



**Worship Service for February 18, 2026**  
***Ash Wednesday***

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Jan Lundy
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Jan Lundy

LEADER: Today, we affirm our commitment to walk together on our Lenten Journey.

**ALL: Today, we remember that we are made of the earth's elements and are filled with the breath of life.**

LEADER: Today, we affirm that our lives are sacred for we have been made "in the image and likeness of God."

**ALL: In this Lenten Season, we pray for guidance to go where Jesus leads, as we journey on this holy path.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

*TNCH #448 "Take My Life, God, Let It Be"  
vs. 1, 3, & 4*

Take my life, God, let it be  
consecrated faithfully.

Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in cease-less praise.

Take my will; your will be done!  
Make your will and mine be one.  
Take my heart, and by your grace  
make of it your dwelling place.

Take my love and help it grow;  
let my loving overflow.

Take me now, and help me be  
part of Christ's community.

**Biblical Witness**

Jan Lundy

*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**

Pastor Felix Carrión

*Nahmanides*

The Sephardic Jewish scholar, Nahmanides, says this about humility, “Let your eyes be turned earthwards and your heart heavenwards.

**Reflection**

Pastor Felix Carrión

*“Humility”***Blessing & Receiving of the Ashes**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**\*Hymn****Congregation***“Here I Am, Lord”*

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide

Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

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### **Unison Prayer**

Congregation

**ALL: God, we turn to you now. Be merciful to us. At times, we feel we must come against others to defend ourselves. We take refuge in you, instead. At times, we feel we must silence others. We choose to be still, instead. At times, we feel we must rebut every argument. We look to you for what is right, instead. At times, we feel we must make ourselves appear powerful. We remember that your power is made perfect in weakness. Help us avoid pointing fingers or making accusations. Help us to quietly and**

**peaceably stand up for what is good. Help us to take care of our own hearts before criticizing others. Help us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.**

**Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering**

Jan Lundy

*Plymouth's General Fund*

**Offertory Music**

Marshall Davies

**\*Doxology**

Marshall Davies

**Offertory Prayer**

Jan Lundy

LEADER: God of the journey, we give these offerings in gratitude,

**ALL: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in faith,

**ALL: trusting that you will provide for our needs.**

LEADER: We give these offerings in hope,

**ALL: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.**

LEADER: And with these offerings, we give ourselves.

**ALL: May we live with generous hearts and with open hands.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Marshall Davies

*TNCH #212 "O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns"*

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising,  
in every city for your love and care;  
Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising  
that your blessed Spirit rouses everywhere.

Grant us new courage, never proud, but humble,  
strong in your strength to venture and to dare;  
To lift the fallen, guide the ones who stumble,  
seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,  
as you once wept above Jerusalem,  
Seeking to gather all in love and pity,  
and healing those who touch your garment's hem.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

**Tonight's Worship Participants**

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