



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**February 26, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Curtis

Leader: For forty days and forty nights

**People: our Savior fasted in the wilderness.**

Leader: Tempted to turn from God, temped to turn to power and privilege

**People: our Savior resisted.**

Leader: Let us follow Jesus through the wilderness this Lent, examining our temptations, resisting them, and returning to God.

**People: Let us worship God.**

\* OPENING SONG

**“Love’s Not Done with You”**

Ben Glover, David Garcia,  
& Jason Gray

They say nothing really shuts you down quite like shame  
It kicks you when you’re on the ground.  
Even with your good intentions, you always seem to lose against it  
But love is taking it away now.

It’s not what you’ve done; it’s what His love is doing  
It’s not who you were; it’s who you are becoming  
Have you heard that He makes all things new?  
I believe His love’s not done with you.  
They say people never really change;  
But I, I don’t really feel that way  
Everything’s redeemable; the God I know is capable  
This is a new day  
Hey, love has conquered all your shame  
I know you got things that you regret,  
But your story isn’t over yet  
It doesn’t matter where you’ve been, don’t forget

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bob Curtis

Leader: We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations, and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Gracious God, as we wander through this wilderness with Jesus, examining all the worldly comforts we turn to during times of stress and struggle, we confess the neglect of our faith. We confess all that we place above you, making idols of money, earthly power, and even food. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our spiritual practices so we can leave this wilderness season more aware of your presence and the ways our faith can sustain us. Amen.**

***Silence***

Leader: Remember and receive these hopeful words from John 8:32, “If you continue in my word, you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” Receive God’s truth. Receive God’s grace. Accept the freedom God provides. Amen.

\* 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Jesus Shall Reign”**

CPC Handbell Choir  
Jenny DeVries, Director

John Hatton  
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

Men's Ensemble

*in honor of Black History Month**Composer note: Jubilee signifies a glorious liberation from bondage, sometimes synonymous with heaven*

Hallelu, Hallelu, I am on my way, bound for Jubilee!

Hallelu, Hallelu, I am on my way, bound for Jubilee!

Oh my brother won't you come with me?

Oh my sister you must come today!

Oh my brother won't you come with me?

Or the devil might come and take you away, 'fore you get to Jubilee!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu! Bound for Jubilee!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu! Bound for Jubilee!

My Lord's callin' I must go with Him

Can't you hear Him callin' you today?

My Lord's callin' I must go with Him

Or the devil might come and take me away, 'fore you get to Jubilee!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu! Bound for Jubilee!

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## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

<sup>4:1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' <sup>4</sup>But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' "

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; <sup>9</sup>and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him." '

