



Worship Service for March 15, 2026

Prelude Kevin Guess

Chiming of the Hour Cii-jayy Jones

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise and Worship Song Congregation
"Down by the Riverside"

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer;

It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer;

Not my mother, not my father, but it's me O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

I'm gonna lay down my burden,

Down by the riverside,

Down by the riverside,

Down by the riverside;

I'm gonna lay down my burden,

Down by the riverside,

Down by the riverside.

I ain't gonna study war no more,

ain't gonna study war no more,

ain't gonna study war no more, no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more,

ain't gonna study war no more,

down by the riverside.

Announcements

Cii-jayy Jones

Call to Worship

Cii-jayy Jones

LEADER: Holy One, in this season of Lent,

ALL: we quiet our minds that we may see more clearly.

LEADER: We ask, seek, and knock

ALL: that our prayers may be answered and our longing fulfilled.

LEADER: We acknowledge that so much of faith-life involves waiting

ALL: for the voice of God to speak, for the spirit to move, for fullness of your Kingdom.

LEADER: We acknowledge that even as we wait, you are working

ALL: redeeming the earth, redeeming people, and confirming your love.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #73 "Like a Healing Stream"

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
As in a dream unfolding,
Promising revival and rebirth
Like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil
To coax a new creation,
Yearning for an end to want and need
Like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel
In a new direction,

Calling for an end to hate and war

Like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,

Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,

God is working in our hearts

To shape a new tomorrow:

God will always challenge and provide!

Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,

Like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL: Holy One, as I move through the Lenten journey, guide me on the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me accept others, showing them your love rather than casting judgment.

Stay with me through busy days and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always trust in you.

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Cii-jay Jones

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot

against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only God.’ ” Then the devil left Jesus, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

*Meditations with Meister Eckhart:
A Centering Book by Matthew Fox*

Consider the divine spirit in the human soul. This spirit is not easily satisfied. It storms the firmament and scales the heavens, trying to reach the Spirit that drives the heavens. Because of this energy, everything in the world grows green, flourishes, and bursts into leaf. It presses on deeper and deeper into the vortex, further and further into the whirlpool, the primary source in which the spirit has its origin. This

spirit seeks to be broken through by God. God leads this spirit into a desert, into the wilderness and solitude of divinity, where God is pure unity and where God gushes up within Godself.

Reflection Pastor Felix Carrión
"The Temptations In the Temptations"

Special Music Mark Vines (video)
Only Hope

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering Cii-jayy Jones
Double Down For Plymouth

Offertory Music Kevin Guess

***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

Congregation

**ALL: Holy One, thank you for the abundant
blessings in my life. You have given me more
than I ever dreamed possible, and I am so
grateful. You've placed caring people around
me who consistently support and watch over
me. I am blessed daily. Bless these offerings
so that they serve those who need your divine
power and care.**

Amen.

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

Sing! #164 "I Am Available to You"

I am available to you.

I am available to you.

Take me just as I am.

Change me as only you can!

Make me a part of your plan!

I am available.

I am available.

I am available to you, O God.

I am available to you.

I am available to you.

Take me just as I am.

Change me as only you can!

Make me a part of your plan!

I am available.

I am available.

I am available to you, O God.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #201 "Deep Peace"

Love, love, deep love,

My love I give to you.

Love, love, deep love,

My love I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,

Not as the world gives, I give to you.

Love, love, deep love,

My love I give to you.

Postlude

Kevin Guess

Today's Worship Participants

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