



MATTHEW 25

Fourth Sunday in Lent

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 27, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-17)

Caron Treon

Leader: We regard no one from a human point of view,

People: For we no longer view Christ that way.

Leader: If anyone is in Christ,

People: There is a new creation.

Leader: Everything old has passed away

People: See, everything has become new!

Leader: Come, worship our God,

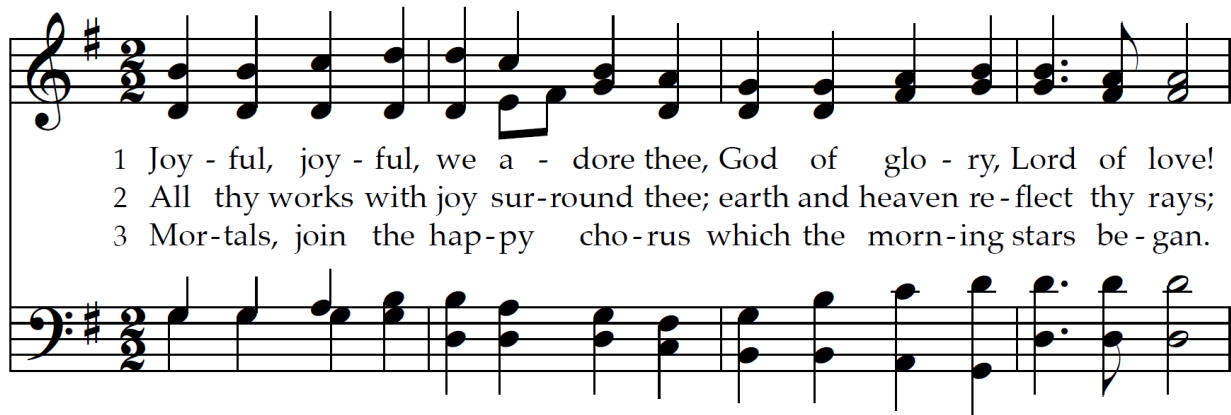
People: Who makes all things new!

* SONG

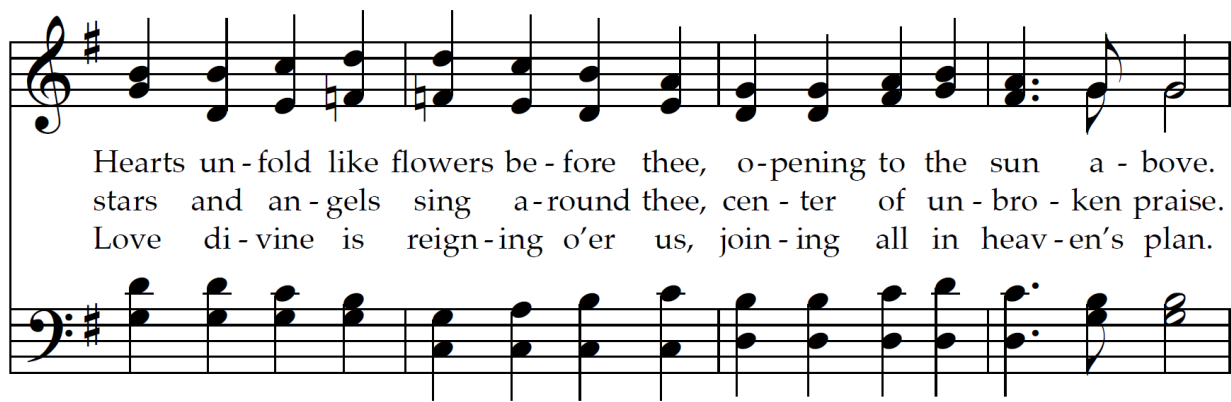
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

