



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 17, 2021

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Adagio” from *String Sonata*
Randy Benfield, organ

Corelli

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Ivan N. Herman

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 104:1-3, 5, 24, 35)

Anne Parker

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: O God, how fantastic you are! You are clothed in glory and grandeur!

Leader: You wear light like a robe; You open the skies like a curtain.

People: You make the clouds your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind.

Leader: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

People: Lord, you have done so many things! You have made the earth overflow in wonder. We praise you, with every bit of ourselves! Praise the Lord!

HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

No. 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

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Conrad Kocher, 1838

Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Anne Parker

Leader: Even the disciples, those closest to Jesus, get it wrong sometimes. They ask off-the-wall questions and frequently misunderstand Jesus' plans for the world and for them. But Jesus loves them still and trusts them with his companionship and his ministry. Trusting in a savior who can see our human fumbling and still long to be near us and shape us anew, let us come before God with the confessions of our hearts.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, through Jesus, you taught us that the last shall be first and the first shall be last, but we often struggle with creating space so that others might thrive. We are haphazard with your creation, choosing convenience over conservation, and recklessly assume there will always be enough to go around. We idealize the poor as "happy with their small portion" and put off acts of justice that restore opportunities for the vulnerable. We are often content for those on the margins to be "first" in the afterlife but not in this life. And sometimes we fall prey to the world's priorities, which whisper that we must come in first and have the most and that we are always in jeopardy of not being enough. Help us, O God, to lean into the example of our servant savior, who models power in vulnerability and invites us to serve one another.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (based on Mark 10:45)

Leader: Family of God, our hope is in the Son of Man, who came not to be served but to serve, and who gave his life as a ransom for our own. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the debt of our sin has been paid, and we have been freed for new life. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"People Need the Lord"

McHugh & Nelson

Marsha Benfield

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

"Majestic"

Brewster

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You

Oh Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, Our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You
I will worship You. I will worship You. I will worship You. I will worship You
We will worship You. We will worship You.
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing...
The heavens declare Your greatness
The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll give my praise to You

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

¹ Bless the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,

² wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

³ you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

you make the clouds your chariot,
you ride on the wings of the wind,

⁴ you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.

⁵ You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.

⁶ You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷ At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

⁸ They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys
to the place that you appointed for them.

⁹ You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

²⁴ O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

³⁵ Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

SERMON

Wonder and Awe

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

"Confidence"

Armstrong, Bailey, Wood

I'm not a warrior; I'm too afraid to lose
I feel unqualified for what you're calling me to do
But Lord with your strength I've got no excuse
'Cause broken people are exactly who you use
So give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense
So I can face my giants with confidence
You took a shepherd boy and made him a King
So I'm gonna trust you and give you everything
I'll be a conqueror 'cause you fight for me
I'll be a champion claiming your victory
I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls
I won't stop until I see 'em fall
Gonna stand up, step out when you call Jesus, Jesus

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, in three persons, we wonder at you — mighty enough to carve out the mountains yet tender enough to be born as a baby, powerful enough to conquer death but humble enough to pause by a well with an ostracized woman. We marvel at the complexities of you, and we long for you to show us the way.

Show us, O God, how to use the bits of power that we have to break the chains of injustice. But teach us to do that without the misuse of influence and without the desire for personal glory.

Help us find ourselves in your song, the one that rings out that whoever wishes to be great will be a servant to all:

**People: Love divine, all loves excelling,
(sung) Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

Pastor: Holy God, it can be so hard to ask for help. We often worry about being a burden, and we know others often have needs bigger than our own. Help us to trust that we can come to you with the aches of our hearts — for the world, our communities, our families and ourselves. Give us the courage to share the journey with our fellow servants, to carry the load when we can and to allow others to support us when our legs wobble.

Help us find ourselves in your song:

People: *Come, Almighty, to deliver;
(sung) let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temple leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.*

Pastor: God of light and life, there is so much strife in our world that it can be difficult to catch a glimpse of hope sometimes. We pray for all whose joy has been cast in shadow: those in the grips of depression and addiction, refugees with no safe place to call home, your children living with heavy medical news, caretakers in hospitals, public safety units and homes. We pray for all who long for relief and celebration. And we pray that you will show us how to tap into our creativity, our talents, our voices and our time to do whatever we can to alleviate pain, extend compassion and offer comfort.

Help us find ourselves in your song:

People: *Finish then thy new creation;
(sung) pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

Pastor: Thank you, O God, for the example of our servant Lord, Jesus Christ, help us find ourselves in his example and in prayer, as we join our voices 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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