



Mister Rogers Sunday

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 19, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Blessed Assurance"
Susan Herman, flute

Phoebe Palmer Knapp,
arr. Craig Curry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

Allison Cagley

Leader: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

Leader: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

People: God's goodness and mercy are always close.

* OPENING SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Jeremy Riddle Josh Farro,
and Phil Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me
Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan and son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Allison Cagley

Leader: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

All: God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Leader: Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* 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.

STEPPING STONES BIBLE CELEBRATION

Michael Gray

BLESSING OF FIRST BIBLES

SONG

“Jesus Loves Me This I Know”

No. 188

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Glory to God

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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

ANTHEM

“Echoes of Kindness”

Ruth Elaine Schram &

Sanctuary Choir

Linda Marcus

in honor of Mister Rogers

echoes, echoes, echoes, echoes

Echoes of kindness, we leave echoes of kindness

Echoes of kindness go on and on, like the whisper of memories in a beautiful song.

There's a lasting effect to the words that we say,
and the way that we treat all the people we meet each day.

Echoes of kindness, we leave echoes of kindness

A listening ear, a helping hand, a look that says, "I understand;"
the smallest gesture leaves a trace that can never be erased.

A gentle word that compliments, a smile that says, "we can be friends."
In every single life we touch, a tiny difference can mean oh so much.

echoes, echoes, echoes, echoes

Echoes of kindness, we leave echoes of kindness

Echoes of kindness will never die, every measure of kindness will be multiplied.

Every moment we live, all the moments to come,
may the echoes of kindness go on and on and on.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SERMON

The Gift of God's Presence

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

No. 803
Glory to God

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

Fred Rogers

(“It’s a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” from *Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Great God, in you is more love than we can imagine and more grace than we can fathom. You have shown yourself in Jesus Christ as a God who meets us where we are and loves us as we are. We are glad for this day and grateful for your many gifts. You bring good things into our lives, more than we can name, more than we can number. You give us the bread of life, sustaining our souls and feeding our deepest hungers. You accompany us on our way. Thank you for your abundant faithfulness.

Our hearts are full with many things today. Disease and death and pain and sorrow are constantly among us. The journey through these days is marked by uncertainty and heartache. We are frequently overwhelmed by the needs around us and within us. Some need healing, some need encouragement, some need comfort, some need assurance, we all need hope. So we turn to you asking you to hear our prayers and grant what we need for the living of these days.

We pray for our nation. We pray for renewed commitments to our common life. Refresh us in the values of your heart: justice, righteousness, compassion, mercy, peace. Help us to find a unity of purpose as citizens and neighbors.

We pray for your church in places near and far. May the waters of your grace continually refresh and empower us to extend the love of Jesus to all people. We pray for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), for the clarity of our witness and the success of our mission. We pray for our congregation, for our life together, and for our efforts to follow in the way of Jesus. Hear us. Hold us. Heal us. Help us. For the sake of our Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray like this:

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

“Less Like Me”

Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes,
and Zach Williams

Oh, I have days I lose the fight
Try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy; A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience; A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me
Yeah there's no denying I have changed
I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best I must confess
I still need help to see the way You see
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy; A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience; A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me
Lord, to feed the beggar on the street, Love to be Your hands and feet,
Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be
I want to put You first above all else, Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy; A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience; A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me
A little more of living everything I preach
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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