



Worship Service for July 26, 2026

Prelude

Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour

Pam Laham

Welcome

Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment

Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise & Worship Songs

Congregation

*TNCH #397 "Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers"
vs. 2 & 3*

Praise to God for congregations,
keeping faith with Christ as guide;
Many tongues of many nations,
song and service unified.

Sweet the psalm and sweet the carol,
when our song is raised as one.

Glory, glory, your the power,
as in heaven your will be done.

Holy is your name forever!

Heal divisions that remain;
Bless the church's new endeavors;
make our witness one again.
One in Christ and in Christ's gospel,
make us one we now implore.
Glory, glory, yours the glory,
then and now and evermore.

Announcements

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Call to Worship

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LEADER: We are invited by Jesus to abide in him, as we
abide in each other.

ALL: We gather together because we abide in Jesus.

LEADER: The branches that remain on the vine bear much
fruit.

**ALL: We gather together because we seek to be
spiritually alive and vibrant.**

LEADER: We abide in each other, as well.

ALL: We are branches, bearing fruit.

LEADER: Together we are a spiritual family, loving and serving.

ALL: Together, we are a living witness here and now.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #388 "Help Us Accept Each Other"
vs. 1, 2, & 4

Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us,
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live.

Teach us, O God, your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them,
Or as they may become.

God, for today's encounters
With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance,
For righteousness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for seeing,
New hands for holding on;
Renew us with your Spirit;
God! Free us, make us one!

Gathering Prayer

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ALL: O God, we gather together in your presence with expectation, seeking your higher will for our lives and community, eager to hear your living word. May the seeds of this holy word take root in our hearts and produce an abundance of good deeds. Open our hearts to one another as

siblings in love and faith, grounding us in your Spirit, as we abide together each day without fail. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

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John 15:4 & 5

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.

Ephesians 4:1 - 6

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

Contemporary Witness

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Everything Falls Away
by Parker J. Palmer

Everything falls away, except the thread
you've followed, unknowing, all along.

The thread that strings together all you've
been and done, the thread you didn't know
you were tracking until, toward the end,
you see that the thread is what stays,
as everything else falls away.

Follow that thread as far as you can and
you'll find that it does not end, but weaves
into the unimaginable vastness of life. Your
life never was the solo turn it seemed to be.
It was always part of the great weave of
nature and humanity, an immensity we

come to know only as we follow our own
small threads to the place where they
merge with the boundless whole.

Reflection

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“Abide Together, Part II”

Special Music

Plymouth Choir & members from Pride Chorus Houston
(video)

“This is Who You Are”

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

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Invitation to Offering

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S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat)

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

Congregation

**ALL: Holy One, you have given us the gift of love,
enriching our precious lives. Your blessings
shape us to be of one heart and mind, and so
we offer what we have to you. Bless these gifts
as we bring them, and may they bear fruit in
our lives and community.**

Amen.

***Hymn**

Congregation

*TNCH #181 "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"
vs. 1, 2, & 4*

You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the City of God!

We are a blessed and a pilgrim people:
bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland:
love is the City of God!

Benediction

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Song of Parting

Congregation

*TNCH #181 "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"
(refrain)*

Bring forth the reign of mercy,
bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice,
bring forth the City of God!
(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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