



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 22, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Michael Joncas
setting by Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27:1)

Clint Dahlke

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

* OPENING SONG

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

No. 41
Glory to God

41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Clint Dahlke

Leader: Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

All: **Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

Silence

Leader: God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“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.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

ANTHEM

“Come Now and Follow Me”

Price & Besig

Sanctuary Choir

Rick Schlosser, Director; Trina Spivack, Piano; Keith Atwater, Trombone

*written for the Choir and Congregation of
Bethany Lutheran Church (West Hartford, CT)
in memory of G. Donald Geckler*

COME NOW AND FOLLOW ME

Words by DON BESIG
and NANCY PRICE (ASCAP)

Music by
DON BESIG (ASCAP)

CONGREGATION and CHOIR:

He says: “Come fol - low me. —
Come fol - low me, — for I will give you
rest and bring_ you peace. — I am the Truth. —
— I am the Light. — I am the Res-ur-rec-tion and_ the Life. —
— And all who seek God’s grace must fol - low me.”

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.'

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

SERMON

Building the Kingdom

Ryan MacLean

* SONG

"Only King Forever"

Mack Brock, Chris Brown,
Steven Furtick, & Wade Joye

Our God a firm foundation; Our rock, the only solid ground

As nation rise and fall

Kingdoms once strong now shaken

But we trust forever in Your Name. the Name of Jesus

We trust the Name of Jesus

You are the only King forever! Almighty God we lift You higher

You are the only King forever! Forevermore, You are victorious

Unmatched in all Your wisdom; In love and justice You will reign

And every knee will bow

We bring our expectations. Our hope is anchored in Your Name

The Name of Jesus. We trust the Name of Jesus

We lift our banner high! We lift the Name of Jesus!

From age to age You reign, Your kingdom has no end

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Aria Pastorella"

Valentin Rathgeber

CENTENNIAL MEMORIES

from Pastor Jim Clark

read by Karen Orlando

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, in this season of Epiphany, this season of Divine “showing” we recall the wonder of Christmas and the birth of Emmanuel with joy and gratitude. Still, our problems, our brokenness and our suffering remain. Our hearts cry for you as we seek to know you face to face, as intimate as creature and creator can get. So often we can’t find you and feel forsaken in the midst of our despair. Show us how wrong we are, Holy God. Restore our confidence in your presence.

We pause here to focus our minds and hearts on you, God, in this prayer. The psalmists, ages ago, lifted their prayers to you in faithful confidence that you would hear and receive their petitions. Following their lead, we lift our petitions for the world, our communities and our loved ones.

In your mercy, O God,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our world full of violence, political tension and suffering. We pray for the Ukrainians who remind us of democracy’s fragility and inspire us to cherish our right to self-determination. Protect those who hold to good and resist evil. Soften the tyrants who fail to see the global consequences of greedy pursuits. Lift the lowly in need of grace. Set the oppressed free.

In your mercy, O God,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our communities, for the people searching for companionship and communion, for the ill and their caregivers, for the laborers who ensure our needs are met. God, help us see you at work among us, in the bonds we form serving together, in kindness shown and care received, in the ways we grow in understanding and empathy for those whose lives are different. We praise you, God, for the many ways you show up. We praise you for becoming God-with-us in Jesus Christ. Dispel our doubts and fears so we can embrace your presence in the flesh.

In your mercy, O God,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: We pray for our loved ones, those whom we hold closest to heart and mind. Comfort those who grieve. Encourage those who are ill. Embrace those who have received bad news. Make space for those who struggle to belong. Generous God, filter our despair through your good news of great joy, so we might see and know and share your abundant hope and irresistible grace.

In your mercy, O God, hear the prayers of your people. Help us to live as epiphanies of your work and your presence, showing your love to all the world. Now, hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying,

All: 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.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move; I will follow
All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure.
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life
I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move; I will follow You
Whom You love, I'll love, How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You. I will follow You
Light unto the world, Light into my life,
I will trust in You alone
You're the one I seek knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You there's life everlasting.
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy, unending joy and I will follow

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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