



Worship Service for May 3, 2026 Mental Health Awareness Month

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Margaret Stone
Welcome	Mary Davis
Centering Moment	Mary Davis
Praise & Worship Songs <i>"God Will See Us Through"</i>	Congregation

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God has seen us through.
Times when our strength was gone,
somehow we carried on,
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God has never let us down.
Lean ahead and trust,
God is guiding us,
God is with us here right now.

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Announcements

Margaret Stone

Call to Worship

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LEADER: Somehow, despite all the pitfalls along the way, all the trials and tribulations in each of our lives, God has kept watch over us.

ALL: We have been confined and burdened; we have walked through fire and water; we have been mightily tested, but we have not been overcome.

LEADER: We are here because we seek to embrace, cherish, and speak the truth of our lives.

ALL: God hears our pleas and continues to love us with steadfast, undying love.

*Hymn

Congregation

TNCH #179 "We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"

We yearn, O Christ, for wholeness
and for your healing touch;
too long have we felt helpless;
our burdens seemed too much.
Forgetting all pretenses
we make our pleadings heard,

in hope and expectation
await your gracious Word.

We long to have companions
who travel by our side,
strong friends to call and answer
with whom we are allied;
As we lift up each other
when struggles lay us low,
community develops;
our faith and caring grow.

We need your living presence,
O Christ of Galilee,
a presence that revives us
and sets our spirits free.
No longer are we fearful,
your love pervades each place.
Empower us with courage
to claim your healing grace.

Gathering Prayer

Margaret Stone

ALL: Holy One, be with us in this sacred space. Stir your Spirit in and among us as we offer ourselves to you. We long to hear more than our own fearful groaning. From the places deep within us, may your Spirit intercede for us. Let us see you through all brokenness that we may find wholeness in being your holy body here and now. Create in us a tenderness to the needs of all, an openness to everyone's gifts, and a commitment to the journey of healing and wholeness. We offer this prayer in the name of love and truth.

Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Margaret Stone

National Alliance On Mental Illness (NAMI)

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

Margaret Stone

ALL: Holy One, you have given us the gift of love so that we might all know the truth of our precious lives. Everything we have been given has the purpose of shaping us to be of one heart and mind, and so we offer what we have to you. Bless these gifts as we bring them, that we all might reveal the truth of the handiwork of God in our lives.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Margaret Stone

John 9:8, 11, 18, & 21

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?'

He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight.

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight.

'but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, He will speak for himself.'

Courage to Change
Adapted from pg. 10

The more attention I pay to this mental static, the more I lose my foothold in reality. Then nothing useful can be accomplished. As I shut out the noise, I am more receptive to God's will, and therefore much more able to work my way through difficult times. This day is all I have to work with, and it is all I need. If I am tempted to worry about tomorrow's concerns, I will gently bring my mind back to today.

Reflection

Mary Davis

"Fear and Finding My Voice"

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

"Stained Glass"

I prayed to be strong.

I longed to be bold, to stand against the wrong like the heroes of old.

Faith was too fragile, my heart frail and sad, and pieces of dreams were all that I had.

Broken, shattered, stained and scattered, gathered together in the Artist's hand;
a life left in pieces, brought into place; a window of light, a portrait of grace.

Who could have known that God would make art from glass stained and broken, from lives torn apart?
Flooded with light, new colors reveal that in weakness God shines, and our beauty is made clear.

Broken, shattered, stained and scattered, gathered together in the Artist's hand;
a life left in pieces, brought to this place; a window of light, a portrait of grace.

So, here are my scars, my wounds old and new,
this life filled with struggles, I give it to You.
God, gather my pieces with Your tender hand,

and put them together, and put them together as only You can.

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Ron Krueger

REV. RON: Welcome, friends, to this holy sharing.

ALL: Welcome to offer love.

REV. RON: Welcome to this time set apart.

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

REV. RON: 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 alcohol & gluten free*

Communion Music

Plymouth Choir

TNCH #308 "At the Font We Start Our Journey"

At the font we start our journey,
in the Easter faith baptized;

doubts and fears no longer blind us,
by the light of Christ surprised.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hope held out and realized.

At the altar we are nourished
with the Easter gift of bread;
in our breaking it to pieces
see the love of Christ outspread.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Life embraced, yet still untold.

Jesus' 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! #75 "Banner of Hope"

Hastening down the morning,
 floating on the breath of day,
 holding out dawn's promise to the world.
 Beyond any sensible warning,
 joy finds a place to stay.
 Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,
coming forth without delay,
op'ning up tomorrow for God's Word.
Despite all the bitterness, scorning,
grace finds a place to stay.
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,
spiriting the fear away,
blessings dance as true hope is restored.
Love grows from the ashes of sorrow,
faith finds a place to stay.
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Benediction

Mary Davis

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #194 "Go In Peace"

Leader: Our God's light,

All: Our God's light,

Leader: Our Savior's grace

All: Our Savior's grace

Leader: The warm love

All: The warm love

Leader: of the Spirit's embrace, will guide you

All: will guide you

Leader: as you leave this place. Go in peace.

All: Go in peace.

Leader: May you find peace

All: May you find peace

Leader: as you walk in faith.

All: as you walk in faith.

Leader: May you find joy

All: May you find joy

Leader: as you run the race. May God bless you

All: May God bless you

Leader: and keep you always. Go with love.

All: Go with love.

Postlude

Marshall Davies

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