

## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**June 11, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**  
*from Straslund Gesangbuch*

arr. Alice Jordan

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Terry Sakuda

Leader: We say we come to worship to be with God.

**People: But the beautiful truth is God is already with us.**

Leader: God is always with us! Let us lift our voices in praise.

**People: Let us lift our hearts in love and lift our lives in service to the One who is always with us!**

\* OPENING SONG

**“God of Wonders”**

Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky,  
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy!  
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy!  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light.  
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!  
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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Terry Sakuda

Leader: Christ meets us in the midst of our busy-ness, our successes, and our failures. The good news is nothing can keep God's love away. Knowing that God's grace will always meet us wherever we are, let us offer our confession in prayer.

**All: Merciful God, we acknowledge our own faults, known and unknown, hidden and revealed. We know we have not offered steadfast love to you or to each other. We have not moved forward in faith but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us and raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.**

***Silence***

Leader: People of God, hear and believe the good news: Christ came to bring healing, forgiveness, and new life to all who suffer.

**People: In gratitude, we accept God's forgiveness and grant others the same.**

Leader: In hope, we love one another and know that we are loved.

**People: In mercy, we repair and restore what has been broken. Beloveds, let us love one another. Amen.**

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**“Nothing Ever Could Separate Us”**

Ben Calhoun, Jason Ingram,  
& Seth Mosley

No ocean, no valley, no mountain too high  
No power on earth, there's no distance too wide  
No height or no depth could keep me from your love.  
No failure, no weakness, no doubt in my mind  
No prison around me could keep You outside  
Not even death can pull me from Your arms

Nothing ever could separate us. Nothing ever could separate us  
Nothing ever could separate us now. And when I can't see You still I know You're here  
And when I can't feel You, Your promise is clear  
Nothing I face can keep me from your love  
My Savior, my Healer, my Life and my Hope  
My Treasure, forever with you I belong  
And even in death we won't be torn apart  
You gave it all to have me. You took the cross to save me.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship.)*

ANTHEM

**“The Heavens are Telling”**

Franz Joseph Haydn

Sanctuary Choir

The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament;  
Today that is coming speaks it the day,  
The night that is gone to following night.  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament;  
In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.  
The heavens are telling the glory of God,  
The wonder of his work displays the firmament.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup>Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup>Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, ‘To your offspring I will give this land.’ So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

