



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 13, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27:1)

Caron Treon

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: Whom shall I fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

* SONG

“Meet With Me”

Hiebert

I'm here to meet with You; Come and meet with me

I'm here to find You; reveal Yourself to me

As I wait, You make me strong

As I long, You draw me to Your arms

As I stand and sing Your praise

You come, You come, and You fill this place

Won't You come, Won't You come and fill this place

Lord come, Lord come, and fill this place

CALL TO CONFESSION

Caron Treon

Leader: When we cry to God in prayer and confession, God hears. Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence and faith.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord does not forsake us in our times of trial. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Following the Time for Young People, children age 4-5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 206)

* SONG

“Wait for the Lord”

Keys

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27

- ¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
- ⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
- ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
- ⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹ Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.
- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. ¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.
- ¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

* SONG

“Better Is One Day”

Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings
Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
My heart and flesh cry out for you the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God our creator, you made us for community and communion. You call us to the path of love and justice. You entrust us with gifts and talents and a planet that resources and provides. In a world torn by greed and violence we pray for peace. In our nation, communities, and homes tense with conflict and division, we pray for mutual respect and an ear for understanding. Within our own stressed souls, stretched thin by responsibilities, exhausted by conflict, disappointed to not be heard or seen or understood, we pray for sabbath, for rest and refresh, for friends and neighbors who can and will understand. God of comfort, stand with us in these distressing times so we may recall your promise that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, shall separate us from your love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Merciful God, as war rages and bombs fall and innocent lives are destroyed, we pray for the people of Ukraine and others who long for the day when they can live safe and free. Prince of Peace, intervene on behalf of your people, beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Diffuse our bombs, missiles and nuclear warheads. Turn our hearts to your way of righteousness, stockpiling goodwill and diplomatic relationships so we can wage love rather than waging war.

Compassionate God, you bear the pain of the world. Bless those who are sick, suffering and struggling. May we turn to you for help and healing, instead of the shallow comforts and superficial sources the world is so hip to sell us. Be the rock to which we cling, strengthening and steadying us when we are at risk of falling. Open us to your presence, especially when we are distracted and you feel hard to find.

Eternal God, as we work and wait for your renewed creation, hear these prayers of your people. Now, we lift up the prayer Christ taught us by praying 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

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As I long, You draw me to Your arms
As I stand and sing Your praise
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Won't You come, Won't You come and fill this place
Lord come, Lord come, and fill this place

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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