<sup>11</sup>Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

## SERMON

***The Temptation to Settle***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

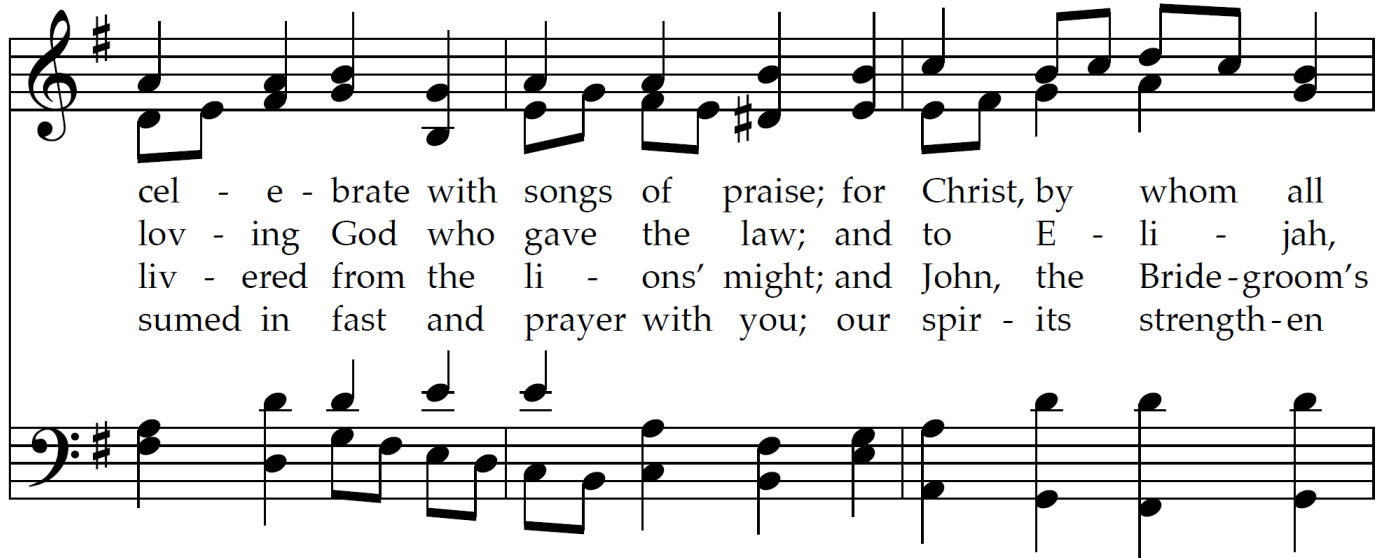
## \* SONG

**"The Glory of These Forty Days"**No. 165  
*Glory to God*

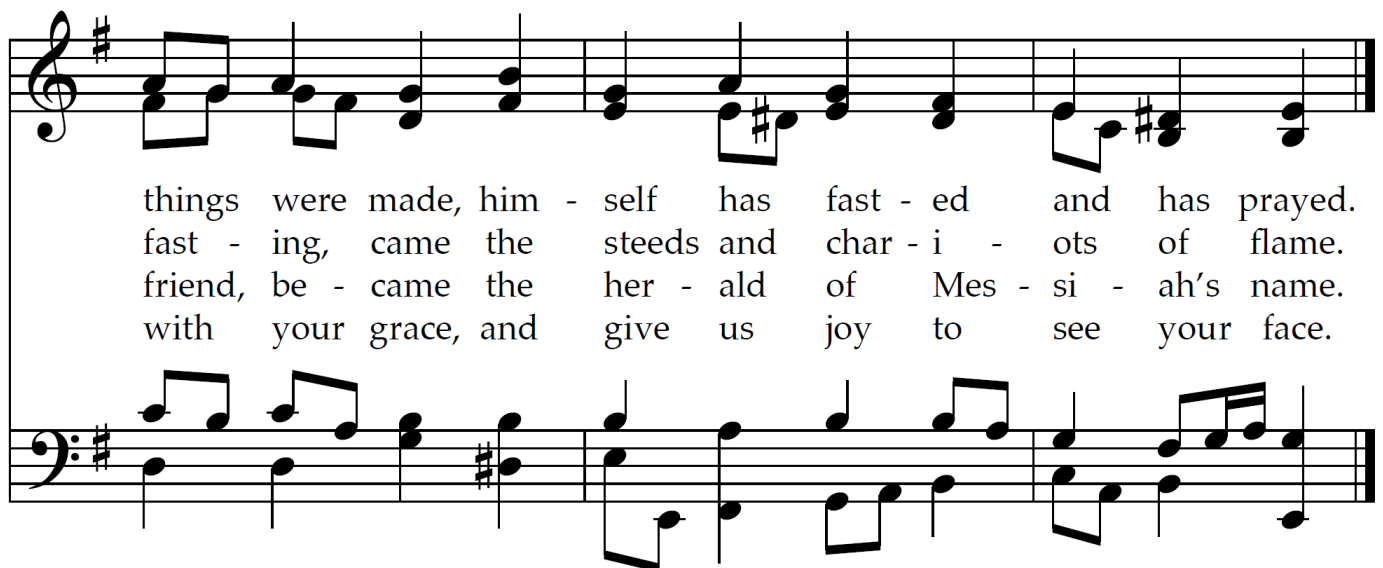
# 165 The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -  
4 Then grant that we like them be true, con -



cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all  
lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride-groom's  
sumed in fast and prayer with you; our spir - its strength-en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

## OFFERING & PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

### “Variations on ‘We Shall Overcome’”

African-American Spiritual  
Variations by Gaël Liardon

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, as we begin this Lenten journey with Jesus in the wilderness, our struggles and temptations become all too real. Emptying ourselves of that which teases and tempts us to turn from you and turn toward idols of comfort that don’t satisfy and don’t last, we pray for you to open us to your truth and guide us in Christ’s path.

All too often, God, we choose the path that is known, the path that is comfortable. This Lent, let us pause to look around, discern where we are and how we got here. Is our position faithful? Do we need to redirect? What can we learn from where we have been? What new path might we need to forge to be more faithful in the future? What assumptions need to be let go? What truth do we need to steel ourselves to face? God, help us with our Lenten reckoning. We are in the wilderness, and we desperately need you as our guide.

All too often, God, we prioritize our comfort and our convenience over the struggles and suffering of others. Hear our desire to change, O God. Help us be deliberate in our actions and thoughtful in our choices. Help us ask ourselves the hard questions before we take action. Who will our actions impact? Who might we unintentionally harm? What voices have we not heard from? Who have we not yet considered? God, help us with our Lenten reckoning. We are in the wilderness, and we desperately need you as your guide.

Finally, Holy God, in this moment of prayer we pause now to de-center ourselves and our needs to focus on the needs of others. Hear our prayers and pleas on behalf of your people.

We pray for those who are fleeing violence; those who are grieving death and deep loss; those who are sick and their caregivers; those seeking healing from trauma; the victims of sexual, emotional, and physical abuse; the victims of hate, of racism, xenophobia, and transphobia. We pray for refugees and asylum seekers. We pray for world leaders seeking to resolve conflict through non-violence and diplomacy. We pray for the idols of money, power, and privilege to be brought down in favor of love and justice and equity. We pray for those fighting for life after a natural disaster.

In your mercy, O God, hear the prayers of your people. Help us walk with you during this Lenten season, so we can learn and grow in your embrace. Help us follow in the footsteps of our Savior, who calls on us to pray as he prayed,

**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.**

### \* CLOSING SONG

### “Here I Am to Worship”

Tim Hughes

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor.

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sins up on that cross.

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**“Ще не вмерла України ”**  
(National Anthem of Ukraine)  
**“Shche ne vmerla Ukrainy”**  
(Ukraine Has Not Yet Perished)

Mykhailo Mykhailovych  
arr. Vidas Pinkevicius (2022)

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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