



Worship Service for March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Sing! 109 "Part the Water"

Help us, O God we're here by the water.

Here at the end of the road.

Lead us, O God, on down through the river.

Help us to know how to go.

So part the waters of all injustice.

God help us cross bravely with Jesus as our guide,
and send down the Spirit of your compassion.

God help us to love when we move against the tide.

And as we cross the river,

help us bring your love forever.

'Til we have reached the other side.

Show us a world that's free from oppression.

Free from the pain we all face.

Give us the strength to help make a future.

Warmed by the light of your grace.

So part the waters of all injustice.

God help us cross bravely with Jesus as our guide,
and send down the Spirit of your compassion.

God help us to love when we move against the tide.

And as we cross the river,
help us bring your love forever.

'Til we have reached the other side.

Teach us the way to help all your children.

Each of us precious to you.

Teach us that love is stronger than hatred.

Nothing is stronger than love!

So part the waters of all injustice.

God help us cross bravely with Jesus as our guide,
and send down the Spirit of your compassion.
God help us to love when we move against the tide.
And as we cross the river,
help us bring your love forever.
'Til we have reached the other side.

Announcements

Margaret Stone

Call to Worship

Margaret Stone

LEADER: Let us come before the God of all creation with
open hands and open hearts.

**ALL: Let us praise and thank God with every fiber of
our being.**

LEADER: Together we give thanks for the precious gifts of
life and love.

**ALL: Though many throughout the whole earth, we
are One.**

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

TNCH #573 "Lead on Eternal Sovereign" vs. 1 & 2

Lead on eternal Sovereign,
we follow in your way;
loud rings your cry for justice,
your call for peace this day:
Through prayerful preparation,
your grace will make us strong,
to carry on the struggle
to triumph over wrong.

Lead on eternal Sovereign,
we follow not with fear,
for in each human conflict
your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with gladness,
you will not let us fall,
our trust is in your promise
that love will conquer all.

Gathering Prayer

Congregation

ALL: God of life, we bring our whole selves to you and offer our reverence and awe. Jesus prayed that we would be one and called us to live in unity. We commit ourselves to live in oneness of heart, mind and spirit. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix Carrión

Luke 19:36-40

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the [One]

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Contemporary Witness

Margaret Stone

The Light We Give: How Sikh Wisdom Can Transform Your
Life

by Simran Jeet Singh

The Sikh ethos also proclaims that we're all interconnected, and, therefore, we're all in this together. Our individual liberation is bound up with one another's; we seek our own freedom while seeking freedom for all. This worldview is not mine alone, nor is it exclusive to our community. From its outset five hundred years ago, the Sikh tradition has sought to smash power inequities and to democratize access to personal happiness for all. If we truly see ourselves as interconnected, we must endeavor for others as we endeavor for ourselves.

Reflection

Pastor Felix Carrión

“Resistance: Speak Truth to Power”

Special Music

Plymouth Choir

“They'll Know We Are Christians”

We are on in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity may one be restored.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work, work with each other, we will work, work side
by side;
we will work, work with each other, we will work, work side by
side;
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save, save each
one's pride.

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christnas by our love.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Felix Carrión

Invitation to Offering

Margaret Stone

One Great Hour of Sharing (UCC 5 for 5)

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

Margaret Stone

**ALL: Holy One, accept and bless our offerings this
day. Grant that we might live generously, as we
serve to be a blessing to our world. May we be
faithful in all things and at all times!
Amen.**

***Congregational Song**

Congregation

“Break Our Hearts Again”

We pile up like dry bones,
like orphans gathering
In burden, we're broken,
our defenses fracturing

So break our hearts again
Stretch us 'til we bend.
Breathe new life on these tired bones
And make us new again

Our mountains are crumbling,
like sand into the sea
Our rivers run drier than
the rocks beneath our feet

So break our hearts again
Stretch us 'til we bend.
Breathe new life on these tired bones
And make us new again
(x2)

We lay our armor down (x8)

Benediction

Pastor Felix Carrión

Song of Parting

Congregation

Sing #199 "Go Make A Difference"

Go make a difference.

We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world.

Go make a difference.

We can make a difference.

Go make a difference in the world

(x2)

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Today's Worship Participants

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