



Worship Service for August 30, 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

Pamela Laham

Luke 17:20 & 21

Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is within you."

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

A Speech - Thich Nhat Hanh

If you miss the present moment, you miss your appointment with life, which is very serious.

So next time when someone asks you whether you have time, you may say I have an appointment with life. I don't want to miss that appointment.

This is why I always try to be home in the here and the now. In the here and the now, I get in touch with nature, with the refreshing and healing elements of nature that are in me and around me because I need nourishment and healing. So I have to go home to the here and the now in order to get the nourishment and healing that I need.

I have been running all my life looking for something in the future, elsewhere. And I have missed my appointment with life. Because of that, I have become sick. I suffer.

This is why I have to learn to go home to the here and the now and get in touch with the elements of life that can be nourishing.

And mindfulness helped me to go home to the here and the now and get in touch with the wonders of life.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

"My Appointment with Life"

Special Music

Video

"As We Gather Draw Us Near"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Pamela Laham

Texas Freedom Network Education Fund

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 & 2

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 wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,

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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