



Worship Service for August 16, 2026

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Pamela Laham
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

Pamela Laham

Call to Worship

Pamela Laham

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

Pamela Laham

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

Pastor Felix Carrión

John 10:9 & 10

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Contemporary Witness

Pamela Laham

Other Quotes Related to Living Each Day Fully

“Life needs to be experienced fully, not only in its sweetest, easiest moments. This is what mindfulness is all about—being here and now, with pure awareness of our experiences.”
 – *Jennifer Burger*

“Be a curator of your life. Slowly cut things out until you’re left only with what you love, with what’s necessary, with what makes you happy.”
 – *Leo Babauta*

“How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.”
 – *Annie Dillard*

“If you don’t like something, change it. If you can’t change it, change your attitude.”
 – *Maya Angelou*

“Mistakes are water. Grow your lessons from them.”
 – *Alexandra Elle*

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Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Abundant Living”

Special Music

Marshall Davies

TNCH #31 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Pamela Laham

United Campus Ministry

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

Pamela Laham

**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 & 3

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 joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
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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