



Worship Service for August 2, 2026

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Margaret Stone
Welcome	Pastor Felix Carrión
Centering Moment	Mary Davis
Praise & Worship Song	Congregation

"Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall, on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's re-creation of the new day

Announcements

Margaret Stone

Call to Worship

Margaret Stone

LEADER: Since ancient times, people have blessed sacred spaces as well as the communities that gathered in them.

**ALL: And so we gather to bless this space and to
bless those who will make it a spiritual home in
the journey of faith.**

LEADER: We bless this space and each other with our intention for inclusivity.

**ALL: May this truly be a sanctuary for all of us, a
place where we embrace and celebrate diversity
in all its forms.**

LEADER: May open-hearted hospitality be our passion and practice.

**ALL: May we cherish and ensure this space as a
place where each of us has the opportunity to
be heard, understood, and accepted.**

Hymn

Congregation

*TNCH #417 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"
vs. 1, 4, & starred verse below verse 4*

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings—
our God is making all things new.

In faith we'll gather round the table
taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings
Our God is making all things new.

Gathering Prayer

Margaret Stone

ALL: Holy One, bless this space and our congregation with your Holy Spirit. May this truly be a sanctuary that sparks the imagination and sparkles with beauty. May this be a place of self-expression for the unfolding of possibilities and potentials. May this space serve as a canvas for future creativity. May this truly be a sanctuary that radiates with the warmth of relationship. May it be a place that nurtures and sustains human kinship, offering shelter and comfort, and creating bonds of affection and care. May it provide opportunities for collaboration and work that does not end at these walls, but reaches out into the larger community and world. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Margaret Stone

*Love 146***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, each day you bless us with the gift
of life, and we receive blessings for all of our days.
You do not hold back when pouring your fullness
in us. As part of living each day with gratitude, we
give these gifts for our congregation and wider
community. Bless these gifts and graciously
multiply them.**

Amen.

Biblical Witness

Margaret Stone

Philippians 2:1 - 5

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

*Life Prayers from Around the World: Affirmations to**Celebrate the Human Journey**Elizabeth Roberts & Elias Amidon, editors**Poem by Anne Hillman*

We are all on a journey together...

To the center of the universe...

Look deep

Into yourself, into another.

It is to a center that is everywhere

That is the holy journey...

First you need only look:

Notice and honor the radiance of

Everything about you...

Play in this universe. Tend

All these shining things around you

The smallest plant, the creatures and
objects in your care.

Be gentle and nurture. Listen...

As we experience and accept
all that we really are...

We grow in care.

We begin to embrace others

As ourselves, and learn to live

As one among many...

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

"Being In Full Accord"

Special Music

Video

"Your Life is Now"

Prayer Of Dedication For Our Building & New Space

LEADER: Ever-present God, we praise you for all you are doing and will do in this space. We now declare this new space solely for your Light to Shine.

ALL: We dedicate this space, calling upon your blessings!

LEADER: In this place may God's love be shared, God's will be found, and may all who enter find true rest and peace in Jesus.

ALL: We dedicate this space, calling upon your blessings!

LEADER: Within these walls, may strangers be welcomed, the lost find a home, troubled souls be consoled, and the sounds of joy always be heard.

ALL: We dedicate this space, calling upon your blessings!

LEADER: Help us remember that in this space we gather to be empowered, we come in order to be sent, and to bring your Life, Light, and Love to the world.

ALL: We dedicate this space, calling upon your blessings!

LEADER: May God now bless this space from roof to floor, from wall to wall, from end to end, from its foundation to its coverings, and may God's Spirit dwell within this space.

ALL: We now proclaim that we gather in a space made sacred, affirming that God's blessings are pouring forth here even now, for one and all. We so declare in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

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.**

Breaking Bread, Pouring Cup Communion Prayer Sharing the Elements

Pastor Felix Carrión

**all elements are alcohol & we offer gluten free*

Communion Music

Marshall Davies

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.

Hymn

Congregation

*TNCH #372 "God, You Have Set Us"
vs. 1 & 3*

God, you have set us in this time and place,
Called us as stewards of your love and grace.
O keep us faithful, set our souls afire,
And by your Spirit all our work inspire.

Let doors and hearts provide a welcome here.
Let walls and voices ring with songs of cheer.
Let windows speak of beauty and of light.
Let smile and gesture show your love aright.

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing! #205 "Dance into Joy"

So dance into joy with hands upraised.
Greet each new day as the holiest of days,
and to your God sing great songs of praise.
To your God sing praise!
(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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