



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2020

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Prelude"
Randy Benfield

Rinck

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Virtual Quilt

CALL TO WORSHIP

Len & Viki Tozier

Leaders: Heirs of the covenant, come; let us present ourselves before the Lord.

People: We gather to worship the Holy One, to incline our hearts to the one true God.

Leaders: Family of faith, come; choose this day: Whom will you serve?

People: As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Michael and Karen Gray

Leaders: Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin that we might find forgiveness and new life in Christ. Let us pray.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness and cover us with grace, for we know that you are the source of life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leaders: Hear the good news: Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the gospel! We are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“The Gloria Patri”

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Lemmel

John Cameron

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ² And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ³ Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

¹⁴ “Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶ Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; ¹⁷ for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸ and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

¹⁹ But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰ If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” ²¹ And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” ²² Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” ²³ He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” ²⁴ The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” ²⁵ So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

SERMON

Decision Time!

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

“Let the Praises Ring”

Brewster

O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust
O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope
O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust
O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope

In You, in You I find my peace

In You, in You I find my strength

In You I live and move and breathe

Let everything I say and do be founded by my faith in You

I lift up holy hands and sing, “Let the praises ring!”

O Lord, my God, to You I give my hands

O Lord, my God, to You I give my feet

O Lord, my God, to You I give my everything

O Lord, my God, to You I give my life

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Alternative Gift Market

Barbara Farley

OFFERING

RECEIVING OUR 2021 COMMITMENTS

UNISON PRAYER FOR VIRTUAL GIVING

by Pastor Ivan N. Herman

as published in "Money Matters" *Presbyterians Today*, November 2020

Dear God, I liked licking the bittersweet glue and sealing it tight. That was my unique number on those offering envelopes. I would place it upside down in the plate, and piled with others it had some heft to it. Now I just tap “send,” “submit,” or even “checkout,” and I worry my lonesome commitment is not a tangible-enough response to your generous grace. As I click to make this commitment, help me feel the heft of your yoke and submit to the bitter burden of discipleship made sweet by your gentle and humble heart. Don't let me check out, but instead go all in with your church so we can discern your way and be sent together. Amen.

SONG

“Almighty/Step by Step”

Watson & Beaker

Almighty, most holy Lord, faithful through the ages

Almighty, most holy Lord, glorious, almighty God

Oh God, You are my God and I will ever praise You

Oh God, You are my God and I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning

And I will learn to walk in Your ways

And step by step You'll lead me

And I will follow You all of my days.

I will follow You all of my days, I will follow You all of my days

And step by step You'll lead me and I will follow You all of my days.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God, we are gathered to worship and pray even if we are in separate places. We are with you, united in Christ, and part of the communion of all the saints, past, present and future. In recognition of the vastness of creation and your never-ending creative power, we humbly and confidently speak our heartfelt hurts and share our deepest hopes.

We choose to serve you this day, knowing that serving you requires our all. Do not let us falter when discipleship gets hard and we are tempted to serve lesser, easier

gods. Encourage us with the gift of community and the power of the Holy Spirit. Help us to not grow weary in doing good.

When we survey the state of our world, the suffering and the evil, the conflict and the hardship, we cannot help but cry out to you for help. While we know nothing can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus our Lord, we often rip the fabric of our life together apart, sowing division instead of seeking to be ministers of reconciliation. We know that you are with all those who hurt and we ask for the courage to stand on the side of the oppressed, to seek out those left half-dead in the ditch and to feed your sheep. Increase our compassion for people and indeed for all creation.

As we continue to try to navigate the many storms of this season, we are mindful that we do not do so alone. We are grateful for the ways you provide for us, granting us glimpses of peace that passes understanding, giving us rest that restores and pursuing us when we are lost and afraid. We thank you for the gift of one another, those with whom we agree and those whose views we cannot comprehend, each of us your child, made in your image.

When we are unsure what to do, where to go or how we will serve you well, remind us to refill the oil for our lamps, the oil of gladness and healing, the oil that consecrates and anoints, the oil that allows us to see Christ when he comes to meet us. May our desire to serve you provide the wisdom we need for the living of these days. We make our prayer in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the one who taught us to say when we pray,

Unison: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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