



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 25, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

John Darwall
arr. Marvin Gaspard

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Allison Cagley

Leader: To all who are imprisoned

People: God says, "Come out."

Leader: To all who are living in darkness,

People: God says, "Show yourselves."

Leader: To all who hunger and thirst,

People: God gives food and springs of water.

Leader: To all who are far away,

People: God makes smooth the way home. God will not forget us; we are inscribed on the palms of God's hands.

* OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

No. 363
Glory to God

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

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Descant

4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Allison Cagley

Leader: Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

All: You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples.

Silence

Leader: Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed.

People: Amen.

* 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

Emme Leslie

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

* SONG

"How Can I Keep From Singing"

Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation
I hear the real, though far off hymn
That hails a new creation
No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing
It sounds and echoes in my soul
How can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest 'round me roar
I hear the truth it liveth
And though the darkness round me close
Songs in the night it giveth.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:5-15

⁵ 'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ 'When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹ 'Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

SERMON

***If I pray to God, will he give me
an earlier release date?***

Garrett Torgerson

* SONG

"Amazing Grace"

Alan Price

(to the tune of "House of the Rising Sun")

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
It's grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home!

From Garrett: The inmates singing [this version of Amazing Grace] was really powerful to me. I love the dark melody of the House of the Rising Sun, as though the grace in the lyrics is a work in progress. I also love the way the inmates approach the song. I don't know what I expected, but there is an unabashed messy energy that permeates the room. Whereas we often sing tentatively, as if we are afraid someone might hear us, they belt it out, regardless of intonation or even incorrect lyrics, all while a single guitar tries, sometimes in futility, to catch up to the chord progression. You are enveloped in a cacophony of glorious sound, irrevocably imperfect and all the better for it.

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Conrad Kocher
arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Creator God, the world is yours and we live according to your abundance. Wherever we wander during these June days – road trips to the beach, family camping trips, visiting friends and relatives – watch over our travels. May we reach our destinations safely and make our journeys with wonder at the blessings bestowed upon us by your amazing grace.

As we kneel in the dirt of our gardens, pulling the unwanted weeds, pruning the untamed overgrowth, may our harvest be plentiful and the smell of soil, air, and sun spark joy. You give us enough to share Holy God. Remind us of those who don't have enough and our ability to make a difference in their lives.

The heat and humidity can be oppressive, God. Perfect weather for those with access to a swimming pool. So we pray for those without access or excess. We pray for people without cool places of respite and refuge. We pray for those whose lives are threatened by the heat. We pray for the poor and impoverished in this country, as well as around the world. May we find ways to shelter and nurture all your children, Holy God.

Hear our thanks and praise for the blessings of this summer. Hear, also, our prayers for those who are struggling during this season.

In your mercy, Beloved God, hear the prayers of your people. Now, as the body of Christ, we pray this adaptation of the Lord's Prayer:

All: Lord, you are the holy God of love, beyond words, understanding, and explanation. To you may we relinquish control, following wherever you lead. Remind us that when we turn our lives over to you, we surrender them to love, to your vision for life rooted in love, here and now. Let us not worry about our survival, knowing that you will provide, in a world where all are forgiven and all are free. Help us to find contentment with what we have now, and to never put ourselves ahead of others. For love triumphs over all, is the only true power, and is the only thing that matters, here, now, and forever more. 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

“One Thing Remains”

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford
& Jeremy Riddle

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains. One thing remains
Your love never fails, it never gives up
Never runs out on me
On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever have to be afraid
This one thing remains. One thing remains.
In death, in life, I'm confident and covered by
The power of Your great love. My debt is paid.
There's nothing that can separate my heart
From Your great love.

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Matthew Major

Vocalists: Karen Gray, Beth Lindley, and Julie Ueltzen

