



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 23, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

“O God of All Creation, We See All Around Us”

arr. Marvin Gaspard

Welsh Folk Melody THE ASH GROVE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Terry Sakuda

Leader: We come. We wait.

People: We long. We hope.

Leader: We suffer. We pray.

People: We rejoice. We sing.

Leader: We know we are children of God.

People: Guide us, Holy One, as we journey through this life and land.

* OPENING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

No. 65
Glory to God

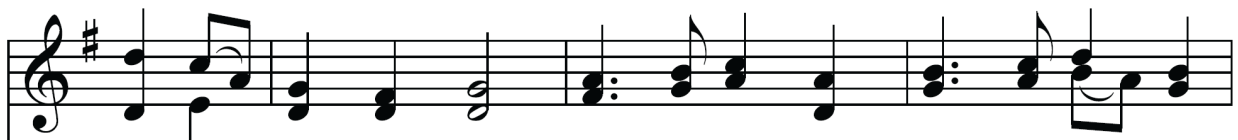
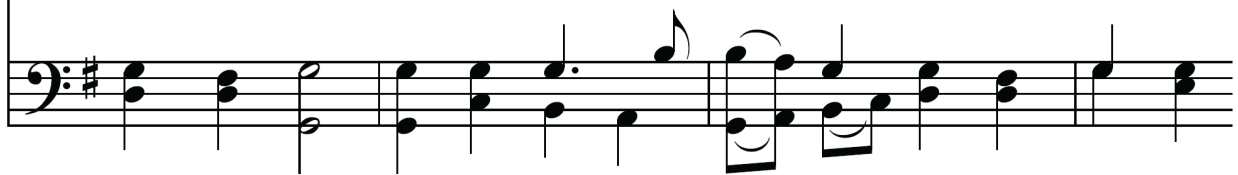
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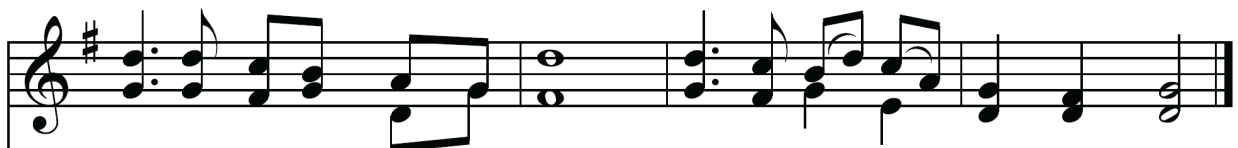
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Terry Sakuda

Leader: When we are in bondage, God offers to set us free. When we are poor, God in Christ identifies with us and offers us riches money cannot buy. When we are lonely, the Holy Spirit is our Comforter, pointing us beyond ourselves. Let us seek together the healing only God can provide.

All: **Ever-present God, there is no place where you are not with us. You see us at our worst and at our best. There is much we would hide from you—the ways we harm your creation, the ways we mistreat others, the ways we turn away when we should turn toward. Even as you know us, forgive us. Guide our thoughts, our words, and our actions that you may delight in us as we delight in you.**

Silence

Leader: Beloved, hear the good news. God knows and forgives us and leads us in the way of everlasting life.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

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

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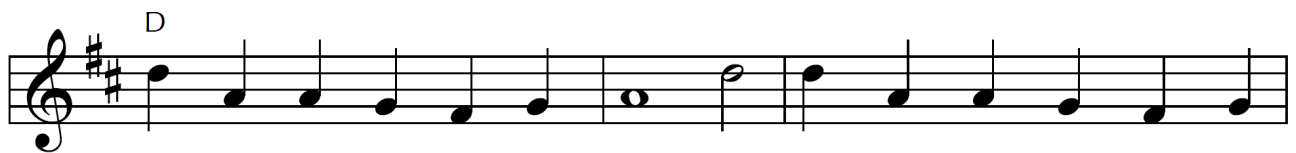


Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D



high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise



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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art”

Stuart Hine

Keith Atwater, Dave Studer, and Jim Wurz

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel.

