

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<u>April 9, 2023</u> <u>Livestream & In-Person</u> 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

Click **HERE** to register your attendance.

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT "Easter Song" Anne Herring

* CALL TO WORSHIP Susan Herman (9:00) & Beth Lindley (11:00)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Leader: Celebrate this day of days!

People: God has come to earth to become our liberation!

Leader: The God who raised Jesus from the dead raises us to new life daily.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Susan Herman (9:00) & Beth Lindley (11:00)

Leader:

This is a day of celebration, and nothing should prevent us from lifting our voices in praise to God. We must not hide the things we have done or failed to do, the things that do not imitate the perfect love of Christ. We must not let them fester and stifle our joy. That is why we bring them before God in confession. Let's pray together:

All:

Living and loving God, forgive our exclusion and judgment of others; the way we evaluate and compare. Forgive our habits that demean and degrade, and our addiction to violent and damaging behavior. You know the sting of our death-dealing ways, but you meet us with nothing less than love and grace. Call us once again to trust in your life-giving way.

Silence

Leader: God says to us, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have

continued my faithfulness to you." Jeremiah 31:3

People: We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, we are redeemed! Alleluia!

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!" Hal-le, hal-le, hal jah! le Hal-le, hal-le, hal le lu jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal-le, hal-le, hal lu jah! Hal - le lu - jah! jah!

No. 591 Glory to God

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats and are encouraged to participate in the remainder of worship.

Nursery care for children age 4 and under is available in Room 102.)

ANTHEM

"The Festal Day Is Here"

Hal Hopson

Sanctuary Choir CPC Bell Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 28:1-10

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ¹Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' [®]So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. [®]Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. ¹oThen Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

SERMON Shaken and Stirred Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* SONG

"Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble"

Martin Smith

Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen One?

Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the saving One?

And we can see that, God, You're moving
A mighty river through the nations
And young and old will turn to Jesus
Fling wide, you heavenly gates; prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Open up the doors and let the music play
Let the streets resound with singing
Songs that bring Your hope, songs that bring Your joy
Dancers who dance upon injustice

Did you feel the darkness tremble when all the saints join in one song And all the streams flow as one river to wash away our brokenness?

And here we see that, God, You're moving.

A time of jubilee is coming when young and old return to Jesus
Fling wide you heavenly gates; prepare the way of the risen Lord.

OFFERTORY

"Christ the Lord is Risen"

Albert Travis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor

Christ of great compassion, on that first day of resurrection you showed your faithful love to your followers and comforted their fears. We, too, live in the wake of your risen glory, and still we tremble with fear and uncertainty, even as we trust in your promises.

Show your compassion and comfort to those who are surviving the sword, who face violence of all kinds — spiritual, emotional, physical, social. Comfort them, even as you teach us the ways of wholeness and peace.

Savior God, you free us from death, heal and restore us to life. But the world is still so full of pain and suffering. Hear our prayers for those who struggle, for those whose suffering prevents them from rejoicing with us today. On this Easter day, we especially remember those who are sick and their caregivers, those who are lonely and isolated, and those who are refugees and asylum seekers. Shape us into a living embodiment of your radical welcome.

The signs of Easter are miraculous, Holy God. You have the power to make sense of the senseless, to thwart violence, to resurrect the dead, and to move massive stones from empty tombs. Ground us in this good news, O God, and keep our feet steady on your path. May we always find reasons to rejoice and to pray the prayer Christ 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.)

"Postlude on 'Old Hundredth'"

Fred Bock

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

* POSTLUDE

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Piano: Gabe Bisho Drums: Will Condrey Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Matthew Major

Vocals: Karen Gray, Beth Lindley, and Julie Ueltzen

