



Worship Service for August 23, 2026

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Margaret Stone
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
Praise & Worship Songs	Congregation

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's re-creation of the new day

Announcements

Margaret Stone

Call to Worship

Margaret Stone

LEADER: Please join me in our responsive call to
worship.

LEADER: We are invited to live in the Present Moment.

ALL: Be here now, Plymouth!

LEADER: Not yesterday or tomorrow, but this day.

**ALL: We ask God: What are you calling me to do
now, in this present moment?**

LEADER: The Divine Will is manifested to us in the
Present Moment. It is integrated into each day.

**ALL: We have only to live each day fully as a gift
from the Holy One.**

Hymn

Congregation

*TNCH #417 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"
vs. 1, 4, & * (alternative fourth stanza)*

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings—
our God is making all things new.

In faith we'll gather round the table
to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings
Our God is making all things new.

Gathering Prayer

Margaret Stone

LEADER: Please join me in the Gathering Prayer.

ALL: O Holy One, we confess that we often struggle to embrace the present moment. We find ourselves distracted by the past or preoccupied with the future, leaving little room for being fully present in each day. Our fears and regrets get in the way of living in the precious now. Yet, we know the gift of each day is always with us. Teach us to know this not as a thought but as a living experience. We pray this for ourselves and for our beloved Plymouth community.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Margaret Stone

Psalm 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Contemporary Witness

Amie Friday

"Chosen Family"

Where do I belong?

Tell me your story and I'll tell you mine

I'm all ears, take your time, we've got all night

Show me the rivers crossed, the mountains scaled

Show me who made you walk all the way here

Settle down, put your bags down

You're alright now

We don't need to be related to relate

We don't need to share genes or a surname

You are, you are

My chosen, chosen family

So what if we don't look the same?

We been going through the same thing, yeah

You are, you are

My chosen, chosen family

Hand me a pen and I'll rewrite the pain

When you're ready, we'll turn the page together

Open a bottle, it's time we celebrate

Who you were, who you are

We're one and the same, yeah, yeah

I chose you

You chose me

I chose (Chosen family)

I chose you

You chose me

We're alright now

We don't need to be related to relate

We don't need to share genes or a surname

You are, you are

My chosen, chosen family

So what if we don't look the same?

We been going through the same thing, yeah

You are, you are

My chosen, chosen family

Reflection

Amie Friday

"Lessons Learned"

Special Music

Video

"You Will Be Found"

Have you ever felt like nobody was there?

Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?

Have you ever felt like you could disappear?

Like you could fall, and no one would hear?

Well, let that lonely feeling wash away

Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay

Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand

You can reach, reach out your hand

And oh, someone will come running

And I know, they'll take you home

Even when the dark comes crashing through

When you need a friend to carry you

And when you're broken on the ground

You will be found

So let the sun come streaming in

'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again

Lift your head and look around

You will be found

There's a place where we don't have to feel unknown

And every time that you call out

You're a little less alone

If you only say the word

From across the silence your voice is heard

Even when the dark comes crashing through

When you need a friend to carry you

When you're broken on the ground

You will be found

So let the sun come streaming in

'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again

If you only look around

You will be found

Out of the shadows

The morning is breaking

And all is new, all is new

It's filling up the empty

And suddenly I see that

All is new, all is new

You are not alone

Even when the dark comes crashin' through

When you need someone to carry you

And when you're broken on the ground

You will be found!

So let the sun come streaming in

'Cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again

If you only look around

You will be found

You will be found

You will be found

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering Margaret Stone
NAM Family Violence 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 Margaret Stone

ALL: Holy One, you give us the gift of life and love every day. Everything we have been given has the purpose of shaping us to be fully alive, as individuals and as a congregation. With gratitude, we bring our gifts and pray that you bless and multiply them. May they serve to empower our congregation and its ministries.

Amen.

Hymn

Congregation

TNCH #28 "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs. 1 & 4

For the beauty of the earth,
for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the good that love inspires,
for a world where none exclude,
for a faith that never tires,
and for every heart renewed,
God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

***Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! #205 "Dance into Joy"

So dance into joy with hands upraised.

Greet each new day as the holiest of days,
and to your God sing great songs of praise.

To your God sing praise!

(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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