



## **Worship Service for May 19, 2024**

**Prelude** Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour** Paula McKnight

**Welcome** Pastor Felix Carrión

**Centering Moment** Mary Davis

**Praise & Worship Songs** Congregation

“God Will See Us Through”

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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  
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**Announcements**

Paula McKnight

**Call to Worship**

Paula McKnight

LEADER: No matter who you are or where you are on  
life's journey, you are invited and included here  
today to be loved and accepted as you are.

**ALL: We will let the sound of God's welcome be  
heard in the heart of *very one* of us.**

LEADER: Somehow, despite all the pitfalls along the  
way, all the trials and tribulations in each of our lives,  
God has kept watch over us.

**ALL: We have been confined and burdened; we  
have walked through fire and water; we have  
been mightily tested, but we have not been  
overcome.**

LEADER: We are heard because in our hearts we  
embrace and cherish and speak the truth of our  
lives.

**ALL: God hears us all and continues to love us  
with a steadfast and undying love.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #179 "We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"

We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness  
and for your healing touch;  
too long have we felt helpless;  
our burdens seemed too much.  
Forgetting all pretenses  
we make our pleadings heard,  
in hope and expectation  
await your gracious Word.

We long to have companions  
who travel by our side,  
strong friends to call and answer

with whom we are allied;  
As we lift up each other  
when struggles lay us low,  
community develops;  
our faith and caring grow.

We need your living presence,  
O Christ of Galilee,  
a presence that revives us  
and sets our spirits free.  
No longer are we fearful,  
your love pervades each place.  
Empower us with courage  
to claim your healing grace.

**Gathering Prayer**

Paula McKnight

**ALL: Holy One, be with us in this sacred space.**

**Stir your Spirit in and among us as we offer  
ourselves to you. We long to hear more than  
our own fearful groaning. From the places**

**deep within us, may your Spirit intercede for us. May we recognize you in ourselves and in our neighbors. Let us see you through all brokenness that we may find wholeness in being your holy body here and now. Create in us a tenderness to the needs of all, an openness to everyone's gifts, and a commitment to the journey of healing and wholeness. We offer this prayer in the name of love and truth.**

**Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

Paula McKnight

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the

Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**My Body Is Not a Prayer Request:  
Disability Justice in the Church  
by Amy Kenny**

I used to play the game. Eavesdropping as they prayed for my broken body, trying to conceal my spasms lest they be confused for demonic convulsions. I thought if I could just assume a veneer of piety, it would inoculate me against their patronizing prayers and invasive interrogations. I believed that I could perfect my way out of people demeaning disability, that somehow my patience would endow me with enough worth in their minds to be considered fully human. All it did was put me on a carousel of dehumanization that made me feel complicit in their toxic theology.

## Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión,  
Mary Davis, Pam Laham, Bill Hoffman,  
Desirae Gallagher, & Amy Gallagher

Dialogical Sermon: Being a W.I.S.E Congregation

## Special Music

“Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit”

Feel the spirit!

Feel the spirit!

Feel the spirit!

Feel the spirit!

Ev’ry time I feel it movin’

Ev’ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray (I will pray).

Yes, ev’ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray. I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,  
out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me it looked so fine  
until I asked him if all was mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit movin' in my heart I will pray (I will pray).

Yes, ev'ry time I feel the spirit movin' in my heart I will pray. I will pray.

Jordan river is so cold (oh yes, my Lord)

it chills the body but not the soul (oh yes, my Lord).

There ain't but one train upon the track (oh yes, my Lord)

It runs from heaven and right on back (oh yes, my Lord).

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit movin' in my heart I will pray (I will pray).

Yes, ev'ry time I feel the spirit movin' in my heart I will pray. I will pray.

Feel the spirit!

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**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Invitation to Offering**

Paula McKnight

Double Down For Plymouth

**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: 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! #75 "Banner of Hope"

Hastening down the morning,  
floating on the breath of day,  
holding out dawn's promise to the world.  
Beyond any sensible warning,  
joy finds a place to stay.  
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,  
coming forth without delay,  
op'ning up tomorrow for God's Word.  
Despite all the bitterness, scorning,  
grace finds a place to stay.  
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,  
spiriting the fear away,  
blessings dance as true hope is restored.  
Love grows from the ashes of sorrow,  
faith finds a place to stay.  
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! #187 “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You.

God, empower me to be a witness for you,

Acting boldly, in your name;

Seeking justice, where there is hurting

Off'ring hope where there is pain.

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

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

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