



Communion
SUNDAY

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 7, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

9:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. D. Wagner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16)

Janet Olson

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

People: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.

Leader: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

People: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

* OPENING SONG

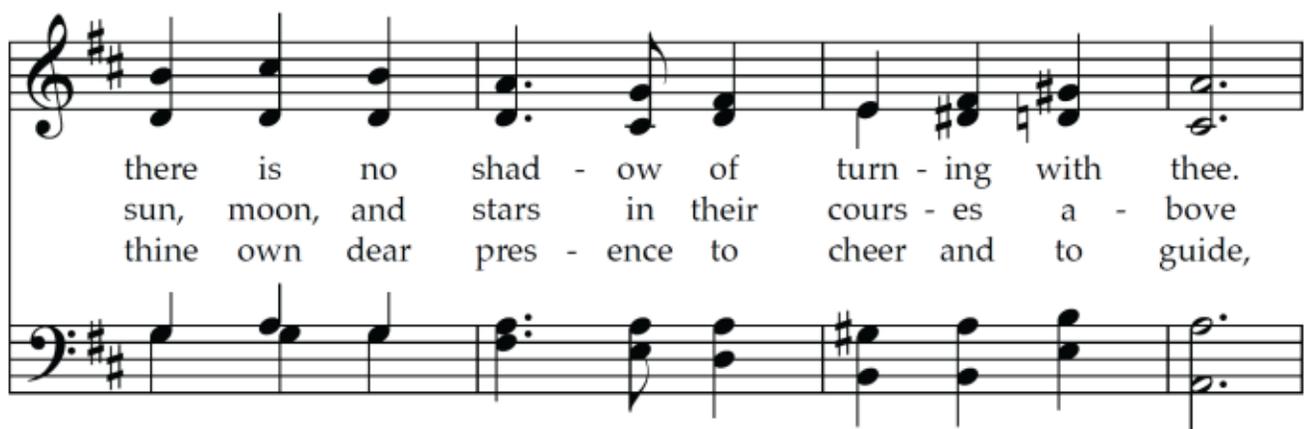
“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

No. 39
Glory to God

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베 꾸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Janet Olson

Leader: Sin shuts us down and stops us short of hearing of God's Word. Let us open ourselves to hearing God's truth and free ourselves to follow God's path.

Unison: God of Hope and Promise, we confess we do not always believe. We confess our questions and complaints catch up to us. We cannot understand our suffering and the suffering of others. Forgive us when we give up on you and ourselves. Return and restore us to right relationship. Help us to not disengage but remain steadfast in faithful dialogues of grace. Amen.

Silence

Leader: God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. Amen.

* SONG OF RESPONSE

"Gloria Patri"

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
 gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
 world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children age 4-5th grade are invited to the front of the church at this time. They may return to their seats afterwards and are encouraged to participate in the remainder of the worship service.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:32-40

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

SERMON

Regularly Scheduled Surprises

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"Even So, Come"

Tomlin, Cates & Ingram

All of creation, all of the earth, make straight a highway, a path for the Lord.
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint. Let every nation shout out Your name
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, we sing

Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

So we wait. We wait for You. God, we wait. You're coming soon.

COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God. Your Spirit hovered over the waters and brought forth all creation. You breathed into us the breath of life and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we lost our way, you called us back, then sent your own Son to save us.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: When Jesus was at table with his disciples he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. Whenever you do this, remember me.
In the same way he took and poured the cup, saying: Take and drink. Whenever you do this, remember me.

Now whenever we eat and drink at this table, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ is the bread of life.

People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(Please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements; return to your seat using the side aisles. Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

* RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with chord symbols (Bm, A, D, G, E, Em) placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, in Je-sus ful-ly known: Cre-a-tor, Word, and Spir-it one. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, in this long season of lamentation, we question your promises in light of current events. The news of war has grown old for those not living under the threat of falling bombs and invading armies. Yet the urgency of aid, shelter for refugees and need for peace remains feverish. Your promise of salvation and steadfast love loses its luster in the face of humanity's perpetual greed and sinful disregard for life. Restore us, Holy God, to hope-filled belief, that might still question, but remains steadfast in relationship with you as our Rock and Redeemer.

God our helper, through the waves of heat blanketing us this summer, attend to those suffering on our city streets, those who cannot escape to air-conditioned homes, those who bear the brunt of our overheated planet. Protect those fighting raging wildfires. Give vision to those creatively seeking solutions to overly taxed energy grids. Help us all bear the burden of responsible stewardship for shared resources.

Finally, let us not neglect the gifts of this summer. Even as we grieve and lament, we are grateful for moments of sabbath, covered-dish community building, farmers markets full of fresh produce, the crack of afternoon baseball bats, and the wide smiles of children playing in hoses and hydrants. As the blazing sun sets, and evening breezes cool, may we stroll hand-in-hand with our loved ones, reminding ourselves that joy sustains us in suffering, that laughter can break through the thickest skin of grief, that steadfast love can lighten our step even when life feels especially heavy.

Our souls wait for you, O God, and our hearts rejoice in your presence. Hear these prayers of your people and give us the will to seek to bring them about.

Now, as the Body of Christ, we pray the prayer Christ taught us 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.

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Toccata in Seven"

Rutter

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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