



# Carmichael Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021

In-Person Worship

8:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

Trina Spivack

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Misty Dunn

MOMENT FOR CPC

“Faith Comes Alive” – 2022 Stewardship Campaign

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will tell God’s story to family and friends; I will offer praise in the center of the congregation!

**People: Let us raise our hallelujahs together, God’s children one and all!**

Leader: Because God has never turned away from our suffering or hidden away when we were in need.

**People: God has been right here listening, a breath away when we cry out for help.**

Leader: To our great comfort, I raise my voice in praise.

**People: In the presence of the congregation we honor you, O God!**

HYMN

## “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 187  
Glory to God

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.

In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

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Leader: Once, daunted by the challenges of faithfulness, Jesus's disciples asked urgently, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For humans it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Trusting in God who longs to mend our broken places, let us turn to God in prayer.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, sometimes it hurts too much to look honestly at the world and ourselves. We grow tired of the constant bad news, so we put on a brave face and gloss over the ache of violence, sickness, disaster, and human callousness that plagues our globe. With those we are closest to, we sometimes pretend that we feel okay, that we are not worried, that we have a plan. We even lie to ourselves, not fully admitting the impact of our actions on one another or ourselves. Forgive us, O God, when we try to hide our hearts from you. Fuel our trust that we might approach you with our full selves— authentic in our gifts, and our fears, and our shortcomings. Give us the courage to walk together through the trials of life, rather than soldiering on alone. And help us to sense your faithful presence through the days when there feels like more shadow than sun.**

## SONG & SILENT MEDITATION

Trina Spivack

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 103:8, 11-12)

Misty Dunn

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love. As high as heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for God's children. As far as east is from west—that's how far God has removed our sin from us. In Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup> Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## SERMON

***Power and Passion***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

## OFFERING

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Trina Spivack

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION & BLESSING

## PARTING MUSIC

Trina Spivack

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