

Worship Service for July 7, 2024

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Aimee Broadhurst

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise & Worship Songs Congregation

"Dream God's Dream"

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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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Announcements

Aimee Broadhurst

Call to Worship

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LEADER: Welcome, Holy Spirit,

ALL: the wind of God, the breath of Life.

LEADER: Come, Holy Spirit,

ALL: our Advocate, our Counselor.

LEADER: Teach, Holy Spirit,

ALL: Teacher of Wisdom, reminder of Christ.

LEADER: Descend, Holy Spirit,

ALL: Giver of peace.

LEADER: Come, Holy Spirit.

ALL: May we feel God breathing new life in our sacred space. May we receive the precious gifts of the Holy Spirit in this holy gathering.

Congregation

TNCH #293 "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise. Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know that Spirit's fullness and believe; you're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to stay with Jesus all the way."

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise. Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL:

Holy One, for all of the ways you speak to us in rushing wind, in dancing flames, in words we understand, and in speech that transcends language - we give thanks. Holy One, as we gather with grateful hearts today to celebrate the Pentecost Spirit, we ask that you give us a bold vision that will challenge our comfort zones. Move us by the loving power of the Holy Spirit to embrace changes that seem daunting. Open our eyes to the emergence of new days and paths for us. Bring freedom that emboldens our hearts. Lead us into new dimensions of faith and mission. Grant us courage to speak your love everywhere we go.

Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Aimee Broadhurst

Strengthen the Church (UCC 5 for 5)

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: Giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand. You call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus.

Amen.

Acts 2:1-12

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 violent 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.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,

Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'

Contemporary Witness

Aimee Broadhurst

Life Prayers from Around the World 365 Prayers, Blessings, and Affirmations to Celebrate the Human Journey Harriet Kofalk

First

I thank the Source

of all life

for this life's meaning

then I can begin

first

I create the space

in which to grow

into new dimensions

then I can move there

first

envision the garden

full of rainbows

and scents of nectar

then I can plant them

first

I touch my heartstring

and feel its resonance

with the harmonies of all

beings

then I can share love

first

I hear the bird sing

filling the garden

with melodies beyond my ears

then I can appreciate life's

music

first

I taste the morning light

with which to create

food for my soul

then I can cook

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

"Move Into New Dimensions"

Special Music

Marshall Davies

"On Wings of Song"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Jesus' 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

Invitation to Communion

Pastor Felix Carrión

Communion Prayer
Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup
Sharing the Elements

Communion Music

Plymouth Choir

"How Beautiful"

How beautiful the hands that served

The wine and the bread and the sons of the earth

How beautiful the feet that walked

The long dusty roads and the hill to the cross

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful

Is the body of Christ

How beautiful the heart that bled

That took all my sin and bore it instead

How beautiful the tender eyes

That choose to forgive and never despise

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful

Is the body of Christ

And as he lay down his life

We offer this sacrifice

That we will live just as he died

Willing to pay the price

Willing to pay the price

How beautiful the radiant bride

Who waits for her groom with his light in her eyes

How beautiful when humble hearts give

The fruit of pure lives so that others may live

How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful

Is the body of Christ

How beautiful the feet that bring

The sound of good news and the love of the King

How beautiful the hands that serve

The wine and the bread and the sons of the Earth How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful Is the body of Christ

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation

ALL: Loving One, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus' presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. We are grateful that you have renewed our strength and resolve to be a blessing to all others. Embolden our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Congregational Song

Congregation

Sing! #51 "You Are Holy"

You are holy, you show us the way, you are holy, You show us the way.
You are holy,
you show us the way,
you are holy,
you show us the way.

You show us, you show us, you show us the way, you show us, you show us the way, you show us, you show us, you show us, you show us, you show us the way.

You are freedom,
you show us the way,
you are freedom
you show us the way.
You are freedom,
you show us the way,

you are freedom you show us the way.

You show us, you show us, you show us the way, you show us, you show us the way, you show us, you show us the way.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #205 "Dance Into Joy" vs. 1

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!

Share from your path some strand of light.

Bring all the shades both dark and light.

Weaving together makes us all one.

Stories of hope have just begun.

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!

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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