No. 611
Glory to God

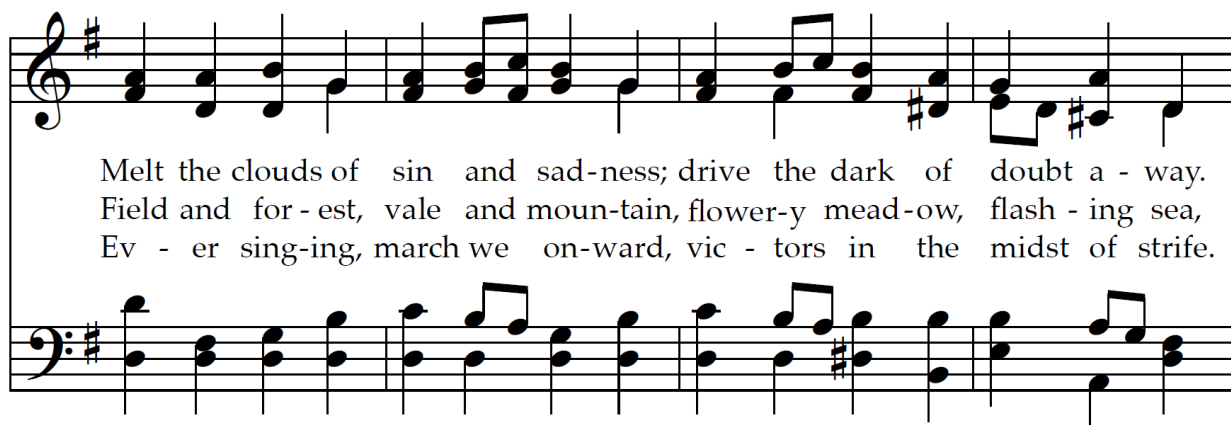
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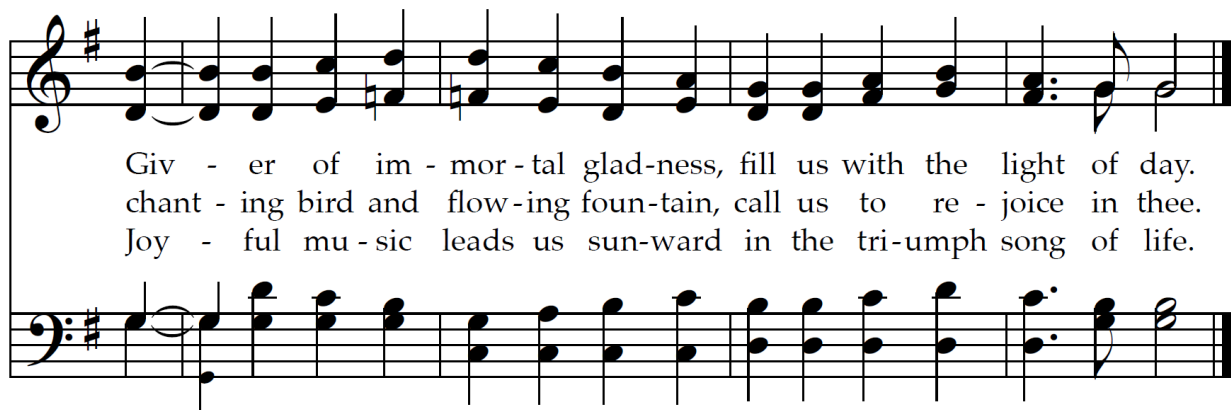
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re - flect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan.



Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav - en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Caron Treon

Leader: For our sake, God sent Jesus into a sinful world that we might know the righteousness of God. Trusting in God's grace, let us pray together our confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating and re-creating God, we confess that we have resisted the transformation necessary to become who you intend us to be. We have declined your invitation to change our ways, denied the value of repentance, and have chosen to stay the same. Forgive us for refusing your call to renewal. Grant us the courage to be transformed. You are the one who makes all things new, and in Jesus Christ call us into a revolution of love.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Just as the seasons change, so do we. We learn and grow and shed what has held us back, so that the freshness of new life may flourish. God is restoring our hearts and making us new so that we may be a light to the world, and a vital sign of God's redeeming love for all. You are forgiven, loved, and restored. God loves you!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

* SONG

"Here in This Place"

No. 401
Glory to God

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

401



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-5a, 18-21

¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable:

¹¹ "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

SERMON

Remember Not the Former Things, Behold!

Pastor Mary Westfall

* SONG

"Your Love, O Lord"

Powell, Lee, Avery,
Anderson, & Carr

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tide
I will lift my voice to worship You, my King
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

OFFERING

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 BLESSING

* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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