious memories are unailing.

ALL: Cherished times, sounds, and expressions of home are forever etched in our hearts.

Leader: We're grateful for a place to call home, and people we call family. Our unending love for one another leaves a legacy for generations to come!

ALL: "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcomed here."

***Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

Sing! #35 "No Matter" vs. 1 & 3

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.

Together we will sing, worship bring,
hands and hearts outstretched to all.
Jesus praise, hearts ablaze,
listen to God's call.

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.

Gathering Prayer

Paula McKnight

**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.

Biblical Witness

Paula McKnight

John 15: 15 & 16

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from God. You did not choose me but I

chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix

Life Prayers from Around the World:
Affirmations to Celebrate the Human Journey

May my feet rest firmly on the ground

May my head touch the sky

May I see clearly

May I have the capacity to listen

May I be free to touch

May my words be true

May my heart and mind be open

May my hands be empty to fill the need

May my arms be open to others

May my gifts be revealed to me

So I may return that which has been given

Completing the circle

The Terma Collective

Reflection

Pastor Felix

“Forward In Faith”

Special Music

Choir

“The Gift of Love”

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift of all inspire,
and have not loved; my word are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give my love profess, all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole,
Let inward love guide every deed.

By this we worship, we are freed.

Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

(prayer adapted from Mary Lou Kownacki entitled "Prayer for the Decade of Nonviolence")

ALL: We bow to the sacred in all creation.

May our spirits fill the world with beauty and wonder.

**May our minds seek truth with humility and
openness.**

May our hearts forgive without limit.

**May our love for friend, enemy, and outcast be
without measure.**

May our needs be few and our living simple.

**May our actions bear witness to the suffering of
others.**

May our hands never harm a living being.

May our steps stay on the journey of justice.

May our voices speak for those who are poor without fear of the powerful.

May our prayers rise with patient discontent until no child is hungry.

May our life's work be a passion for peace and nonviolence.

May our souls rejoice in the gift of life.

May our imagination overcome death and despair with new possibility.

And may we risk reputation, comfort, and security to bring this hope to the children.

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

Doctors Without Borders

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

Paula McKnight

ALL: O Holy One, Giver and Protector of life, you call us to be stewards of your bounty and caretakers of creation. Empower us to always receive and use the varied gifts from your hands wisely and teach us the power of generosity. Bless now these gifts we offer and may they serve to bless one and all.

Amen.

***Praise & Worship Song**

TNCH # 433 "In the Bulb There Is a Flower
(Hymn of Promise)"

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

***Song of Parting**

Congregation

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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