



Worship Service for February 14, 2024 Ash Wednesday

Prelude	Marshall Davies
Chiming of the Hour	Pam Laham
Welcome	Pastor Felix
Centering Moment	Pastor Felix
Call to Worship	Pam Laham

LEADER: Today we affirm our commitment to walk together on our Lenten Journey.

ALL: Today we remember that God made us from the earth's dust and breathed into us the breath of life.

The ashes we receive are a witness to the handiwork of God and the miracle of life.

LEADER: Today we affirm that our lives are sacred for we have been made "in the image and likeness of God."

ALL: In this Lenten Season, we pray for the Holy Spirit's protection and guidance to go where Jesus leads us, as we journey on this holy path.

***Hymn**

Pastor Felix

TNCH #742 "Gathered Here"

Gathered here in the mystery of this hour
Gathered here in one strong body
Gathered here in the struggle and the power
Spirit draw near

1st Biblical Witness

Pam Laham

Psalm 51:6-12

You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

2nd Biblical Witness

Pastor Felix

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.

Reflection

Pastor Felix

“Humility of Heart”

Special Music

Mark Vines

“You Say”

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough
 Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
 Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low
 Remind me once again just who I am because I need to
 know

Ooh-oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
 You say I am strong when I think I am weak
 And you say I am held when I am falling short
 And when I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours
 And I believe (I)

Oh, I believe (I)

What You say of me (I)

I believe

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me
 In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

Ooh-oh

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
And you say I am held when I am falling short
When I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours
And I believe (I)
Oh, I believe (I)
What You say of me (I)
Oh, I believe
Taking all I have, and now I'm laying it at Your feet
You have every failure, God, You have every victory
Ooh-oh
You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
When I don't belong, oh You say I am Yours
And I believe (I)
Oh, I believe (I)
What You say of me (I)
I believe
Oh, I believe (I)
Yes, I believe (I)
What You say of me (I)
I believe

Blessing & Receiving of the Ashes

Pastor Felix

***Hymn**

Marshall Davies

TNCH #743 "Be Still And Know That I Am God"

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

Unison Prayer

Pastor Felix

ALL: God, we turn to you now.

Be merciful to us.

At times, we feel we must come against others to defend ourselves.

We take refuge in you, instead.

At times, we feel we must silence others.

We choose to be still, instead.

At times, we feel we must rebut every argument.

We look to you for what is right, instead.

At times, we feel we must make ourselves appear powerful.

We remember that your power is made perfect in weakness.

Help us to not point fingers or launch accusations.

Help us to quietly and peaceably stand up for what is good.

Help us to take care of our own hearts before criticizing others.

Help us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly.

Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Pam Laham

“Plymouth’s General Fund”

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

***Doxology**

Marshall Davies

Offertory Prayer

Pam Laham

LEADER: God of the journey, we give these offerings in gratitude,

ALL: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.

LEADER: We give these offerings in faith,

ALL: trusting that you will provide for our needs.

LEADER: We give these offerings in hope,

ALL: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.

LEADER: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

ALL: may we live with generous hearts and with open hands.

Amen.

***Hymn**

Marshall Davies

TNCH #212 "O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns"

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising,
in every heart for your love and care;
Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising
that your blessed Spirit rouses everywhere.

Grant us new courage, never proud, but humble,
strong in your strength to venture and to dare;
To lift the fallen, guide the ones who stumble,
seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

Benediction

Pastor Felix

Postlude

Marshall Davies

Tonight's Worship Participants

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