



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**July 30, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

***“Largo from Concerto in D (‘La Pastorella’)***

Antonio Vivaldi

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105)

Bob Curtis

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,

**People: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to God;

**People: Tell of all God's wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in God's holy name;

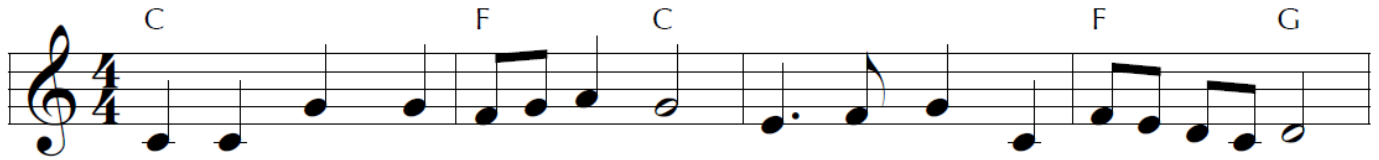
**People: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

\* OPENING HYMN

***“God of Great and God of Small”***

No. 19  
*Glory to God*

# God of Great and God of Small 19

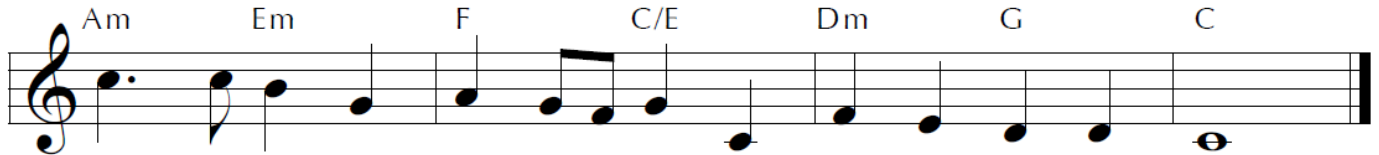


1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

## Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bob Curtis

**Leader:** Even though the kingdom of heaven is already here, and is already given to us by grace, there are many ways we do not yet live in this reality. Let's speak the truth of how we have sinned, but still remain confident in God's grace.

**All:** **We confess, O God, that we do not look for your kingdom to be at hand. We are still waiting, but we're terrible at waiting. We confess that at times we want a kingdom that doesn't look much different than the world we are in, except in our vision we have all the power and possessions we desire. Call us into your ways of love, restoration, and reconciliation, that we might give up our own visions of a self-serving kingdom, and embrace the self-giving love of your kingdom. We pray in the name of Christ, who laid down his life in the name of love.**

## Silence

**Leader:** We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**People:** **We are forgiven. We are loved. We are restored. Nothing can separate us from God's love. We rejoice in this good news!**

\* 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.)*

\* SONG

**“More Than Amazing”**

Lincoln Brewster & Mia Fieldes

You're the One who walked on water and you calmed the raging seas  
 You command the highest mountains to fall upon their knees.  
 You're the One who welcomed sinners and you opened blinded eyes  
 You restored the brokenhearted and you brought the dead to life  
 Forgetting all our sins, You remember all Your promises  
 You are amazing, more than amazing.  
 Forever our God, You're more than enough. You are amazing  
 With authority You've spoken and You've set the captive free  
 You're the King who came to serve and You're the God who washed our feet  
 You're the One who took our burdens and you bled upon the cross  
 In Your kindness and Your mercy You became the way for us  
 Forgetting all our sins, You remember all Your promises  
 Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful! Oh, how glorious! You are amazing  
 Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful! Oh, how glorious You are!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

<sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

<sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

<sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

<sup>47</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

<sup>51</sup> 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

SERMON

*The Kingdom of Small Things*

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

\* SONG

**"There Is Now a New Creation"**

No. 774  
Glory to God

1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,  
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:  
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.  
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;  
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.

peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.  
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.  
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.  
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.  
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



## OFFERING & PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

### “Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)”

Traditional Argentinian Melody

arr. Charles Callahan

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

Pastor: God of grace and peace, we offer our prayers for those in need. In this moment of prayer, we pause to remember ...

- Those who don't have the resources they need;
- Those who are lonely and are without community;
- Those who cannot find peace in their own body or mind;
- Those who struggle with religious trauma.

O God, you have welcomed us into the kingdom of heaven. It is a kingdom that is beyond our understanding, but we trust that you know it just as you know us. God, let us find peace in that which we cannot know and faith to trust in your love.

Finally, hear us now, as we 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. 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 SONG

**“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.

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Drums: Will Condrey

Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Matthew Major

Vocalists: Karen Gray and Julie Ueltzen

