

Worship Service for February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Margaret Stone

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise and Worship Song 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

Margaret Stone

Call to Worship

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LEADER: We are called to walk in the path of love and unity, seeing in each person the likeness and image of God.

ALL: We have been empowered to claim Jesus' liberating truth for all people and to share creation's bounty as one human family.

LEADER: This is the path of justice and peace.

ALL: Holy One, bring us to a deeper understanding of the spiritual beauty 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 worldwide. 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

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Isaiah 58:6-8

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

Contemporary Witness

Margaret Stone

Excerpt from "I Have a Dream" by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

So, I say to you, my friends, that even though we must face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed – we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men [and women] are created equal.

I have a dream my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today!

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

"The Engaged Life, Part II"

Special Music

Marshall Davies

Johann Sebastian Bach, Fugue in C-sharp Major, Vol. I, The Well-Tempered Clavier, BWV 848

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Margaret Stone

Community Peacemaker Teams (CPT)

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

*Doxology

Congregation

ALL: 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

Margaret Stone

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.

*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

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Change this world
We can change this world
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
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Postlude Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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