



**Worship Service for March 16, 2025  
2nd Sunday of Lent**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Pam Conyne
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Praise &amp; Worship Songs</b>	Congregation
Sing! 109 "Part the Water"	

Help us, O God we're here by the water.

Here at the end of the road.

Lead us, O God, on down through the river.

Help us to know how to go.

So part the waters of all injustice.

God help us cross bravely with Jesus as our guide,  
and send down the Spirit of your compassion.

God help us to love when we move against the tide.  
And as we cross the river,  
help us bring your love forever.  
'Til we have reached the other side.

Show us a world that's free from oppression.  
Free from the pain we all face.  
Give us the strength to help make a future.  
Warmed by the light of your grace.

So part the waters of all injustice.  
God help us cross bravely with Jesus as our guide,  
and send down the Spirit of your compassion.  
God help us to love when we move against the tide.  
And as we cross the river,  
help us bring your love forever.  
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Teach us the way to help all your children.  
Each of us precious to you.  
Teach us that love is stronger than hatred.

Nothing is stronger than love!

So part the waters of all injustice.

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and send down the Spirit of your compassion.

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**Announcements**

Pam Conyne

**Call to Worship**

Pam Conyne

LEADER: Let us come before the God of all creation with  
open hands and open hearts.

**ALL: Let us praise and thank God with every fiber of  
our being.**

LEADER: Together we give thanks for the precious gifts of  
life and love.

**ALL: Though many throughout the whole earth, we  
are One.**

**\*Congregational Song**

Congregation

TNCH #573 "Lead on Eternal Sovereign" vs. 1 & 2

Lead on eternal Sovereign,  
we follow in your way;  
loud rings your cry for justice,  
your call for peace this day:  
Through prayerful preparation,  
your grace will make us strong,  
to carry on the struggle  
to triumph over wrong.

Lead on eternal Sovereign,  
follow not with fear,  
for in each human conflict  
your words of strength we hear:  
That when we serve with gladness,  
you will not let us fall,

our trust is in your promise  
that love will conquer all.

**Gathering Prayer**

Congregation

**ALL: God of life, we bring our whole selves to you and offer our reverence and awe. Jesus prayed that we would be one and called us to live in unity. We commit ourselves to live in oneness of heart, mind and spirit. In Jesus' name we pray.e.**

**Amen.**

**Invitation to Offering**

Pam Conyne

Double Down For Plymouth

**Offertory Music**

Marshall Davies

**\*Doxology**

Congregation

**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**

Pam Conyne

**ALL: Holy One, accept and bless our offerings this day. Grant that we might live generously, as we serve to be a blessing to our world. May we be faithful in all things and at all times!**

**Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

Pastor Felix Carrión

Luke 7:11 - 17

Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, rise!' The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of

them; and they glorified God, saying, 'A great prophet has risen among us!' and 'God has looked favorably on his people!' This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Pam Conyne

### Quotes on Love as an Act of Resistance

The idea of "love as an act of resistance" suggests that love, in its various forms, can be a powerful tool to challenge oppression, injustice, and systems that seek to silence or dehumanize, acting as a force for positive change and liberation.

— Oxfam International

In times of hardship, oppression, and crisis, love, in all its forms (romantic, familial, communal, etc.), can be a powerful tool of resistance. It challenges forces that seek to silence,

dehumanize, and extinguish, reclaiming humanity and dignity for those who are often reduced to statistics or victims.

— LinkedIn - Shelina Janmohamed

Love can be seen as a revolutionary act, as it challenges dominant, abusive, and oppressive structures. It's a model of relationship-oriented activism that encompasses dialogue, nonviolence, interconnectedness, reflexivity, shared power, and solidarity.

— Bell Hooks

**Reflection**

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Resistance: Compassion, Defiance, Restoration”

**Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

“Only Hope”

There's a song that's inside of my soul



It's the one that I've tried to write over and over again  
I'm awake in the infinite cold  
But you sing to me over and over and over again

So I lay my head back down  
And I lift my hands and pray  
To be only yours I pray  
To be only yours  
I know now you're my only hope

Sing to me the song of the stars  
Of your galaxy dancing and laughing and laughing again  
When it feels like my dreams are so far  
Sing to me of the plans that you have for me over again

So I lay my head back down  
And I lift my hands and pray  
To be only yours I pray  
To be only yours I know now you're my only hope

I give you my destiny

I'm giving you all of me  
I want your symphony  
Singing in all that I am  
At the top of my lungs  
I'm giving it back

So I lay my head back down  
And I lift my hands and pray  
To be only yours I pray  
To be only yours I pray  
To be only yours I know now you're my only hope  
Mm, mm-mm-mm-mm, ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh-ooh

**Invitation and Communion Prayer**      Pastor Felix Carrión

PASTOR: Welcome, friends, to this holy sharing.

**ALL: Welcome to offer love.**

PASTOR: Welcome to this time set apart.

**ALL: A time to remember the holy promises of God.**

PASTOR: Welcome to this table of remembrance and joy.

**ALL: where we are fed the feast of life in the bread and cup.**

## **Communion Prayer**

### **Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup**

### **Sharing the Elements**

*\*all elements are gluten free*

## **Jesus's Prayer**

Congregation

### **The New Zealand Book of Prayer**

**ALL: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustains our hope and comes on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In**

**times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**\*Congregational Song**

Congregation

“Break Our Hearts Again”

We pile up like dry bones,  
like orphans gathering  
In burden, we're broken,  
our defenses fracturing

So break our hearts again  
Stretch us 'til we bend.  
Breathe new life on these tired bones  
And make us new again

Our mountains are crumbling,  
like sand into the sea  
Our rivers run drier than

the rocks beneath our feet

So break our hearts again

Stretch us 'til we bend.

Breathe new life on these tired bones

And make us new again

(x2)

We lay our armor down (x8)

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing #199 "Go Make A Diff'rence"

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a difference in the world  
(x2)

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

**Today's Worship Participants**

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