



Carmichael Presbyterian Church

September 12, 2021

In-Person Worship

8:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Randy Benfield

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anne Parker

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Leader: Look at the heavens!

People: They are shouting the glory of God.

Leader: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

People: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

Leader: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

People: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

No. 265
(Glory to God)

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: God delivers us from paths of death and keeps our feet from stumbling. Let us confess all that keeps us from walking in the way of the Lord.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we make so many mistakes. We speak, and words of poison come from our mouths. We sow division, break others down and seek to dominate rather than dialogue. Forgive us, God. Tame our tongues of fire. Guide us in our speech, so our words can bless and build up. Amen.

SONG & SILENT MEDITATION

Randy Benfield

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Leader

Leader: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴ Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸ but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

SERMON

Words That Bless and Build Up

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

OFFERING

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Randy Benfield

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION & BLESSING

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

PARTING MUSIC

Randy Benfield

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