



## **Worship Service for April 23, 2023**

**Prelude** Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour** Pam Laham

**Welcome** Pastor Felix Carrión

**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

You are rising up now

like a fountain of grace

from the holy ground.

Here in this palace.

Here in this palace.

Holy one may your presence

here open our minds.

May your Spirit among us  
help us to find  
You are rising up now  
like a fountain of grace  
from the holy ground.

Here in this palace.  
Here in this palace.  
Holy one. Holy one.  
Here in this place.

**Announcements**

Pam Laham

**Centering Moment**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Call to Worship**

Pam Laham

LEADER: Come into this sacred space to worship God,

**ALL: whose teaching is true; whose directions  
are sure.**

LEADER: Come into this holy place to be given life and  
made wise.

**ALL: May the words of our mouths and the  
whispering of our hearts be pleasing to your  
will, O God.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #17 "To You, O God, All Creatures Sing" vv. 1 & 4

To you, O God, all creatures sing,

and all creation everything

Sings your praises, alleluia!

Your burning sun with golden beam,

Your silver moon with softer

gleam sing your praises

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

To You, O God, day after day,

your planet earth in every way,

Sing your praises, alleluia!

As savory fruit and fragrant

Flower show forth your glory

and your power, singing praises

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## Gathering Prayer

Pam Laham

LEADER: Let us pray.

**ALL: Holy One, we give you thanks for the gift of life on earth. In this sacred time of unity and community, open our eyes to see your artistry and the splendor of creation all around us. In your love, may we hold one another and all that you have created in our hearts. Amen.**

## Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Psalm 19:1-4

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;

<sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

## Contemporary Witness

Pam Laham

Anne Hillman, Life Prayers from Around the World

We are all on a journey...  
To the center of the universe...  
Look deep  
Into yourself, into another  
It is to the center which is everywhere  
that is the holy journey...  
First you need only look:  
Notice and honor the radiance of  
Everything about you...  
Play in the 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

“The Care of Creation”

**Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

"Touch the Earth Lightly"

Touch the Earth lightly,  
use the Earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care;  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses, and air that is sweet,  
health in God's garden,  
hope in God's children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.

God of all living,  
God of all loving,

God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,  
Spirit, direct us,  
Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently and making us one.

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Invitation to Offering**

Pam Laham

Plymouth's General Fund &  
"Plant It Forward" - Loose Offering

**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**

Pam Laham

**ALL: Loving God, we thank you for the many  
blessings which you have poured into our lives.  
Now we ask your blessing on these gifts that they  
may be used to your glory. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH #566 "Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air" vs. 1 & 2

Heaven and earth, and sea and air

all their Maker's praise declare.

Wake, my soul, awake and sing,

with creation praises bring!

See, at dawn, the rising sun,

show the wonders God has done!

Moon and stars with silvery light

praise God through the silent night.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**\*Song of Parting**

Congregation

Sing! #196 "Let It Shine"

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. (x2)

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies



## **Today's Worship Participants**

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