



Worship Service for April 6, 2025
5th Sunday of Lent

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Pam Conyne
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix Carrión
Praise & Worship Songs	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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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 the gospel of Jesus, 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!

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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.

Invitation to Offering

Pam Conyne

RIP Medical Debt

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

Pam Conyne

John 18:33-38

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Excavating Jesus: Beneath the Stones, Behind the Texts
by John Dominic Crossan & Jonathan L. Reed

Tell me, said the anthropologist, how you eat and I will tell you how you live; show me your table and I will know your society. How do you dine with your God? Are the seating arrangements and food distributions open or regulated, egalitarian or hierarchical? And, if hierarchical, on what norm is the hierarchy established? How do you dine with your king? Are the invitations universal or particular, for all alike or for the very special few? And, once again, what criteria establishes you among those very special few? How do you eat with Augustus and/or Herod and/or Antipas in the Kingdom of Rome? And, how, above all, do you eat and drink with Jesus of Nazareth in the Kingdom of God?

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Excavating Jesus: The Essence of the Gospel”

Special Music**Plymouth Choir****“A World of Difference”**

Spirit, place Your song within my heart;
breathe within my soul each note and part.
Make my voice your messenger to all the world
'til all may know the grace, the love that God imparts,
Spirit, sing a song through me!

Spirit, be my guiding voice so near;
bringing peace and casting out all fear,
Make my voice your messenger to all the world
'til all may know the grace, the love that God imparts,
Spirit, sing through me a song!

Spirit, sing your melody anew;
flow into my heart and back to You;
Make my voice your messenger to all the world
'til all may know the grace, the love that God imparts,
Spirit, sing Your song through me!

Spirit, sing through me Your song!

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

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, O carry 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.

(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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