



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 5, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE      **"Introduction and Chorale on 'O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go'"**      Alice Jordan  
in honor of Women's History Month

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS      Pastor Ivan N. Herman  
Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP      John Wallace

Leader: From where will our help come?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Who is our keeper?

**People: The Lord is our keeper by day and by night.**

Leader: How long will God protect us?

**People: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.**

\* OPENING SONG      **"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**      No. 12  
Glory to God

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



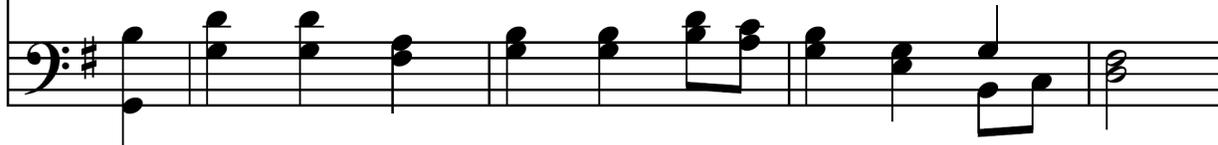
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!



CONFESSION AND PARDON

John Wallace

Leader: We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

**All: Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Silence**

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, 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 "SACRAMENTS" CELEBRATION

ElizaBeth Phillips

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, third grade students are invited to attend Stepping Stones First Bible Class in Room 204. All other children may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)*

ANTHEM

**"God So Loved the World"**

John Stainer

Sanctuary Choir

God so loved the world, God so loved the world  
that He gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;  
but that the world through Him might be saved.

God so loved the world, God so loved the world  
that He gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoso believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

- <sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?
- <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.
- <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- <sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.

SERMON

***The Journey In Between***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

**“I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes”**

No. 45  
*Glory to God*

# I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes 45

(Psalm 121)

1 I to the hills will lift my eyes; from  
2 God will not let your foot be moved; your  
3 Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your  
4 From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro -

whence shall come my aid? My help is from the  
guard - ian nev - er sleeps; God's watch - ful and un -  
shel - ter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by  
vide for all you need. Your go - ing out, your

Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth has made.  
slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.  
day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.  
com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)*

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Come to your new journey to be sustained by the food and drink of this holy table.

**People: We come following the stars of guidance.**

Pastor: Come in spite of all the detours of your life.

**People: We know God shows us every year, every day, an oasis of safety and rest when we are escaping from dangers all around us, and the 'home by another way' which may be a new staying place or a new adventure.**

Pastor: Come, for there is always a table waiting.

**People: We come to share what strengthens us and to receive the gifts of others.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love, embracing all people and all nations. We thank you that you have sent Jesus to us to break down the walls of hostility which divide the earth's people, and to reveal your all-encompassing love, making us all one. Through the power of your Spirit, may this unity become reality.

Now, by your presence, make sacred this feast as we remember Jesus Christ. As this broken bread was scattered like grain on the hillsides, and then, when gathered together, became one loaf, so may your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your eternal realm. Like Christ, who was offered up to you that we might live, and like this cup, which was poured out that all might share in the signs of new life, so may the lives of your people be poured out in compassion, and in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, and the hungry of this world. For it is in the name of Jesus Christ, your Servant, that we pray. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

***(Wherever you are, in the Sanctuary or at home,  
you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.***

***If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.)***

COMMUNION SONG

**“In Our Midst”**

Jenny DeVries

Lord, we take this bread.  
We eat remembering you  
Lord, we take this cup.  
We drink remembering you  
Every time we eat this bread, every time we drink this cup  
You are here in our midst.  
You said this is the new covenant.  
This is the new covenant  
Sealed with My blood, your sins are washed away  
To let my love pour in.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

In honor of Women's History Month

Welsh Hymn Tune  
arr. Alice Jordan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God our Helper, we thank you for keeping our lives always in your care and protection and pray for any and all who are in harm's way. For those walking in the midst of danger, for those who are treading a slippery path, for those exhausted and seeking relief, for those who face a mountain of worry or debt or any other obstacles be Guardian and guide, we pray, setting all our feet on your paths of righteousness and peace.

We pray for those who are struggling with a new challenge or call, with a major transition in life or livelihood, with their faith and understanding, with grief, ancient or new. Keep in your tender care and mercy, O God, those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit; those weighed down by depression or pain; those recuperating from surgery or accident.

Protect not only us and those we love, but also the whole wide world you so love. In places of war, bring peace; in places beset by natural disaster, bring calm and restoration; where there is unrest and injustice, make justice our aim.

Where hope has grown tired and thin, lift our sights, so that we may see hope beyond hope, life beyond death, and you, lifted up before us. In the name of Christ who taught his disciples to pray, 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.**

\* CLOSING SONG

**“Your Love, O Lord”**

Brad Avery, David Carr,  
Mac Powell, Mark D. Lee, & Tai Anderson

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens  
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain  
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tide  
I will lift my voice to worship You, my King  
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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