



Worship Service for March 3, 2024

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Paula McKnight
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
Praise & Worship Songs	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)

LEADER: Just as you made the earth,
sky and sea and everything teeming in them.

**ALL: 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)

LEADER: Renew your breath of life in us

Restore our joy, restore our joy

ALL: 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)

LEADER: How can a person start over and change
and be born again to new life

**ALL: 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)

LEADER: Feel the heartbeat of the world
and soften us to listen

**ALL: 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

Paula McKnight

Call to Worship

Paula McKnight

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: Together we proclaim: One bread, one
Body, one Jesus, one cup of blessing.
Though many throughout the whole
earth, we are One.**

***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 (x2)

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

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 long to experience the fullness of communion.
As we gather around your table, we commit
ourselves to live in oneness of heart, mind and
spirit. In Jesus' name we pray.**

Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Paula McKnight

Chicago, United, & Eden Seminaries (CUE)

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

Paula McKnight

ALL: Holy One, we come to you with hearts filled with gratitude for the abundant blessings you give us each day. We acknowledge that cheerful giving is not an obligation but a joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our giving is an expression of our deep love for you, our beloved congregation, and our mission. Bless these offerings in service of all that is holy, good and noble.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for

what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

Mark 1:12 & 13

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Contemporary Witness

Paula McKnight

Tiehard de Chardan
Jesuit Theologian and Paleontologist

“In all those dark moments, O God, grant that I may understand that it is you who are painfully parting the fibers of my being in order to reveal the very marrow of my substance.”

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Lent In a Different Light”

Special Music**Plymouth Choir****“Where There Is Love”**

Where there is love, doors are opened, hope restored, and fears released.

Where there is love, the path is clear.

Oh, let the light of love live in me.

Where there is love, hearts are mended, grace bestowed, and souls redeemed.

Where there is love, we can begin.

Oh, let the light of love live in me.

Oh, let God's love flow through me, like the air I breathe, ev'ry word that I say be a testament of grace.

In my song, through my prayer, love will flourish there.

Love will heal and restore.

Let me shine love's light evermore.

Where there is love, chains are broken, spirits soar, and hearts set free.

Where there is love, all things are possible.

Oh, let the light of love live in me.

Let the light of love live in me.

Let there be love.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation

**ALL: O God, we have come to this table with open
hearts. You fed and nourished our spirits. We rise
from this table to be present to each other with
love and care.**

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” vs. 1

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

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