



Worship Service for June 16, 2024

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

Sing! #7 "Welcome to This House"

Welcome to this house,
Open and affirming.
In God's Son we are all one.
Hand in hand we stand.

Welcome to this house,
Caring and accepting.
In God's Son we are all one.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
There is room for everyone.
All will sing, praises we bring
Let us all be one.

Welcome to this house,
Where God gives the call to serve.
All will sing, praises we bring.
Welcome to this house of God.

Welcome to this house,
Blessed by Word and Harmony.
Child of God, born from above.
Know that Christ is love.

Welcome to this house,
Filled with peace and charity.
Child of God, born from above.
Welcome to this house of God.

Announcements

Paula McKnight

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

LEADER: Where Pride goes, O God, may beauty bloom forever. Where Pride goes, may unfair standards be eased.

ALL: Where Pride goes, may acceptance be the norm. Where Pride goes, may homophobia fall. Where Pride goes, may the welcome be warm. Where Pride goes, may name calling and taunting cease.

LEADER: Where Pride goes, may love burst forth.
Where Pride goes, may fear fade away.

ALL: Where Pride goes, may justice roll down and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Where Pride goes, may unjust policies be defeated. Where Pride goes, may injustice of every sort fall forever.

LEADER: Where Pride goes, may your kin-dom come and your will be done.

**ALL: Where Pride goes, O God, may your Church
follow.**

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

“We Are a Rainbow”

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different
threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said “Let there be light”, created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

Gathering Prayer

Paula McKnight

**ALL: God of wild love and extravagant acceptance,
You are faithfully present in both the grit and
glitter of life, and you are present here now.
Awaken us to your dream for creation: A world
in which every member of the human family is
free to flourish however you have made them.
Forgive us for the moments we have held back
your ever-flowing current of love, dignity, and
justice. Remake us into a people eager to see
you in the faces and bodies of all people.
Remind each of us to step out of the shadows
of our lives and shine fearlessly and
courageously. Holy One, You call each of us**

**beloved. Each of us cherished. Each of us
desired. Each of us sacred. And so, we give
you thanks now and forever.**

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

John 8:31 & 32; 48 & 49

Then Jesus said, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' The [people] answered him, 'Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?' Jesus answered, 'I do not have a demon; but I honor my [God], and you dishonor me.'

Contemporary Witness

Paula McKnight

United Church of Christ
Open and Affirming Coalition Website

Since 1972, the Open and Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ has tirelessly advocated for the rights, full participation, and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in the church. After 52 years of ministry and activism, we are still affirming dignity, creating inclusion, and building justice within the United Church of Christ and the broader community.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“The Truth Will Make You Free”

Special Music

Aimee Broadhurst (Video)

“Go Light Your World”

There is a candle in every soul
Some brightly burning, some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world
Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame
Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
Take your candle, and go light your world
We are a family whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father, in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times
Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, deceived and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world

Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle, and go light your world
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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: Generous God, you give so freely of your
love, mercy, and grace. Prompt us to share our
blessings and gifts and respond to the cries of**

the world. Encourage us to give in hope – that the pain of those who face discrimination may be healed. May our offerings serve this holy purpose.

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #35 “No Matter”

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.

And in diversity
unity, harmony for all to see:
Justice and equity,
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.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #76 "There Is Room For All"

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing;

there is room for all,

sheltered in God's love.

And I rejoice and sing,

"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."

There is room for all,

here is room for all.

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Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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