

# **CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

<u>July 9, 2023</u>	Livestream & In-Person	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
WELCOME	& ANNOUNCEMENTS Click <u>HERE</u> to register your attendance.	Pastor Ivan N. Herman
* GREETING (	ONE ANOTHER	
PRELUDE	"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"	Traditional, arr. Jack Schrader
<ul> <li>* CALL TO WORSHIP Rebecca Parker</li> <li>Leader: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary, and I will give you rest."</li> <li>People: All of us know what is like to be weary. All of us carry heavy burdens.</li> <li>Leader: Let us accept Christ's invitation:</li> <li>People: We long to rest in God.</li> </ul>		
* OPENING S So r	ONG <b>"Your Grace is Enough"</b> Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God, You wrestle with the sinne You lead us by still waters into mercy, And nothing can ke emember Your people, remember Your children, Remember	ep up apart

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me. Great is your love and justice, God our maker, You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of our salvation, And all Your people sing along So remember Your people, remember Your children, Remember Your promise, Oh God

Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us, Your grace is enough for me. God, I see Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love, Your grace is enough for me, for me.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Rebecca Parker

- Leader: When we come to worship God, we must first remember who we are, and we are people who often sin and turn from the ways of God. Confident that God's grace is always enough, let us offer our confession together, knowing that we will be offered forgiveness in Christ.
- All: Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray and make us new to go forth and glorify you.

#### Silence

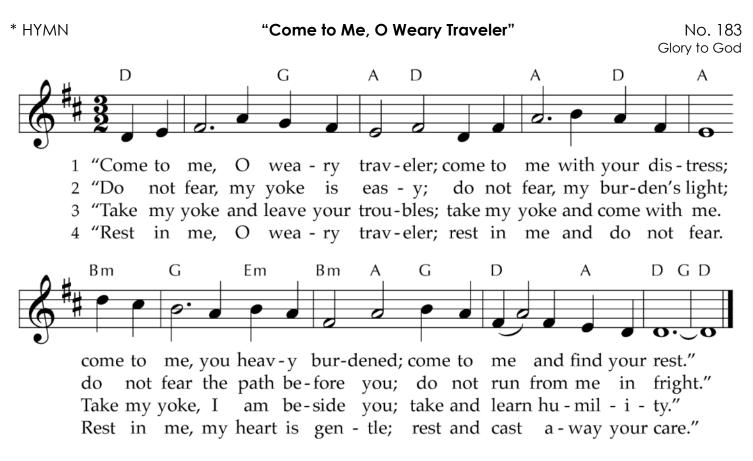
Leader: Hear the Good News! Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.



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.)



#### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

<sup>16</sup> "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' <sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." <sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

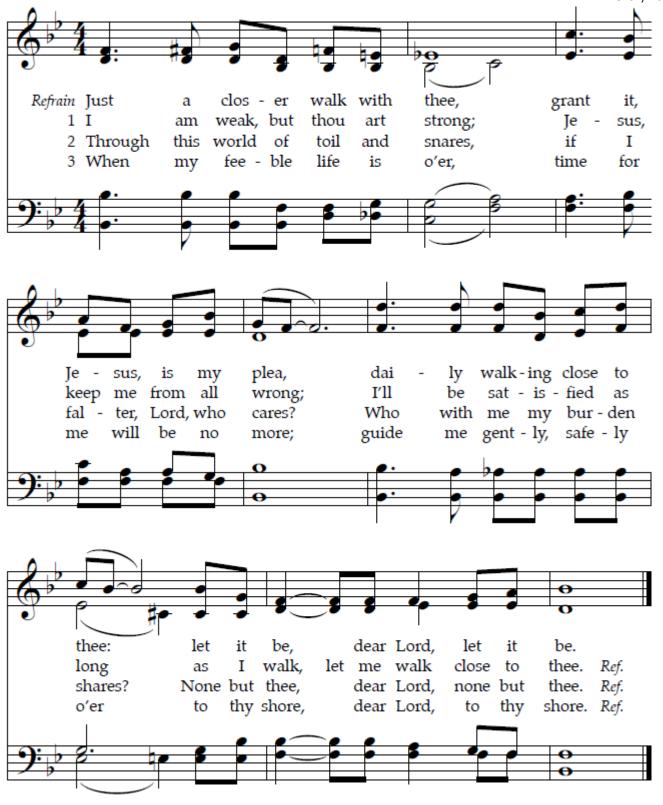
SERMON

**Rest as Resistance** 

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

No. 835 Glory to God



**OFFERING & PRAYER** 

OFFERTORY

"Bourrée" from Heldenmusik

Georg Philipp Telemann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, in Jesus, we are invited to come to you with our burdens, with the wearying concerns of our lives. Hear us now as we pray for the world around us.

Our national news is filled with stories of violence and harm. We live in a world in which many are in danger, and many seem unmoved by that fact. Change our moral consciousness to one in which safety and preservation of life is our most important concern. May we each look deep into your Word, to find the ethic we will live by and work for your kingdom to come.

We pray for the sick or suffering people in our world and our community. We pray for your grace to be found in the unwanted diagnosis or medical news; may your love saturate the grief that news brings. For those who suffer from pain and discomfort, we pray that you will ease their suffering and give them fresh hope in the face of illness.

Loving God, we ask that you look upon our relationships and families and strengthen them. Build up our marriages, reinforce our friendships, and bless the ties that bind us. Enable us to be the parents, grandparents, children, and siblings you have called us to be. Bless our families—whether they are families of blood or choice.

And we ask that you guide this church into new life and health. Teach us each to live in such a way that the power of God working in us is evident to all. May all that we do as a church community and all that we do as individuals glorify you.

We ask this in Jesus' name and join our voices in the prayer that he taught us, saying, "Our Father ...."

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.)

\* CLOSING SONG

## "Lord, Reign in Me"

Over all the earth You reign on high Every mountain stream, every sunset sky But my one request, Lord, my only aim Is that You reign in me again

Lord, reign in me, reign in your power Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour You are the Lord of all I am So won't You reign in me again?

Over every thought, over every word May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord You mean more to me than any earthly thing So won't You reign in me again?

# \* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## \* POSTLUDE

#### \* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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