SERMON

***Up, Up, and Away***

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

\* HYMN

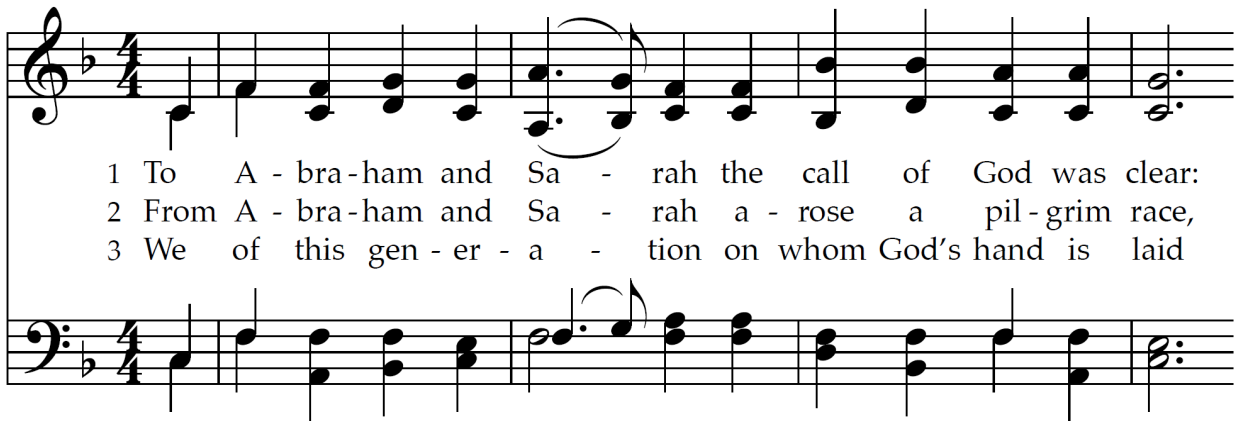
**“To Abraham and Sarah”**

No. 51  
*Glory to God*

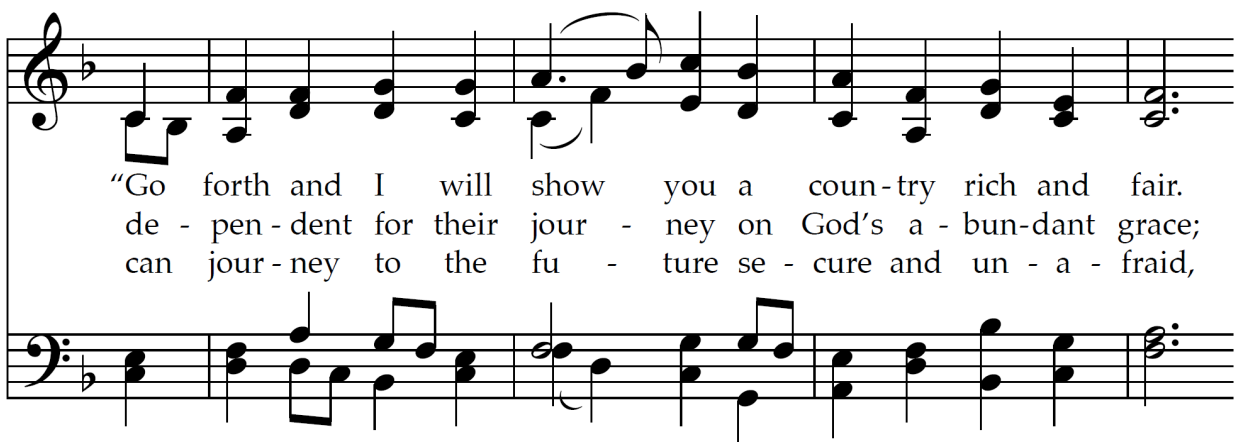
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## To Abraham and Sarah

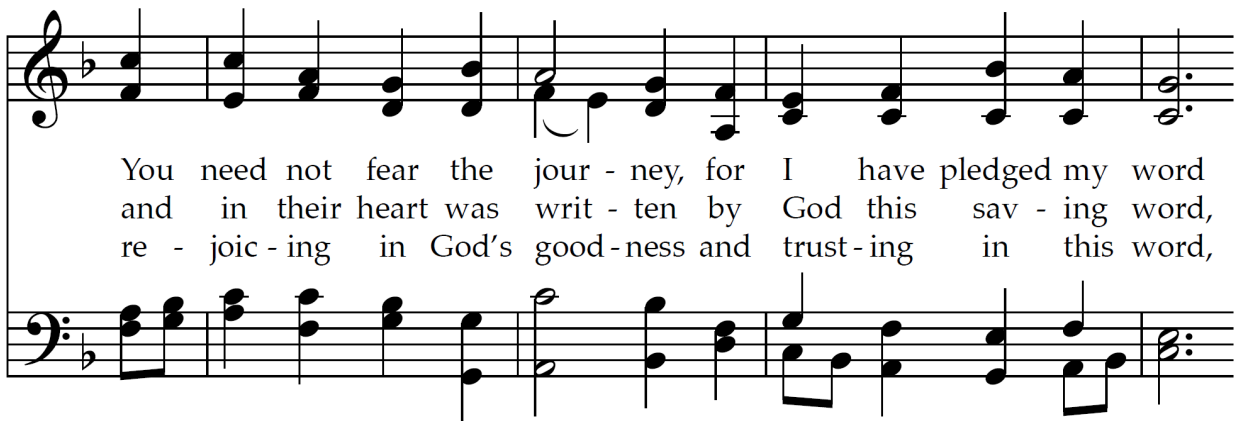
## I Will Be Your God



1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:  
 2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,  
 3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid



"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.  
 de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;  
 can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,



You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word  
 and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,  
 re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,



that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
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## OFFERING & PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

**“The Rejoicing”**  
from *Music for Royal Fireworks*

George Frideric Handel

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

Pastor: Covenant-making God, you meet us where we are and call us forth to follow you.

We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth. As summer comes, we thank you for the lengthening of days, the warming of waters, the excitement of children ready for a break. Help us to enjoy your creation, and from that place of joy, to be faithful stewards of the planet that sustains us.

We give you thanks for the loving community we find here in Christ’s church. Strengthen us, teach us and empower us to faithful service in the world, so that our love may mirror your love, and our mercy your mercy. We praise you, O God, for your sovereign care for your people. Before you, nations rise, fall, and wither like grass. Guide the leaders of nations, states, cities and towns in the ways of your justice, compassion, and mercy. May all who hold positions of authority seek your will, and in so doing tend to the welfare of all people.

We rejoice this morning with those who rejoice, even as we know that the morning does not bring joy for all your people. We pray for people living through war, violence or oppression. We pray for the hungry and the homeless; the sick, injured and grieving; those who feel lonely or afraid. We pray for immigrants, refugees, asylum-seekers and all people “on the move.”

As Jesus reached out and touched the people who came to him for healing, may we also reach out: our hands as your hands, our feet as your feet. Give us the grace to love and serve, to seek and listen, to pray and persist in righteousness and mercy. This we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us 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.**

*(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.)*

### \* SENDING HYMN

**“I, The Lord of Sea and Sky”**

No. 69  
Glory to God

## I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

*Leader or All*

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

*All*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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