



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 19, 2021**

**Livestream**

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

**“God Himself Is with Us”**  
Randy Benfield, organ

Wilson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Ivan N. Herman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When the world around us seems to be shaking,

**People: God’s love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.**

Leader: When the life within us is dry and parched,

**People: God’s word is our wellspring, our fount of living water**

**Leader: Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom**

**People: and teaches us how to serve.**

HYMN

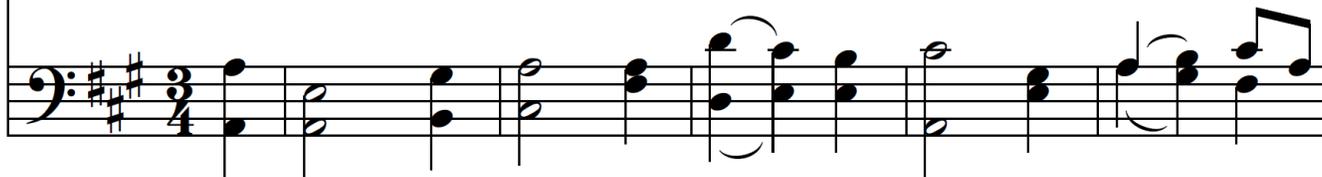
**“The Church of Christ in Every Age”**

No. 320  
*Glory to God*

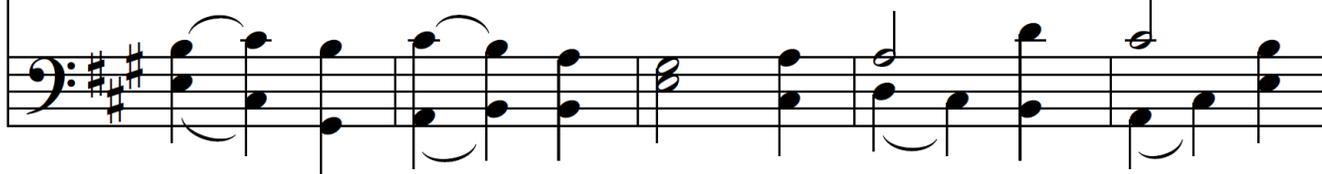
# 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.



## CALL TO CONFESSION (from Mark 9:35)

Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins as individuals and as a community.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we commit ourselves to service, but fail to have a servant's heart. We seek social status, not sacrifice. We welcome worldly success, not the humble path of Christ. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from the pressures of the world that keep us jockeying for position. Help us be servants of all. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Courtney

Sanctuary Choir  
(as recorded on February 8, 2018)

## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

## SONG

### "Agnus Dei"

Smith

Alleluia, alleluia. For the Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia, alleluia. For the Lord God Almighty reigns  
Alleluia! Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty!  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb  
You are holy, holy. You are Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup> They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

SERMON

**Take Heart!**

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

**“Jesus Messiah”**

Carson, Tomlin, Cash & Reeves

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing  
Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all  
His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing  
All our hope is in You; all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the World

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Persistent and present God, deliver us from doubts that keep us from turning to you more often in prayer. Deliver us from catastrophizing thoughts, from assuming the worst, from failing to recognize the power you have given us to help and heal. Deliver us from the shame of past failures that keep us from risking vulnerability. Deliver us from cynicism that keeps us from embracing each day as a new opportunity, a precious gift, another chance to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you.

God of peace, be with those who are fleeing violence, tyranny and war. Accompany those seeking safety and shelter. Rescue the asylum-seekers and the unaccompanied children. By the gift of your Holy Spirit, embolden us to cross borders of our own making — overcoming bias, seeking justice, offering welcome.

Creator God, in the midst of hurricanes, floods and devastating wildfires, empower us to care for our earth and one another. Give comfort and courage to those who are suffering. Guide world leaders toward smart and sustainable action that will care for your creation and not cause further harm. Quench our warming globe's thirst for justice.

Finally, God, we pray for the sick in need of healing: friends, neighbors and loved ones suffering from COVID-19 or other diseases. Sit with those waiting for a diagnosis. Comfort those living with pain. Sustain those filled with worry. Restore those living without hope.

Almighty God, we praise you for your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us.

United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers up to you. Hear us now as we 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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