



## **Worship Service for March 10, 2024**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Aimee Broadhurst
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>*Praise &amp; Worship Songs</b>	Congregation

“Make a New Heart”

Make a new heart

Make a new heart in me today and everyday

Make a new heart

Make a new heart in me today and everyday (x2)

Just as you made the earth,

sky and sea and everything teeming in them

Make a new heart

Make a new heart in me today and everyday (x2)

Renew your breath of life in us

Restore our joy, restore our joy

Make a new heart

Make a new heart in me today and everyday (x2)

How can a person start over and change

and be born again to new life

Make a new heart

Make a new heart in me today and everyday (x2)

Feel the heartbeat of the world

and soften us to listen

Make a new heart

Make a new heart in us today and everyday

Make a new heart

Make a new heart in us today and everyday (x2)

**Announcements**

Aimee Broadhurst

**Call to Worship**

Aimee Broadhurst

LEADER: Let us come before the God of all creation with open spirits, deeply longing for divine insight.

**ALL: We stand before our God in stillness of spirit, and offer God the reverent silence of our souls.**

LEADER: Together we acknowledge the precious gifts of life and love that are not of our own making.

**ALL: Together we proclaim: There is but one Lenten Journey of seeking, prayer, fasting, reflection, and listening. In the end, we will know that all of us are children of God.**

**\*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

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 burdens down,  
We lay our burdens down  
We lay our burdens down,  
We lay our burdens down

**\*Gathering Prayer**

Aimee Broadhurst

**ALL: God of life, we bring our whole selves to you in this season of Lent. We seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus as he went into the wilderness. May our Lenten journey take us into sacred solitude. May we seek to know you and ourselves more fully. May we come upon your voice as we affirm the purpose of our making. As we gather in worship, we commit ourselves to live in stillness of spirit. In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

Pastor Felix Carrión

## Psalm 139:7-18

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

If I take the wings of the morning

and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light around me become night',

even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is as bright as the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;

that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,

when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.  
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written  
all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.  
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Aimee Broadhurst

The Tao of Inner Peace by Diane Dreher

Peace comes from transcending polarities with a vision of the larger whole. Call that vision Life, God, Existence, or Tao. It has many names. Beyond the surface differences, it is the One that includes us all. Each day we meet our physical needs, eating and sleeping at regular intervals. [Spiritual seekers] also make time for

spiritual renewal. If we neglect our bodies, they become imbalanced and break down. If we neglect our spiritual needs, we become emotionally imbalanced and our world breaks down in continued conflict. Moments of reflection enable our roots to go deep to the source, drawing upon the infinite power and wisdom of God.

**Reflection**

Pastor Felix Carrión

“The Spiritual Quest”

**Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

“Near to the Heart of God”

In a place of quiet rest, near the heart of God,

We will feel acceptance near the heart of God.

O Jesus, bless-ed comforter, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait before You

near to the heart of God.

In a place of comfort sweet, near the heart of God,



We will sit at Jesus' feet, near the heart of God.

O Jesus, bless-ed comforter, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait before You

near to the heart of God.

In a place of full release, near the heart of God,

We will find our joy and peace, near the heart of God.

O Jesus, bless-ed comforter, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait before You

near to the heart of God.

near to the heart of God.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Felix Carrión

## **Invitation to Offering**

Aimee Broadhurst

One Great Hour Of Sharing (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

LEADER: God of the journey, we give these offerings in gratitude,

**ALL: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in faith,

**ALL: trusting that you will provide for our needs.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in hope,

**ALL: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.**

LEADER: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

**ALL: may we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen.**

**\*Congregational Song**

Congregation

“Come to Me”

All who are weary

All who are burdened down

Come to me, come to me

Come to me and I will give you rest. (x2)

My yoke is easy

My burden feels so light

Come to me, come to me

Come to me and I will give you rest. (x2)

All who are weary

All who are burdened down

Come to me, come to me

Come to me and I will give you rest. (x2)

Come to me, come to me

Come to me and I will give you rest. (x2)

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**\*Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! # 201 "Deep Peace"

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,

Not as the world gives, I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,

My peace I give to you.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

### **Today's Worship Participants**

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