



Worship Service for April 27, 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter

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| Prelude | Marshall Davies |
| Chiming of the Hour | Pam Conyne |
| Welcome | Pastor Felix Carrión |
| Centering Moment | Pastor Felix Carrión |
| Praise & Worship Celebration | Congregation |

"Traveling Friend"

There's a friend whose walking this road with us.

Helping us to notice what is real.

Showing hearts and minds a deeper meaning.

And understanding ev'rything we feel.

And if you want this trav'ling friend to stay with you.

All you've got to do is pray

and when you share your bread this Friend is there with you.

Helping eyes to see a brand new way.

Stay, trav'ling Friend, please stay.

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Stay, trav'ling Friend, please stay.

You make my heart feel new.

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Stay, trav'ling Friend, please stay.

You make OUR hearts feel new.

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Announcements

Pam Conyne

Call to Worship

Pam Conyne

LEADER: In this blessed season of Eastertide, we pray, "By your grace, O God, raise us to the wonder of love and light."

ALL: We walk in the light of Jesus, which dispels all darkness and points us to the path of sacred truth.

LEADER: In this season of our faith, we proclaim the gospel of Jesus.

ALL: Together, we pray, "By your grace, O God, raise us to the wonder of love and light."

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

“How Strong”

How strong, how true, how big is God’s love

How strong, how true, how big is God’s love

As far as up is from down, as far as East is from West.

As far as up is from down, as far as East is from West.

That’s how great God’s love is for all of us!

That's how great God's love is--that's how strong!

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Gathering Prayer

Congregation

**ALL: Holy One, we thank you for meeting us here
with your love as we embrace the presence of Jesus.
We hear You calling us to the truth of the gospel of**

Jesus and our faith. Our doubts and fears die as we rise to a new life of clear hearts and minds rooted in truth. Our praise and prayers we offer and share with each other.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

John 20:20-30

And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the

nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

Contemporary Witness

Pam Conyne

A Quote by Jelaluddin Rumi

I called through your door,
"The mystics are gathering
in the street. Come out!"

"Leave me alone.

I'm sick."

"I don't care if you're dead!
Jesus is here, and he wants
to resurrect somebody!"

— Jelaluddin Rumi, *The Essential Rumi*

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Jesus Showed Them His Wounds”

Special Music

Video

“My Hope”

My hope's not in economy
Not in wealth or in prosperity
Not in promises of stability
My Hope

My hope's not in possessions

Not a job or a profession

Not the state of corporations

My Hope

My hope is not in weapons

Not in guns or their protection

Not vehemence, not in revenge

My Hope, My Hope.

My hope is in the Most Gracious One

The same source of Life for all under the sun

My hope lives strong in the freedom of Love

Love that's movin', changin', healin', Love that's only just begun

It's only just begun. This is my hope.

My hope is not in government

Not the pope, not the president

Not a party, not a candidate

My Hope

My hope is not vanity
Not in national security
Not even moral purity
My hope

My hope's not in religion
Not in cults or their confessions
Not in prophets so called "heaven sent"
My hope. My Hope.

My hope is in the Most Gracious One
The same source of Life for all under the sun
My hope lives strong in the freedom of Love
Love that's moving, changing, healing, Love that's only just
begun
It's only just begun...

Don't be afraid now. Lift up your eyes.
No, I won't be afraid of any friend or kindred.
Cause we're all in this together
We gotta walk side by side.

Put all our prejudice behind.

Cause Our hope is in the Most Gracious One

The same source of Life for all under the sun

Our hope lives strong in the freedom of Love

Love that's movin', changin', healin', Love that's only just begun. It's only just begun.

This is my hope. Ooo

Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Pam Conyne

Hope Center Houston

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**

Pam Conyne

ALL:

**Holy One, we come to you with hearts filled with
praise and gratitude for the blessings you give us
each day. We acknowledge that faithful giving is a
joyful act of worship. Help us understand that our
giving expresses our love for you and others. Bless
these offerings in service of all that is holy, good,
and noble.**

Amen.

***Congregation Song**

Congregation

Sing! #192 "Carry the Light"

We have all witnessed Your presence.

We have all received Your grace.

We give You honor and glory.

For moving in this place.

Now we go out to share the Good News.

Now we go out to share Your love.

Now we go out to share the Good News.

Now we go out to share Your love.

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light to all the earth!

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light!

Carry the Light of Jesus Christ!

(x2)

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song Of Parting

Congregation

TNCH #236 "Halleluja"

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halle halle, halle - luja.

Halleluja, halleluja.

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halle, halle, halle - luja.

Halle halle, halle - luja.

Halleluja, halleluja.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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