



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 12, 2021**

**Livestream**

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

**“Prelude on ‘Promised Land’”**

Phillips

Randy Benfield, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Judi Stewart and Janet Vasché

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.

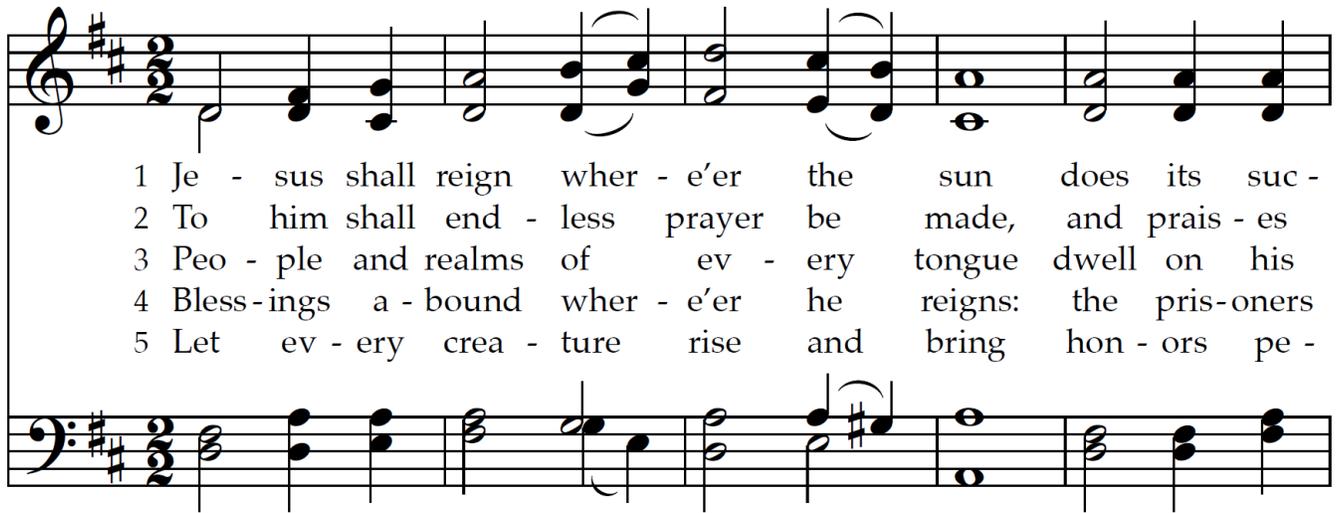
**People: Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!**

HYMN

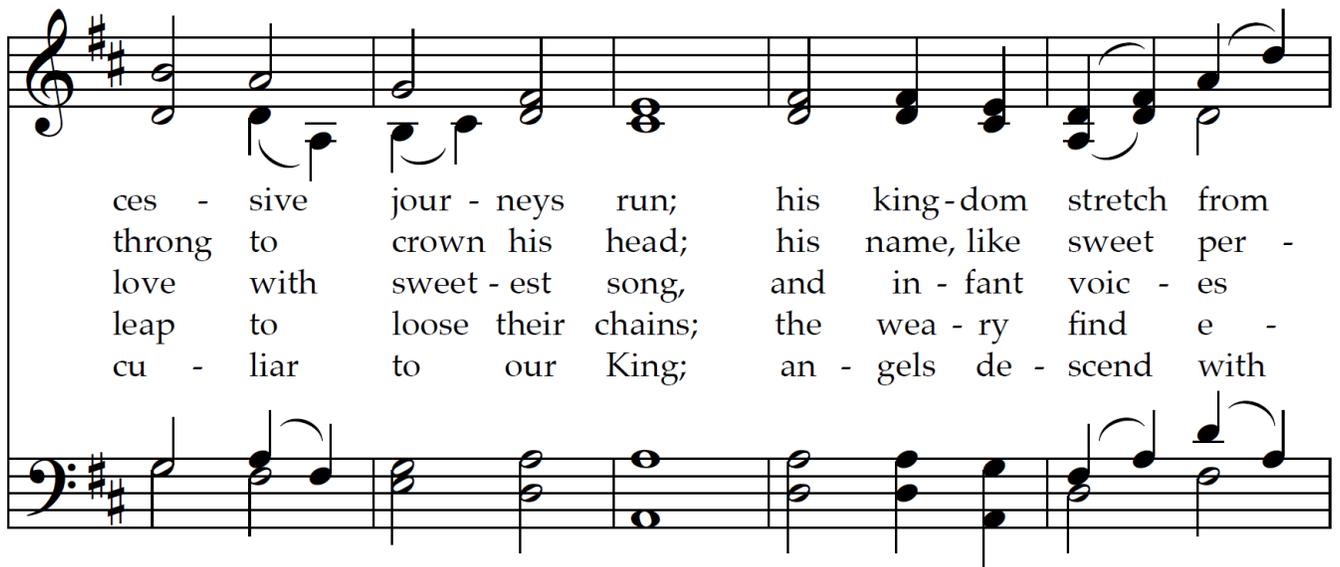
**“Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun”**

