



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 10, 2021

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Praise”

Martin

Randy Benfield, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MOMENT FOR CPC

“Faith Comes Alive”
2022 Stewardship Campaign

CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura & Lily Janik

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

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



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-prepare.
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.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Laura & Lily Janik

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.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

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.

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

"Today Is the Day"

Brewster & Baloché

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day!
I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, 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. ¹³And 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.

¹⁴Since, 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. ¹⁵For 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. ¹⁶Let 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

SONG

“Mighty to Save”

Morgan & Fielding

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations
Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave
So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures
And fill my life again
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in
Now I surrender, I surrender
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world sing
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of our joyful days and our aching days, we give thanks that we can trust you with the heaviest parts of our hearts, and so we bring to you the burdens of our complicated world, and we ask you to lighten the load. Yet, even in the midst of an avalanche of challenging news, we spot the sliver of moon in the night, and so our prayer of longing is punctuated by gratitude. Hear both, our cries for relief and our warbling song of joy, O God.

Sometimes our words of lament get stuck in our throats, but we yearn for a better world — one that brings to life your plans for wholeness and well-being to fulfillment for all. Heal our warring madness, and teach us the ways of peace with our global neighbors, within our polarized society, and in our local communities.

Breathe life into the lungs of those who are trampled down. Turn the hearts of oppressors. And stir our compassion and energies when indifference sets in for other people's struggle. We raise to you the cries of those who may be feeling forsaken: those longing for relief from natural disaster, women and girls in societies which limit their opportunity and access to power, refugees who long for welcome and safety, overburdened healthcare workers, and all who wonder if someone — anyone — will take notice of their pain and extend comfort and hope.

Thank you for small signs of kindness and possibility in days that are bleak — the red bird perched on a bare branch, one hand brushing another in kindness, the familiar tune of "Happy Birthday," the smell of baking bread.

Sometimes our words of lament get stuck in our throats, and so, O God, we carve out this silence for our hearts to speak to yours, to trust you with our wounds, our dreams long buried, our yearnings for those most dear and the fractures in our relationships, Listen to our thoughts and our silence, O God.

(silent prayers)

Thank you for small signs of possibility and fresh hope that sparkle amidst the fog of ache — laughter that surprises us, children's imaginations, a perfect crisp apple, the first promising notes of a song we know by heart.

We are grateful that you hear our prayers whether we are brimming with joy, seething with anger, crying out for justice, or sighing with grief.

Hear us now, as we turn to the reliable words of the prayer for all our days, the one that Jesus taught us to pray, 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.

SONG

"Find a World"

Smith

Go and find a world where my name
Has never been said, and say it there
Let it ring like a song, ring like a song
Go and find a world where my face
Has never been shown and show it there
Let it shine like the sun, shine like the sun
I am with you always. I am with you always
For all of this life and even in death
I am with you always
Go and find a world where my word
Has never been said and say it there
Let truth fall like the rain, fall like the rain
Go and find a world where my love
Has never been shown and show it there
With a love that is pure, love that is pure

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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