



## **Worship Service for April 19, 2026**

**Prelude** Marshall Davies

**Chiming of the Hour** Margaret Stone

**Welcome** Pastor Felix Carrión

**Centering Moment** Pastor Felix Carrión

**Praise and Worship Song** Congregation  
*Sing! #115 "We Are All God's People"*

We are all God's chosen people,  
children of a perfect Love.

O yes, there's no one less there's no one greater.

We are all God's chosen ones.

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**Announcements**

Margaret Stone

**Call to Worship**

Margaret Stone

LEADER: Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

**ALL: Our deepest fear is that we are powerful  
beyond measure.**

LEADER: It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens  
us.

**ALL: We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant,  
gorgeous, talented?**

LEADER: Actually, who are you not to be?

**ALL: You are a child of God.**

LEADER: We were born to make manifest the glory of God  
that is within us.

**ALL: It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And  
as we let our own light shine, we give other people  
permission to do the same.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

*TNCH #123 "Mary, Woman of Promise"  
vs 1 - 3*

Mary, woman of the promise;  
vessel of your people's dreams:  
Through your open, willing spirit  
waters of God's goodness streamed.

Mary, song of holy wisdom  
sung before the world began:  
Faithful to the Word within you,  
as you bore God's wondrous plan.

Mary, morning star of justice;  
mirror of the Radiant Light:  
In the shadows of life's journey,  
be a beacon for our sight.

**Gathering Prayer**

Congregation

**ALL: God, our Mother, Living Water, Source of Life, in whom we live, move, and have our being, we entrust our precious lives to you, in grateful praise. Loving One, who quenches our thirst, refreshes our weariness, be for us always a fountain of life, and for all the world a river of hope springing up in the midst of the deserts of despair. Honor and blessing, glory and praise to You forever.**

**Amen.**

**Biblical Witness**

Margaret Stone

*Luke 13:10 – 13*  
*(as taken from The Message)*

He was teaching in one of the meeting places on the Sabbath. There was a woman present, so twisted and bent over with arthritis that she couldn't even look up. She had been afflicted with this for eighteen years. When Jesus saw her, he called her over. "Woman, you're free!" He laid hands

on her, and suddenly she was standing straight and tall, giving glory to God.

### **Contemporary Witness**

Aimee Broadhurst

*Excerpt from Walter Brueggemann — The Prophetic Imagination (1978, revised 2001)*

The task of prophetic ministry is to nurture, nourish, and evoke a consciousness and perception alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture around us.

*Excerpt from Nadia Bolz-Weber — Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People (2015)*

I don't understand how in mainstream, middle-class America, Christianity became about pretending you had your shit together, and putting on nice clothes for an hour every week, and keeping a smile on your face. It started with rank fishermen, and prostitutes, and tax collectors, and people who were eating with their unwashed hands, and somehow it became that.

**Reflection**

Aimee Broadhurst

*"Seeing What Others Refuse to See"*

**Special Music**

Plymouth Choir

*"Spirit, Sing Through Me"*

Spirit, place Your song within my heart;  
breathe within my soul each note and part.  
Make me voice Your messenger to all the world  
'til all may know the grace, the love that God imparts.  
Spirit, sing Your song through me.  
Spirit, be my guiding voice so near,  
bringing peace and casting out all fear.  
Make my voice Your messenger to all the world  
'til all may know the grace, the love, that God imparts.  
Spirit, sing through me.  
Spirit, sign through me a song!  
Spirit, sing Your melody anew;  
flow into my heart and back to You.  
Make my voice Your messenger to all the world  
'til all may know the grace, the love that God imparts.

Spirit, sing Your song;  
Spirit, sign Your song through me,  
Your song, Your song!

**Pastoral Prayer**

Pastor Felix Carrión

**Invitation to Offering**

Margaret Stone

*Double Down For Plymouth*

**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**

Congregation

**ALL: Holy One, we ask for the grace to be vessels of your love and generosity. May our gifts be blessed and used as channels in your service of loving and caring for humanity and healing our world.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

Congregation

*TNCH #495 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"*

*vs. 1 - 3*

Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring  
to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,  
reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together  
gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.

**Benediction**

Pastor Felix Carrión

## **Song of Parting**

Congregation

*Sing! #195 "Children of God"*

Children of God, let's love one another.

Love is a gift, a blessing of God.

Love one another, sisters and brothers.

Love is a gift of God.

Let love be more than what we say.

Make it the way that we live each day.

Oh oh,

Children of God, let's love one another.

Love is a gift, a blessing of God.

Love one another, sisters and brothers.

Love is a gift of God.

**Postlude**

Marshall Davies

## **Today's Worship Participants**

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