



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 26, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CPC Handbell Choir
Jenny DeVries, Director

Traditional Melody
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Curtis

Leader: O mortal, can these bones live?

People: Only the Lord knows.

Leader: O people, hope in the Lord.

People: With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

* OPENING SONG

"How Firm a Foundation"

No. 463
Glory to God

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bob Curtis

Leader: To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Trusting in the Spirit of God, let us confess our sin.

All: O Lord, if you held our sin against us, who could live, who could stand? We seem to have more faith in death than hope in your promise of life. We seek peace through war and find security in weapons. We abandon the hungry, sick, and dying, and pursue wealth by making others poor.

And even so, you love us; still there is forgiveness with you! Therefore we worship you; for you alone, O Lord, can save us from death and redeem us from our sin. Amen.

Silence

Leader: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! If Jesus Christ dwells in you, the Spirit of God will be your life and the grace of God will be your righteousness. And if the Holy Spirit dwells in you, then God, who raised Jesus from the dead, will also give life to your mortal bodies. Friends, this is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

* 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 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 206)

* SONG

“Agnus Dei”

Michael W. Smith

Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia! Holy, holy
Are you Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy
You are Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb,
Worthy is the Lamb, Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

² Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my supplications!

³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!

For with the LORD there is steadfast love,

and with him is great power to redeem.

⁸ It is he who will redeem Israel

from all its iniquities.

SERMON

The Faithful Life

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

“God of Our Life”

No. 686
Glory to God

God of Our Life

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1 God of our life, through all the cir-cle years, we trust in thee.
2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a-bide.
3 God of the com-ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a-lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the veil,
With thee to bless, the dark-ness shines as light,
Be thou for us in life our dai-ly bread,

we own thy mer-cies, Lord, which nev-er fail.
and faith's fair vi-sion chang-es in-to sight.
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Dave Mathews

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

African-American Spiritual

CENTENNIAL MEMORIES

from Pastor Sherry Sauer

read by Karen Orlando

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of valley and grave, we come before you today and pray for your life-giving presence in places that seem dry and dead. There are those places we know from the news: Ukraine, Turkey, Syria, Greece, East Palestine — places where war, natural disaster and human greed has left dead bodies and broken lives behind. “Mortal, can these bones live?” You asked, O God. And for people in these places where they have had to bury ones they love even as they worry about their own living, give them breath that indeed they may live. And then there are the places that don't make the national news, but we know oh so well because they are close to us

Across your created world, your people wait and hope. We wait for an end to gun violence. We wait for an end to racial injustice. We wait for an end to the hatred of White supremacy. We wait for an end to the priority of money over people. We wait for an end to all those things that rob your people of life, that rob your people of breath, that rob your people of wholeness.

And we hope ... we hope for the promise of the morning, the time when a new light will break on the horizon hinting at the glory of your presence in our midst. We hope for the promise of the resurrection, of the life that is ours even when we don't see it fully. We give thanks for this faith community and all who are a part of it.

As we gaze across your world, O God, we wonder where we fit in. Where would you have us be, O God? What would you have us do? You know, O God if the bones can live. Do you invite us into partnership with you as you did with the mortal in Ezekiel 37? Do you extend to us the invitation to co-create? Do you hold forth for us to see the ways we can be your presence of life, of wholeness, of healing for your creation? Is it possible that in those things for which we wait, you invite us to be a sign of hope? Give us the courage to live the reality of the resurrection. Give us the courage to witness to new life. Give us the courage to step into your created world with your words of prophecy, with the courage to believe that you call us and guide us so that bones may live and your people may breathe.

In your name, we pray in the way that Jesus taught us:

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.

(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)

* CLOSING SONG

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”

Martin Smith

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
So I will open up my heart
And let the healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth,
So I will daily lift my hands
And I will always sing of when Your love came down

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

Lord, I feel like dancing
It's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Praeludium und Ciacona”

Dieterich Buxtehude

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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