

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 20, 2021 Livestream 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE "Allegretto" Scholze
Randy Benfield

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 133)

Lee and Bonnie Paxton

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when sisters and brothers live together in unity.

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, like the dew that falls on the mountains of

Zion.

HYMN

Leader: Together, let us worship God.

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Glory to God

No. 307

307 God of Grace and God of Glory



Lee and Bonnie Paxton

Leader: We come before God "just as we are, though tossed about," as the hymn writer says. Let us now name our conflicts, our doubts and our sins before one another and before God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we confess that we come to you in the midst of clutter: we have cluttered desks, cluttered schedules, cluttered minds, cluttered lives and a cluttered planet. The clutter can be like a storm that overwhelms us and distracts us from knowing your presence and hearing your strong voice. We pray for the will to put aside the clutter of life and to listen to your voice stilling the storm and calming the wind and waves. Help us to let go of our fear, and our desire to be in control of all manner of things. Lead us to place you in the center of our lives, where, if we do, we will also see neighbor, stranger and enemy. Then help us to cross the boundary waters with you, the One who has broken every barrier down, and will lead us to the other side. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 8:1-2)

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. Friends, believe this astounding good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Consider the Lilies"

Topliff

Nancy Studer, Soprano

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG "Today is the Day"

Brewster & Baloche

Jenny DeVries & Laura Leek, vocalists

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say Today is the day!

I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ² For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,

and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹² There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³ In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

SERMON Take a Deep Breath

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

"The Blessing"

Brown, Carnes, Jobe, Furtick

Claire Aretsky, Ada Lorraine, and Hannah Ludwig, vocalists

The Lord bless you and keep you, Make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you and a thousand generations, And your family and your children, And their children and their children.

May His presence go before you and behind you and beside you;
All around you, and within you, He is with you. He is with you.
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going,
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you.

Amen, amen, amen, Amen, amen, amen

OFFERING

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

Gracious God, because we are not strong enough to pray as we should, you provide Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in power. In this confidence, we ask you to accept our prayers.

We pray today for your creation. You entrusted the earth to the human race, yet we disrupt its wholeness with violence, and corrupt its purity with our greed. Prevent us from destroying what you have made and called good, so that our children's children may inherit lands and seas brimming with life and beauty.

We pray today for the people of the world. Preserve the people of every nation from tyrants. Heal them of disease, especially of the pandemic that has

afflicted all peoples. Protect them in disaster and war and famine. Help all people – adults and children – walk in the ways that lead to peace.

We pray today for our city and neighborhood. Heal the rifts and fear caused by violence and racism in our streets and schools. Protect all of our city's children, and give them lives of safety, hope and joy.

We pray today for our country. Give wisdom to those who govern us, to our president and Congress and our courts. Keep safe those who protect us from danger, and form us as a nation where justice flows like life-giving water.

We pray today for this church. Strengthen its leaders – its ministers, deacons, elders – sustain them and give them the energy of your Holy Spirit so that they may give others new life and hope. Be close to those in our community who are sick, or alone, or vulnerable. We pray today especially for the newly baptized, that in the community of faith, you will gather them to you as a mother hen gathers her young under her wing, and they will come to know you and love you more and more.

We pray today for all who are fathers, of body or of spirit. Give them the grace to love their children abundantly and wisely, giving embrace when that is needed, and space and freedom to find their own way in life.

We pray for those students who will graduate in this season. Fill them with hope and energy as they find their callings in the world, and may they "go to the other side" as they journey with you, and serve you and your people with gladness to transform the world to look more like your kingdom.

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death. We rejoice in the lives of those who have died in faith. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every nation gathered before your throne in ceaseless praise. We pray these things through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the mystery of the Pentecost Spirit, in the name of the Triune God. In the words that Christ taught us, we pray, saying,

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 BENEDICTION

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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