



Worship Service for March 9, 2025
First Sunday of Lent

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Mary Davis
Welcome	Amie Friday
Centering Moment	Mary Davis
Praise and Worship Song	Congregation

Sing! 109 "Part the Water"

Help us, O God we're here by the water.

Here at the end of the road.

Lead us, O God, on down through the river.

Help us to know how to go.

So part the waters of all injustice.

God help us cross bravely with Jesus as our guide,
and send down the Spirit of your compassion.

God help us to love when we move against the tide.

And as we cross the river,

help us bring your love forever.

'Til we have reached the other side.

Show us a world that's free from oppression.

Free from the pain we all face.

Give us the strength to help make a future.

Warmed by the light of your grace.

So part the waters of all injustice.

God help us cross bravely with Jesus as our guide,
and send down the Spirit of your compassion.

God help us to love when we move against the tide.

And as we cross the river,
help us bring your love forever.

'Til we have reached the other side.

Teach us the way to help all your children.

Each of us precious to you.

Teach us that love is stronger than hatred.

Nothing is stronger than love!

So part the waters of all injustice.

God help us cross bravely with Jesus as our guide,
and send down the Spirit of your compassion.
God help us to love when we move against the tide.
And as we cross the river,
help us bring your love forever.
'Til we have reached the other side.

Announcements

Mary Davis

Call to Worship

Mary Davis

LEADER: Let us come before the God of all creation with
open hands and open hearts.

**ALL: Let us praise and thank God with every fiber of
our being.**

LEADER: Together we give thanks for the precious gifts of
life and love.

**ALL: Though many throughout the whole earth, we
are One.**

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

TNCH #573 "Lead on Eternal Sovereign" vs. 1 & 2

Lead on eternal Sovereign,
we follow in your way;
loud rings your cry for justice,
your call for peace this day:
Through prayerful preparation,
your grace will make us strong,
to carry on the struggle
to triumph over wrong.

Lead on eternal Sovereign,
follow not with fear,
for in each human conflict
your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with gladness,
you will not let us fall,
our trust is in your promise
that love will conquer all.

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL: God of life, we bring our whole selves to you and offer our reverence and awe. Jesus prayed that we would be one and called us to live in unity. We commit ourselves to live in oneness of heart, mind and spirit. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Biblical Witness

Mary Davis

Ephesians 6:11-13

Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of evil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Isaiah 43:19

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Contemporary Witness

Amie Friday/Video

“Just Be Held”
by Casting Crowns

Hold it all together
Everybody needs you strong
But life hits you out of nowhere
And barely leaves you holding on
And when you're tired of fighting
Chained by your control
There's freedom in surrender
Lay it down and let it go

So when you're on your knees and answers seem so far
away

You're not alone, stop holding on and just be held

Your world's not falling apart, its falling into place

I'm on the throne, stop holding on and just be held

Just be held, just be held

If your eyes are on the storm

You'll wonder if I love you still

But if your eyes are on the cross

You'll know I always have and I always will

And not a tear is wasted

In time, you'll understand

I'm painting beauty with the ashes

Your life is in My hands

So when you're on your knees and answers seem so far
away

You're not alone, stop holding on and just be held

Your world's not falling apart, its falling into place

I'm on the throne, stop holding on and just be held

Just be held, just be held

Lift your hands, lift your eyes

In the storm is where you'll find Me

And where you are, I'll hold your heart

I'll hold your heart

Come to Me, find your rest

In the arms of a God who won't let go

So when you're on your knees and answers seem so far
away

You're not alone, stop holding on and just be held

Your world's not falling apart, it's falling into place

I'm on the throne, stop holding on and just be held (stop
holding on and)

Just be held, just be held

Just be held, just be held

Reflection

Amie Friday

“We All Wander in a Wilderness”

Special Music

Aimee Broadhurst

“Again and Again”

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Amie Friday

Invitation to Offering

Mary Davis

Operation Pets Alive

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

Mary Davis

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

“Break Our Hearts Again”

We pile up like dry bones,
like orphans gathering
In burden, we're broken,
our defenses fracturing

So break our hearts again
Stretch us 'til we bend.
Breathe new life on these tired bones
And make us new again

Our mountains are crumbling,

like sand into the sea
Our rivers run drier than
the rocks beneath our feet

So break our hearts again
Stretch us 'til we bend.
Breathe new life on these tired bones
And make us new again

We lay our armor down (x4)

Benediction

Amie Friday

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing #199 "Go Make A Diff'rence"

Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a difference in the world

(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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