



Worship Service for April 12, 2026

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Pam Laham

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise and Worship Song Congregation
Sing! #115 "We Are All God's People"

We are all God's chosen people,
children of a perfect Love.

O yes, there's no one less there's no one greater.

We are all God's chosen ones.

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Announcements

Pam Laham

Call to Worship

Pam Laham

LEADER: Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

**ALL: Our deepest fear is that we are powerful
beyond measure.**

LEADER: It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us.

**ALL: We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant,
gorgeous, talented?**

LEADER: Actually, who are you not to be?

ALL: You are a child of God.

LEADER: We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

**ALL: It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And
as we let our own light shine, we give other people
permission to do the same.**

***Hymn**

Congregation

*TNCH #123 "Mary, Woman of Promise"
vs 1 - 3*

Mary, woman of the promise;
vessel of your people's dreams:
Through your open, willing spirit
waters of God's goodness streamed.

Mary, song of holy wisdom
sung before the world began:
Faithful to the Word within you,
as you bore God's wondrous plan.

Mary, morning star of justice;
mirror of the Radiant Light:
In the shadows of life's journey,

be a beacon for our sight.

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL: God, our Mother, Living Water, Source of Life, in whom we live, move, and have our being, we entrust our precious lives to you, in grateful praise. Loving One, who quenches our thirst, refreshes our weariness, be for us always a fountain of life, and for all the world a river of hope springing up in the midst of the deserts of despair. Honor and blessing, glory and praise to You forever.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pam Laham

Luke 4:16 - 19

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet

Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Quotes on Advocacy

“To be an activist is to speak. To be an advocate is to listen. Society can’t move forward without both.”

– Eva Marie Lewis

“Advocacy is empathy, compassion, and community at work.”

- Janna Cachola

“When the world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.”

– Malala Yousafzai

*“I have heard their groans and sighs, and seen their tears,
and I would give every drop of blood in my veins to free
them.”* - Harriet Tubman

Reflection

Dr. Alice Rothchild

*“How Does a Nice Jewish Girl
Become a Palestinian Advocate?”*

Special Music

Aimee Broadhurst & Mark Vines
(video)

“Our Story”

When I feel alone and voiceless,
you're there to help sing my song.
You reach out a hand of friendship
to help me know that I belong.
Though we're diff'rent we can see
we are one in harmony.

There is heart enough for us to help each other,
There is strength enough to build up and be kind.
We can give, we can care in this world we all share.

I'm a part of your story, and you're a part of mine.

And I promise I will be there (I'm a part of your story)
when you need help to make it through (You're a part of
mine).

I will take the time to listen (I'm a part of your story),
to always see the good in you (You're a part of mine).

And together, we will grow,
lifting others as we go.

There is heart enough for us to help each other,
There is strength enough to build up and be kind.
We can give, we can care in this world we all share.
I'm a part of your story, and you're a part of mine.

Together we will hope.

Together we will rise.

We're more connected than we'll ever realize.

We will rise.

There is heart enough for us to help each other.

There is strength enough to build up and be kind.

We can give, we can care in this world we all share.

I'm a part of your story, and you're a part of mine.

I'm a part of your story, and you're a part of mine.

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Pam Laham

Montgomery County Women's Center

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

Congregation

ALL: Holy One, we ask for the grace to be vessels of your love and generosity. May our gifts be blessed and used as channels in your service of loving and caring for humanity and healing our world.

Amen.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #495 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

vs. 1 - 3

Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #195 "Children of God"

Children of God, let's love one another.

Love is a gift, a blessing of God.

Love one another, sisters and brothers.

Love is a gift of God.

Let love be more than what we say.

Make it the way that we live each day.

Oh oh,

Children of God, let's love one another.

Love is a gift, a blessing of God.

Love one another, sisters and brothers.

Love is a gift of God.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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