



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**July 16, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Parker

Leader: The very word of God is a light to our feet, a lamp to our path.

**People: We gather this day to hear the Word of God,**

Leader: to offer prayers and sing songs of praise.

**People: We gather this day to worship God!**

\* 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

Anne Parker

Leader: To know God is to know of God's mercy, justice, and love. To know God is to also know ourselves, and we are a people who have not always shown mercy, loved as much as we should, or worked for justice. So let us offer our prayer of confession, knowing that out of God's great mercy, we will be forgiven and made new.

All: **Creating God, we have neglected to care for the earth and the waters that bring life. We have taken advantage of your commandment to be fruitful and multiply and have misused and used up the resources you entrusted to us. We have been selfish with your gifts instead of being good stewards. Turn us back to you and teach us to care for those we have made vulnerable. Repair and restore the soil of our lives, so that your word will take root and bear good fruit.**

**Silence**

Leader: The good news is that God forgives us and gives us Christ to be living water and true bread.

People: **We accept with joy these precious gifts of abundant life! Amen.**

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 609  
Glory to God

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
 Bm A D G D Bm E A D  
 high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
 D  
 God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
 G A D Em A Bm  
 one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Em D G A Em G A D  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.)

\* HYMN

**"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"**

No. 32  
Glory to God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

<sup>12</sup> For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

<sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

SERMON

***Divine Default***

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

\* SONG

**"Your Love, O Lord"**

Mac Powell, Brad Avery,  
David Carr, 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

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

George Root  
arr. by Janet Linkler

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

Pastor: Gracious God, your care and providence extend to all, and so we come this day with our prayers for the world and all humanity. We pray for all nations and their leaders. In a world where people are so often formed by their own self-interest and sinfulness, we pray that your will would be done. Grant those who govern the knowledge that they are to serve for the greater good and to guide the world into a better place than it finds itself today.

Let us work for a world of equality and fairness. May our church work for a more just and equitable society. We pray for our local communities. May the Spirit lead each community as it walks into an uncertain future. May we learn to place an emphasis on hospitality and welcome and may our cities and neighborhoods be beacons of tolerance and love.

During this busy summer, we pray that you would be with all those who travel. Grant mercy and safety to them as they travel near and far. Keep our children safe, we pray, in this summertime of sports and activities. Be with those who seek rest and renewal during this season.

We pray for those who are vulnerable to extreme weather. For those who labor in the heat, and those who live on the street, we pray for mercy and care. For all who are sick and suffering — we ask for your healing and peace.

May all who call on the name of Jesus Christ flourish in the days ahead. We ask this all in the name of Jesus and offer together the prayer that he taught us 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. 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.)*



1 Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to  
 2 Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once for -



see all people's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
Setting by Hal H. Hopson

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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