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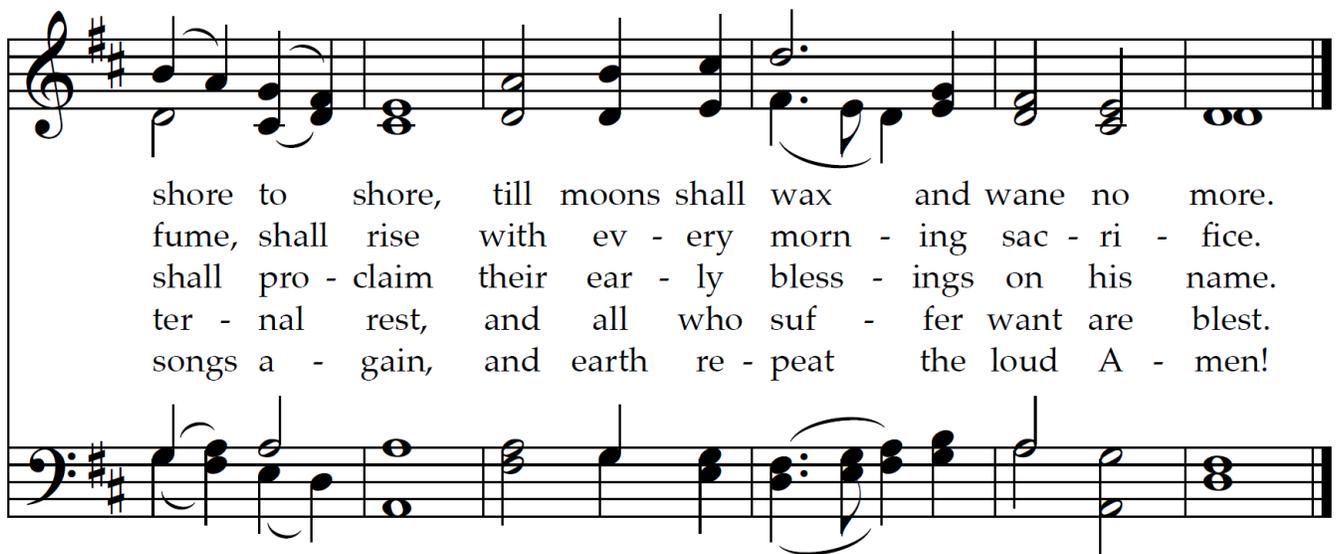
# Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



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

Judi Stewart and Janet Vasché

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.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

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

SONG

**"Jesus"**

Tomlin and Cash

There is a truth older than the ages  
There is a promise of things yet to come  
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus  
There is light that overwhelms the darkness  
There is kingdom that forever reigns  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus  
Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea  
Who stands in the fire beside me.  
He roars like a Lion, He bled as the Lamb,  
He carries my healing in His hands: Jesus  
There is a name I call in times of trouble.  
There is a song that comforts in the night  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages  
He is Jesus, Jesus.  
Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name  
You're my Rock and my Redeemer  
There is power in Your name, in Your name  
You walk on the water, You speak to the sea  
You stand in the fire beside me  
You roar like a Lion, You bled as the Lamb  
You carry my healing in Your hands  
Jesus, there is no one like you, Jesus  
There is no one like You

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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! <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>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

SONG

**“Words”**

Nelson &amp; McNevan

They've made me feel like a prisoner,  
They've made me feel set free.  
They've made me feel like a criminal,  
Made me feel like a king.  
They've lifted my heart to places I've never been,  
And they've dragged me down back to where I began,  
Words can build you up, words can break you down,  
Start a fire in your heart or put it out.  
Let my words be life. Let my words be truth.  
I don't want to say a word  
Unless it points the world back to You  
You can heal the heartache,  
Speak over the fear  
God, Your voice is the only thing we need to hear  
Words can build us up, words can break us down,  
Start a fire in our hearts or put it out.  
Let my words be life. Let my words be truth.  
I don't want to say a word  
Unless it points the world back to You  
Let the words I say be the sound of Your grace.  
I don't want to say a word  
Unless it points the world back to You  
I want to speak Your love, not just another noise.  
I want to be Your light, I want to be Your voice.

OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, respected, adored and glorified be the name of our Holy God. Words alone cannot adequately express our praise and thanksgiving, Holy One. May the words we pray honestly reflect the desire and devotion of our hearts and guide us to a strong and right relationship with you. In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

We pray for health and healing in the midst of our continuing crisis. Strengthen medical professionals who have spent all of their reserves of endurance. Encourage them when death prevails despite their heroic efforts. Grant them courage and confidence in the face of never-ending trials. Show us all signs of your healing grace.

As our nation marks 20 years since the attacks of September 11, 2001, we pray for a collective moment of pause. Help us stop what we are doing, Holy God. Help us set aside the stress and strain of the everyday to honor the lives that were lost, the families devastated, the first responders who ran toward danger to help and save. May the memory of this terrible and tragic day make us ever more motivated to work for peace across our world. Help us to build cultural, global and interfaith bridges, pathways and partnerships of mutual care and understanding. Merciful God, as we remember the pain of this tragic day, fill us with your peace that passes all understanding, fill us with the hope that your kingdom will come and your will be done.

Compassionate God, bind up the wounds of the suffering among us. Provide help and hope for families facing eviction. Provide safety and security for refugees and asylum seekers. Provide justice for peoples and nations long oppressed. Provide liberation for the dehumanized as well as for those who cooperate with dehumanizing practices. Free us all, Holy God, by faith.

God of life, the burdens we carry are heavy and the road forward feels dreary and endless. Turn our eyes to where your skies are full of promise, tune our hearts to your brave love, fill our souls with moral courage so we can find our purpose and our path in you. United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ, we lift these prayers up to you, God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Finally, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, 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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