



## Worship Service for January 11, 2026

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Cii-jayy Jones
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Praise and Worship Song</b>	Congregation
<i>"You Are the Light of My Path"</i>	

**ALL: You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.**  
**You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.**  
**You are a light on my path.**

LEADER: Teach us Your Way, Give us Your Life,  
Smile at the praise we bring.

**ALL: Teach us Your Way, Give us Your Life.**

**Smile at the praise we bring.**

**ALL: You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.**

**You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.**

**You are a light on my path.**

**LEADER: Even in fear, we will not stray.**

**You are our history.**

**ALL: Even in fear, we will not stray.**

**You are our history.**

**ALL: You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.**

**You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.**

**You are a light on my path.**

**LEADER:** I am resolved to follow You.

You are my heart's delight.

**ALL:** I am resolved to follow You.

You are my heart's delight.

**ALL:** You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.

You are a light on my path  
shining for the world,  
showing the way leading on.

You are a light on my path.

You are a light on my path.

**Announcements**

Cii-jayy Jones

**Call to Worship**

Cii-jayy Jones

**LEADER:** "I lift up my eyes to the hill – from where will my help come?

**ALL: My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth”**

LEADER: God is Spirit.

**ALL: Those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth.**

LEADER: Holy One, move in and through us

**ALL: Holy One, fashion our lives in faith and for faith.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

*TNCH #442 “I’m Pressing on the Upward Way  
(Higher Ground)”  
vs. 1, 2, & 4*

I’m pressing on the upward way,  
new heights I’m gaining every day;  
Still praying as I’m onward bound,  
“O Plant me, God, on higher ground.”

O lift me up, and I shall be by faith in heaven eternally,  
A higher plane than I have found,

O, plant me, God on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay where  
doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where these abound,  
my prayer, my aim is higher ground.

O lift me up, and I shall be by faith in heaven eternally,  
A higher plane than I have found,  
O, plant me, God on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height,  
And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found,  
"God, lead me on the higher ground."

O lift me up, and I shall be by faith in heaven eternally,  
A higher plane than I have found,  
O, plant me, God on higher ground

**ALL: O Creator, O Immensity of love, we call on you  
in faith. Come, and be with us and in us and  
beside us and over us. Be as hands upon us,  
fashion us for shining. Be as warmth within us,  
and empower us for caring. Be as strength  
beside us, and shape our lives for healing.  
Abide in our prayers, the spoken and the  
unspoken; and make your Word come true in  
our flesh. We pray in the name of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

**Cii-jayy Jones**

*Isaiah 49:11*

And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways  
shall be raised up.

## Contemporary Witness

Mary Davis

*Excerpt from "Mountain Thoughts", written by John Muir  
Collected by Linnie Marsh Wolfe & published in  
John of Mountains (1938)*

Here is calm so deep, grasses cease waving. . . . Wonderful how completely everything in wild nature fits into us, as if truly part and parent of us. The sun shines not on us but in us. The rivers flow not past, but through us, thrilling, tingling, vibrating every fiber and cell of the substance of our bodies, making them glide and sing. The trees wave and the flowers bloom in our bodies as well as our souls, and every bird song, wind song, and; tremendous storm song of the rocks in the heart of the mountains is our song, our very own, and sings our love.

## Reflection

Mary Davis

*"Climbing the Mountain"*

## Special Music

Plymouth Choir

*TFWS #2130 "The Summons"*

## Installation of the Church Council Officers and Members

PASTOR: Dear Friends in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility for service in the ministry of the church. You have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve on the Church Council. You have accepted your call and are before us, willing to serve.

Introduce the Members and Officers of the Church Council

Bill Hoffman, Moderator

Scott Edmunds, Assistant Moderator

Amber Hoffman, Treasurer

Cathy Normand, Assistant Treasurer

Cii-jayy Jones, Secretary

Peggy Johnson

Pam Lahan

Micheal Anne Labonte

Amie Friday

Sylvia Ortiz

Andrew Lahan

“Please join me responsively as we proclaim these words from 1Corinthians 12:4 - 12.”

PASTOR: There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

**ALL: There are different kinds of service, but the same God.**

PASTOR: There are different kinds of work, but the same God works all of them in all people.

**ALL: Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.**

PASTOR: The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts;

**ALL: and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ.**

PASTOR: Having prayerfully considered the responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ’s name and for the glory of God?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: I am.

PASTOR: Will you exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

COUNCIL MEMBERS: I will, relying on God’s grace.

PASTOR: Plymouth United Church let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able, rise in body or spirit and witness to the commitment we now make?

**ALL: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in service as together we live our faith in community. We offer ourselves to you in love, honor your leadership, and will assist you as you lead us in our ministries.**

PASTOR: Eternal God, you have called these gathered to serve you in this household of faith, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry. Amen.

## **Declaration and Greeting in Christian Love**

PASTOR: In our shared love and faith, and on behalf of the people of Plymouth United Church, I rejoice to announce you are installed in your respective positions.

## **Pastoral Prayer with Joys & Concerns**

**Pastor Felix Carrión & Congregation**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Cii-jayy Jones**

**Star of Hope**

**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**

**Cii-jayy Jones**

**ALL: Holy One, of whose bounty we have all**

**received: accept these offerings of our beloved**

**congregation. Remember in your love those**

**who have brought them and those for whom**

**they are given. Bless these gifts, and may they  
promote peace and goodwill among all people.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

**Congregation**

*Sing! #196 "Let It Shine"*  
vs. 1 & 3

Let it shine, let it shine,  
The light of the world that shows the way;  
Let it shine, let it shine,  
And show us peace today.

The church bears witness to God's grace,  
Its mission crystal clear:  
to show the world God's human face,  
a world that God holds dear.

Let it shine, let it shine,  
The light of the world that shows the way;  
Let it shine, let it shine,

And show us peace today.

Now let us give ourselves to God  
Within this war-torn world,  
And work till justice walks abroad  
With flags of peace unfurled.

Let it shine, let it shine,  
The light of the world that shows the way;  
Let it shine, let it shine,  
And show us peace today.

**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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