



**Worship Service for March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent**

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Pam Laham

Welcome Pastor Felix Carrión

Centering Moment Pastor Felix Carrión

Praise & Worship Songs 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

Pam Laham

Call to Worship

Pam Laham

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.

Invitation to Offering

Pam Laham

CUE Seminaries of the United Church of Christ

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

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.

Biblical Witness

Pam Laham

Mark 1:12 & 13

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Contemporary Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

*The Fifth Agreement: A Toltec Wisdom Book
by Don Miguel Ruiz and Don Jose Ruiz*

The truth doesn't come with words. The truth is silent. It's something that you know; it's something that you can feel without words, and it's called silent knowledge. Silent

knowledge is what you know before you invest your faith in symbols.

In the process of domestication, you lose your innocence, but in losing your innocence, you start to search for what you have lost, and this leads you to gain awareness. Once you recover awareness, you become completely responsible for your own evolution – for every choice you make in life. It's time to follow the truth by following your own heart.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“The Silence, The Search, The Source”

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“Here I am, God”

I, the God of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, God. Is it I, God?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, God, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the God of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, God. Is it I, God?
I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, God, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I will hold your people in my heart.

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: The table where we are fed, the feast we share
with many.**

Communion Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Breaking Bread and Pouring Cup

Sharing the Elements

**all elements are gluten free*

Communion Music

Marshall Davies

“Meditation”

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! #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

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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