SERMON

Stones for Pillows

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* HYMN

“O God of Creation, We See All Around Us”

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Tune: Ash Grove

O God of creation, we see all around us:
How richly diverse are the people you've made!
In all of our neighbors who daily surround us,
Your love for your children is ever displayed.
We're made in your image, we're equal before you;
Yet often injustice and hatred abound.
Forgive us the ways that we sin and ignore you,
Accepting the structures that push others down.

Christ Jesus, you lived in the same way you taught us;
You welcomed the people that others despised.
You talked and you ate with the poor and the outcast;
You saw every person through welcoming eyes.
Forgive our re-building the walls you have broken —
Our making of barriers you came to tear down.
The gift of your cross is the world's reconciling
With God and with all of God's people around.

O God, by your Spirit, now give us a vision
Of life in your kingdom through Jesus your Son —
Where background and culture won't lead to division,
And all will feel welcomed and all will be one.
God, now may we work with a new dedication
For justice, equality, freedom and peace,
Until we are called to your great celebration
And share at your table in your banquet feast.

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Indian Folk Song

Tango by Victor Labenske

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of Wisdom and Insight, help us to slow down from the busy world around us. Remind us to turn off the notifications, silence all the alerts, and simply listen for you. Listen to the wind in the leaves, the rustle of grass, the call of birds in the morning and evening. Listen for the distant sounds of water, the noises of critters underneath, the soft pants of the deer and the creatures in the forest.

May we remember that in the busyness of high-speed internet and freeways and deadlines, there is another world, the one you made, full of life. May we catch hold of that sense of awe and remember that we are fully embodied, living creatures you shaped and breathed life into.

We are wondrous, full of light and love that comes from you. May we remember each day, each moment, what a gift we are to you and to one another. We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Now, as the Body of Christ and your covenant community, we pray the prayer Jesus 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.

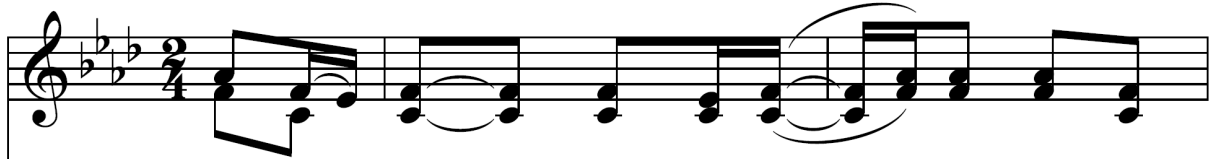
(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.)

* SENDING HYMN

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

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Glory to God

350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



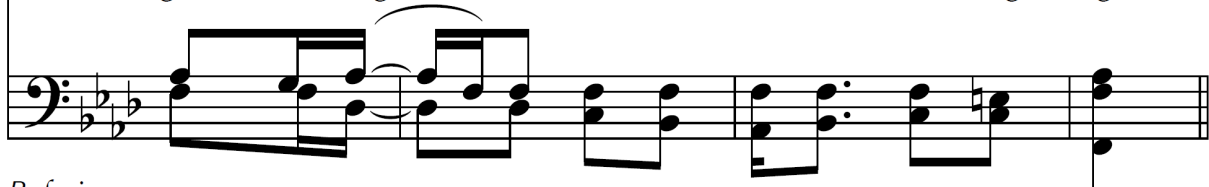
1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery



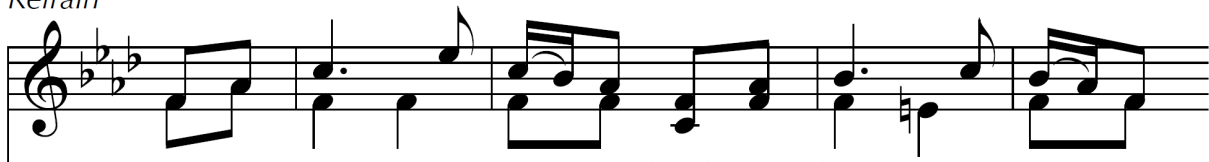
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trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.



Refrain



Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;





chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
CWM RHONDDA by John Hughes

setting by Paul Manz, Op. 14

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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