

## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 26, 2021**

**Livestream**

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

**“’Tis the Gift to Be Simple”**  
Randy Benfield, organ

Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Hal Holland

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19:1)

Karen and David Gray

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God;

**People: and the firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.**

Leader: We turn to our Creator in praise and thanksgiving.

**People: We gather for Word and worship.**

HYMN

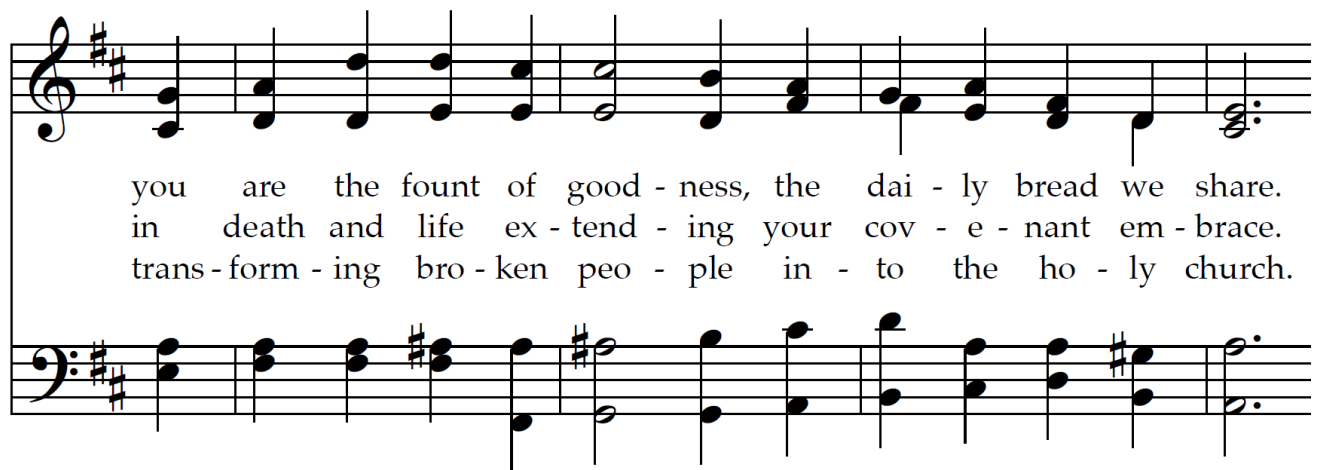
**“Great God of Every Blessing”**

No. 694  
*Glory to God*

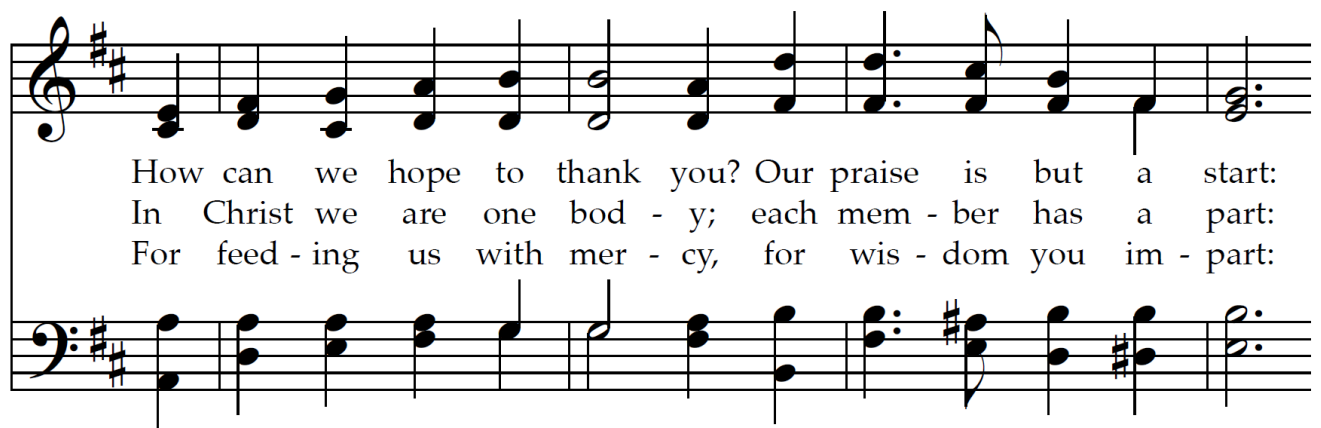
# 694 Great God of Every Blessing



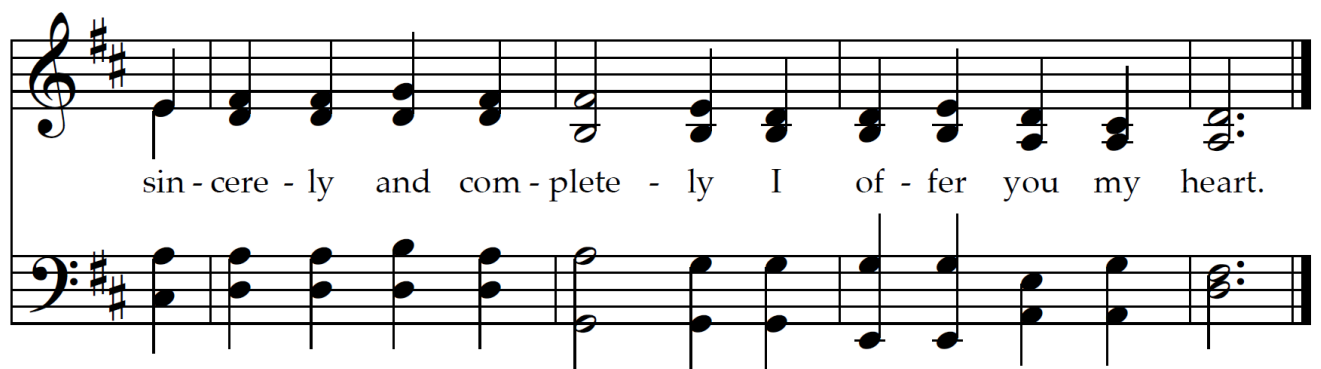
1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant embrace.  
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Nehemiah 9:17)

Michael and Stephen Gray

Leader: God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you call us to service and work that cannot be done alone. Yet we overburden ourselves, and our egos keep us from asking for help. Forgive our false show of strength. Humble us in leadership. Help us to acknowledge that the gifts we have been given in the Body of Christ include hands of help and support. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God lifts the weary, lightens the load of those overly burdened, supports and strengthens those who have been knocked down. Claim the forgiveness God so graciously offers. Know the new life Christ has given us. 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

**“Refuge”**

Smith, Brown, Neesmith

Though the earth should change  
And the mountains slip away  
You will keep me safe  
Who You are will still remain  
You're the place, you're the place that I call home  
You're the fire that I feel inside my bones  
You're the One, you're the One that won't let go  
My soul it sings to you  
Oh God, you are my refuge  
I will cling, I will cling to You  
My shelter through the storm  
My peace when waves of troubles roll  
I will cling, I will cling to You  
I could search the stars  
I could sail across the seas  
Never find a love  
That's as strong as Yours for me

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; <sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat.

<sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

<sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup> But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

<sup>13</sup> Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,  
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

SERMON

**Rock and Redeemer**

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

SONG

**“Love's Not Done with You”**

Gray

They say nothing really shuts you down quite like shame  
It kicks you when you're on the ground.  
Even with your good intentions, you always seem to lose against it  
But love is taking it away now.

It's not what you've done; it's what His love is doing  
It's not who you were; it's who you are becoming  
Have you heard that He makes all things new?  
I believe His love's not done with you.

They say people never really change;  
But I, I don't really feel that way  
Everything's redeemable; the God I know is capable  
This is a new day

Hey, love has conquered all your shame  
I know you got things that you regret,  
But your story isn't over yet  
It doesn't matter where you've been, don't forget

OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, we rejoice today in the gift of life, which we have received by your grace, and the new life you give in Jesus Christ. In this moment of prayer, we pause to give thanks for: The love of our families ...

The support of our friends ...

Strength and abilities to serve your purpose ...

This community in which we live ...

Opportunities to give as we have received ...

God of grace, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serve them even as we have been served in Jesus Christ. In this moment of prayer, we pause to remember: Those who are overwhelmed by the burden of leadership ...

Those who are exhausted from navigating uncertainty and change ...

Those who are ill and their caregivers ...

Those who are in need of courage to move forward ...

Merciful God, you call us to journeys where we cannot see the destination, by paths untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us.

Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us to pray by saying together,

**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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