



Worship Service for September 3, 2023

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Terri Sachnik
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
Praise & Worship Songs	Congregation

“How Then Shall We Live”

In times like these, all hope seems lost as we wander
through the wilderness;

In this disease, we're turned and tossed as our neighbors
find new ways to oppress.

As we withstand the storm, will we be transformed so that
one day truth may be restored?

Out of isolation, be the invitation into one love, one mind, of
one accord.

We are starting again, though we bear the weight of all
through which we've been;

As we journey down this road, we are called to carry on and share the load.

How then shall we gather? How then shall we lament?

How then shall we hope? How then shall we live?

We've drifted apart through time and space; how will we overcome the distance?

When fear rules hearts and hate is embraced, what chance do we have for coexistence?

What can we let go as we learn to grow as disciples for justice in Christ's way?

Seeking liberation in co-creation, we will breathe new life into each day.

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Announcements

Terri Sachnik

Call to Worship

LEADER: Today we gather around God's table to be fed
the bread and cup of Jesus.

**ALL: Here we are fed new life. Here we are
replenished and renewed for mission and
service.**

LEADER: Here we partake of the life of Jesus, sharing
together faith and works that transform us and our
world.

**ALL: We rejoice in sacred remembrance as we
embrace our call to engage the world with
love and faith.**

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #391, "In the Midst of New Dimensions" vs. 1, 3, 5

In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

As we stand a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village,
might envision wider dreams.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore.

Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit
recreate the church again.

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
 leading where the eagles soar,
 We your people, ours the journey
 now and ever, now and ever,
 now and evermore.

Gathering Prayer

ALL: O Holy One, as we stand in awe of your grace and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us. Thank you that you have made the transformative way of love known to us in Jesus. We pray that you would reveal the truth of your path to us so that we may walk it. May your love empower us for mission in our community and beyond. May we pour forth praise and thanksgiving as an expression of our worship and witness . We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Terri Sachnik

The EdenHill Communities

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: God, we have been made in your image. So, in your generosity, make us generous. In your faithfulness, make us faithful. So that whatever gift we bring to you might be an offer of worship before you, sanctified for the blessing of one and all. Amen.

Biblical Witness

Terri Sachnik

2 Corinthians 4:1 & 2, 7 & 15

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary

power belongs to God and does not come from us. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix

“I Was My Own Route”

Song of the Simple Truth: the Complete Poems of Julia de Burgos

I wanted to be like men wanted me to be:
an attempt at life;
a game of hide and seek with my being.
But I was made of nows,
and my feet level upon the promissory earth
would not accept walking backwards,
and went forward, forward,
mocking the ashes to reach the kiss
of the new paths.

At each advancing step on my route forward...
my face took the expression that came from within,
the defined expression that hinted at a feeling
of intimate liberation...

And I was all in me as was life in me...
When the heralds announced me
at the regale parade of the old guard,
the desire to follow men warped in me,
and the homage was left waiting for me.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Transformation”

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“Draw the Circle Wide”

Draw the circle wide.
No one stand alone,
we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.
Let this be our song: no one stands alone.
Standing side by side
Draw the circle wide.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Lord's Prayer

Congregation

The New Zealand Book of Prayer

**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: Eternal God, we thank you for feeding us at your table where we have known the presence of Jesus and have received His gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your love in our lives. We pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

***Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

TNCH #347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,

Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Love is able to make us one,
at its table it set the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Sing! #205 “Dance into Joy” vs. 4

So dance into joy with hands upraised.
Greet each new day as the holiest of days,
and to your God sing great songs of praise.
To your God sing praise!

Weave now each one this web of light
surrounding our world both day and night
with healing love and inner peace.
Joining together, joy will increase.

So dance into joy with hands upraised.
Greet each new day as the holiest of days,
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Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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