

Worship Service for February 2, 2025 Scout Sunday

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Amie Friday

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise & Worship Songs

Congregation

"God Will See Us Through"

In times of brokenness, 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 given all we need God will see us through this now.

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Announcements

Amie Friday

Call to Worship

Amie Friday

LEADER: Light of God, illumine the path leading us to wholeness as one human family sharing creation's bounty.

ALL: Divine Light, fill our lives and this sacred sanctuary with your empowering and energizing truth.

LEADER: Light of God, illumine the way of justice and peace.

ALL: Holy One, bring us to a new understanding of the spiritual unity of all people and creation.

*Congregational Song

Congregation

"Dream God's Dream"

Dream God's Dream
Holy Spirit, help us dream
Of a world where there is justice
And where everyone is free
To build and grow and love
And to simply have enough
The world will change
When we dream God's dream

I'm dreaming of a world, where the color of one's skin Will mean less than what's within the person's heart A world where water's clean, and where air is safe to breathe

And every child born has enough to eat

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I'm dreaming of the call God is offering to me
How to use my energy and my best gifts
To do the work of Christ—to say God, please use my life
To spread your healing Love and to live your Truth

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I'm dreaming of the way that I want my life to go

I've got hopes and I've got goals I'd like to meet
I'm reaching for the stars, but I won't forget the scars
Of Christ who died to show that the Dream's for all

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Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL: O God, you have given all peoples a common origin. It is your will that they be gathered together as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of humankind with the fire of your love and with the desire to ensure justice for all. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure equality for all people throughout the world. May there be

an end to division, strife, and war. May there be a dawning of a truly human society built on love, justice, and peace. We ask this in your name.

Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Amie Friday

Tackle Hunger: Souper Bowl of Caring

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

Amie Friday

ALL: Holy One, accept and bless our offerings this day. Grant that we might live generously, as we

serve to be a blessing to our world. May we be faithful in all things and at all times! Amen.

Biblical Witness

Amie Friday

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Letter from the Birmingham City Jail by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am here in Birmingham because injustice is here. Just as the eighth-century prophets left their little villages and carried their "thus saith the Lord" far beyond the boundaries of their hometowns; and just as the Apostle Paul left his little village of Tarsus and carried the gospel of Jesus Christ to practically every hamlet and city of the Graeco-Roman world, I too am compelled to carry the gospel of freedom beyond my particular hometown.

Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

"The Engaged Life"

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

"Be A Candle of Hope"

Be a candle of hope, be a candle of light,

a beacon of truth in a dark, hopeless night.

Share the light with a friend and watch the flame grow.

The more light we give, the more love we'll know.

When you light another candle, you keep your light, but give it away.

Yet the flame grows even brighter as the darkness turns into day.

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Welcoming Scout Troop 1323, Pack 1550, and Pack 1323

Pastor Felix Carrión

Souperbowl of Caring Winner Announced Mary Davis

Invitation and Communion Prayer Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: Welcome, friends, to this holy sharing.

ALL: Welcome to offer love.

PASTOR: Welcome to this time set apart.

ALL: A time to remember the holy promises of God.

PASTOR: Welcome to this table of remembrance and joy.

ALL: where we are fed the feast of life in the bread and cup.

Communion Prayer

Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup

Sharing the Elements

*all elements are gluten free

Prayers for Those Who Perish in the American Airlines
Collision and Their Families

Jesus's Prayer

Congregation

The New Zealand Book of Prayer

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.

*Congregational Song

Congregation

"Change This World"

Spirit of Christ, shine through our lives
Use us to change this world
Fill us with Light, brilliant and bright
Use us to change this world

Help us do what's ours to do

To make this world a better place
There is enough
Compassion, Mercy and Love

God's Justice working through us
To change this world
Change this world

Spirit of Christ, shine through our lives
Use us to change this world
Fill us with Light, brilliant and bright
Use us to change this world
Help us do what's ours to do
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There is enough
Compassion, Mercy and Love

God's Justice working through us
To change this world
Change this world
We can change this world

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.

Today's Worship Participants

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