



Worship Service for August 11, 2024

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

“We'll Be the Hands, We'll Be the Feet”

Open our hearts, open our minds

Let us join together as we have been designed

Let us grow more deeply into You

Let us spread Your light and keep it shining through

Each one of us, all around the earth

As a part of the Body, has our worth

We'll be the hands, we'll be the feet

We'll circulate through the heart, where we all meet

Built up in love, and joined as one

Grown into Christ, we'll see Your work through till it's done

We will be strong, we'll live without fear

Emboldened by Your love, we will persevere

We will stand for truth, in justice, we'll rejoice

We will speak the Word for those who have no voice

Each one of us, all around the earth

As a part of the Body, has our worth

We'll be the hands, we'll be the feet

We'll circulate through the heart, where we all meet

Built up in love, and joined as one

Grown into Christ, we'll see Your work through till it's done

Help us to seek that we might find

Your compassion and grace for all humankind

Help us connect as one community

Abiding in Your loving unity

Each one of us, all around the earth
As a part of the Body, has our worth

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Announcements

Aimee Broadhurst

Call to Worship

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: Your glory, O Mystery, is declared in the holy
silence of the heavens, and told in the silent succession
of day and night.

**ALL: The sun joyfully leaps across the sky, from
one end of the heavens to the farthest reaches,
and nothing is hidden from its heat or light.**

LEADER: Expand our hearts to enjoy the sweet
drippings of the honeycomb of curiosity and exploration.

ALL: Expand our minds to ponder with holy wonder the source of it all and the myriad manifestations all around us.

LEADER: Let our lives be radiant with holy wonder,

ALL: delighting in your earth and receiving wisdom from the majesty of creation.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

TNCH #30 "Colorful Creator" vs. 1, 3, & 4

Colorful Creator, God of mystery,

Thank you for the artist teaching us to see

Glimpses of the meaning of the commonplace,

Visions of the holy in each human face.

Author of our journey, God of near and far,

Praise for tale and drama telling who we are,

Stripping to the essence struggles of our day,

times of change and conflict when we choose our way.

God of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word,
May we be creators by the Spirit stirred,
Open to your presence in our joy and strife,
Vessels of the holy coursing through our life.

Gathering Prayer

Aimee Broadhurst

ALL: God of the Cosmos, your love reaches beyond space and time. We are astonished by your vast creation – innumerable galaxies surrounded by dark matter, elegant structures and staggering variety, the interplay of matter and energy, the pull of gravity and the speed of light, the verdancy and resources of earth – all showing your wisdom and glory, O God! We are dust and stardust, made in your image. We are part of the creation you are making new. Let our awe increase, until we find ourselves beautifully plunged in wonder, love, and praise.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Psalm 19:1-4

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

The Universe Story: From the Primordial Flaring Forth to the Ecozoic Era – A Celebration of the Unfolding of the Cosmos
by Brian Swimme & Thomas Berry

Within this time-developmental consciousness we begin to understand the story of the universe in comprehensive dimensions and in the full richness of its meaning. This is especially true as regards the planet Earth, a mysterious planet, surely as we observe how much more brilliant it is, when compared with the other planets of our solar system, in the diversity of its manifestations

and in the complexity of its development. Earth seems to be a reality that is developing with the simple aim of celebrating the joy of existence. This can be seen in the coloration of the various plants and animals, in the circling flights of the swallows as well as the blossoming of the springtime flowers; each of these events required immense creativity over billions of years in order to come forth as Earth.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Living In Wonder, Part II”

Special Music

Marshall Davies

Première Arabesque

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Aimee Broadhurst

UCC - Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)

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

Aimee Broadhurst

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

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #71 "God of Inspiration" vs. 1 & 2

To the One who paints the colors into the sunsets of the sky.
 To the One who shapes the plants and creatures, infinite of
 design.

For the 'unsymmetric' symmetry of the sparrow, the oak, the rose.

For the ever-changing tapestry that feeds the eye and soul.

We praise You, O God of Inspiration.

We praise You, for breathing life into creation.

O we praise You, praise You. We praise You, God...

...for the canvas of our lives.

To the One who stirs the rhythms into the universe of time.

To the One who calls forth songs of life, joining heart and soul and mind.

For the perfect imperfection of creation resounding Your Word.

For the never-ending symphony of Your love's longing to be heard.

We praise You, O God of Inspiration.

We praise You, for breathing life into creation.

O we praise You, praise You. We praise You, God...

...for the canvas of our lives.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #196 "Let It Shine"

Let it shine, let it shine,

The light of the world that shows the way;

Let it shine, let it shine,

And show us love today.

Let it shine, let it shine,

The light of the world that shows the way;

Let it shine, let it shine,

And show us joy today.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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