



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

GATHERING MUSIC 9:45 a.m.

PRELUDE 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Ivan N. Herman
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MOMENT FOR CPC All Church Picnic Anne Parker

* CALL TO WORSHIP Barbara Farley

Leader: Long ago, our ancestors asked for God's name;

People: God became known as the great "I Am."

Leader: "The Alpha and the Omega,"

People: "The First and the Last,"

Leader: "The Beginning and the End,"

People: "The Bright Morning Star."

Leader: Come, worship God,

People: "Who was and who is and who is to come, The Almighty."

* OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

No. 339
Presbyterian Hymnal

Be Thou My Vision



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;



Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;



Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Barbara Farley

Leader: Having defeated sin and conquered death, the risen Christ beckons to us, welcoming our confession and promising new life. Trusting in the promise of the gospel, let us confess our sin together in prayer.

Unison: **Holy God, we confess that we are caught up in our own timelines. We want to see promises fulfilled in our lifetime: an end to poverty and corruption, the saving of our earth from climate change, the powerless lifted up and the powerful brought down. We want peace on earth now, and to live in harmony the rest of our days. Like the disciples, we confess we desire your kingdom to come to earth with worldly power, instead of us working for your reign on earth as it is in heaven. Call us into your ways, and to know that while we may not see the fulfillment in our lifetime, our work is necessary, and our love matters.**

Silence

Leader: Neither sin nor doubt, nor injustice, nor poverty, nor death, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³²They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

SERMON

Salvation, Not Escape

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* SONG

"Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining"

No. 192
Glory to God

192 Lord, the Light of Your Love
Is Shining



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your



bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain



Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Our God, the heavens declare your glory and the firmament shows for the work of your hands. One day tells its tale to another and each night imparts knowledge to the next.

The sun, the moon, the seas, the dry lands, the plants that enrich the earth, the creatures that swim and fly and run, all these gifts of your creation, although they have no words or language, their sound goes out to all the lands, and their messages to the ends of the earth.

We offer our prayers for the earth and recommit ourselves to honor and protect it. May we hear the cries of creation, and see in its power and beauty your own image, and your deep love for what you have made. We know that for you, O God, all life is like an ocean, all is flowing and blending, and that when we withhold any measure of love from anything in your universe, we withhold that same measure of love from you.

Lord God, as we pray, we bring our sisters, brothers, siblings, strangers, and neighbors into your presence. We rejoice with those who rejoice today: those who have found love, those who have been healed of disease, those who look forward to marriage, or the birth of children, those who have meaningful work, and happy families, those who have safe and happy homes, those who worship you in freedom and the beauty of holiness.

And we weep with those who weep today: those who are sick in their bodies, their minds, their spirits, those who have lost beloved children and parents to gun violence, those who have lost jobs, or who cannot find meaningful work and struggle for ways to use their gifts, those who flee their own lands and homes, seeking refuge, and the strength and grace of a new community.

By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever.

We pray these things in the name of the One who 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.

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister)

* THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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