



## **Worship Service for July 2, 2023**

<b>Prelude</b>	Marshall Davies
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>	Mary Davis
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Centering Moment</b>	Pastor Felix Carrión
<b>Praise &amp; Worship Songs</b>	Congregation

### **“As We Gather Together”**

As the seagull boldly soaring  
Sings a song in wordless flight,  
As a mother rocks her baby  
Humming hope’s sweet lullaby,  
As the stones cry out, “Hosanna,”  
As the rising of the tide,  
May our hearts find natural rhythm,  
Singing praises with our lives.

As the redwoods reach for heaven,  
We extend ourselves to You.

As the strings stretch on the fretboard,  
Let us pull ourselves in tune.  
As a child draws her family,  
Favorite crayon in chubby hand,  
Each encounter of Your glory  
A new way to understand.

As we gather, draw us nearer,  
In our hunger, find Your feast.  
Deepest longings now are sated  
By Your presence and Your peace.  
In the wideness of Your mercy,  
May we find ourselves at home.  
Warmly welcomed at Your table  
Where we never eat alone.

## **Announcements**

Mary Davis

## **Call to Worship**

LEADER: Today we gather around God's table to be fed  
the bread and cup of Jesus.

**ALL: Here we commune with one another in Spirit  
and in truth, as we partake of new life.**

LEADER: Here we journey and join together in love.

Here we are joyful together.

**ALL: As we rejoice together, we remember and serve  
Jesus.**

**\*Praise & Worship Song**

Congregation

Sing! #5 "Here in this Place"

Holy one may your presence here  
open our minds  
May your Spirit among us  
Help us to find your  
rising now like a fountain of grace  
From the holy ground.

Here in this place  
Here in this place

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Here in this place  
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## **Gathering Prayer**

**ALL: Gracious One, gentle in your power, you have brought us forth from your very own Being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you gave us in Jesus. Quench our thirst with the living**

## **Invitation to Offering**

Mary Davis

Plymouth's General Fund &  
The Texas Freedom Network

## **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**

Mary Davis

**ALL: Holy One, we give you thanks and praise for the abundant gifts you bestow on us each day. We offer now our gifts and ask your blessing upon them. May they empower our congregation and community. May they serve love's purposes in our world. Amen.**

## **Biblical Witness**

Pastor Felix

Psalm 41: 4, 8, 10 & 11

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Come behold the works of God. Be still, and know that I Am God. The God of hosts is with us.

## **Contemporary Witness**

Mary Davis

Excerpt from Pageboy: A Memoir by Elliot Page

I knew when I was four years old. I went to the YMCA preschool in downtown Halifax, on South Park Street across from the Public Gardens. The building had a dark brick facade and has since been demolished and replaced. Primarily, I understood that I wasn't a girl. Not in a conscious sense, but in a pure sense, uncontaminated. That sensation is one of my earliest and clearest memories.

**Reflection**

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Contemplative Spirituality:  
Be Still”

**Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

“Be Still and Know”

Be still and know that God is Grace,

Be still and know that God is Grace.

God will comfort you, keep and strengthen you;

Be still and know that God is Grace.

Be still and know that God is Peace,

Be still and know that God is Peace.

God will comfort you, keep and strengthen you;

Be still and know that God is peace.

In your time of tribulation God will be your strength.

In your moments of loneliness, God will bring you peace.

God will bring you peace.

Be still and know that God is Love.

Be still and know that God is Love,  
God will comfort you, keep and strengthen you;  
Be still,  
Be still and know that God is Love  
Be still, Be still.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Sung Lord's Prayer**

Congregation

Our Father, our Mother, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth, as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever.

**Communion Prayer and The Words of Institution**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Congregation

**ALL: Eternal God, we thank you for feeding us at your table where we have known the presence of**

**Jesus and have received His gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your love in our lives. We pray in your Holy Name. Amen.**

**\*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

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Song of Parting**

Sing! # 201 "Deep Peace"

Peace, peace, deep peace,  
My peace I give to you.

Peace, peace, deep peace,  
My peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,  
Not as the world gives, I give to you.  
Peace, peace, deep peace,  
My peace I give to you.

Love, love, strong love,  
My love I give to you.  
Love, love, strong love,  
My love I give to you.

Not as the world gives, I give to you,  
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Love, love, strong love,  
My love I give to you.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

**Today's Worship Participants**

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