

## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**August 13, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Suzan Wurz

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

**People: Proclaim the deeds of the Lord to all the peoples.**

Leader: Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God.

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

Leader: Glory in God's holy name;

**People: seek the presence of the Lord, rejoicing with all your heart.**

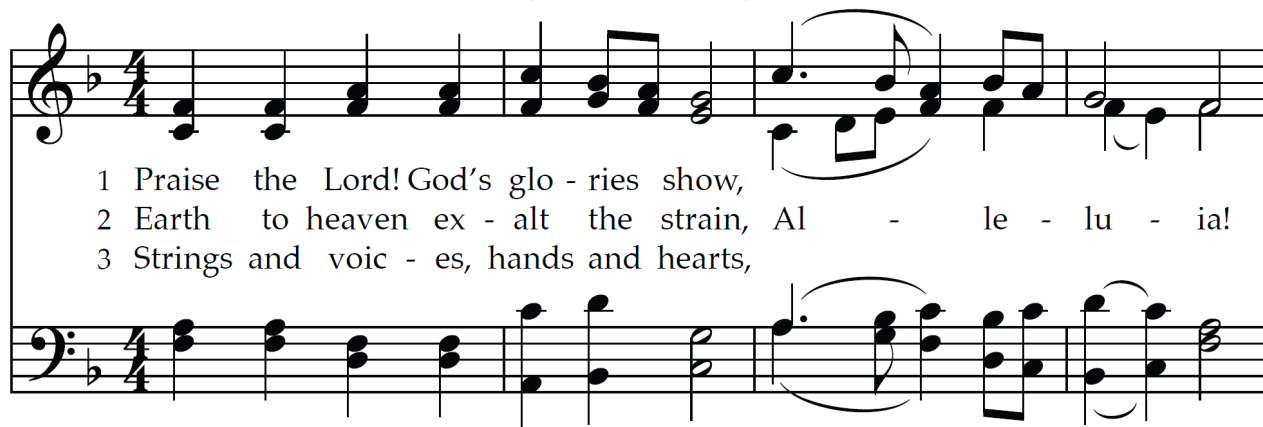
\* OPENING HYMN

**"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"**

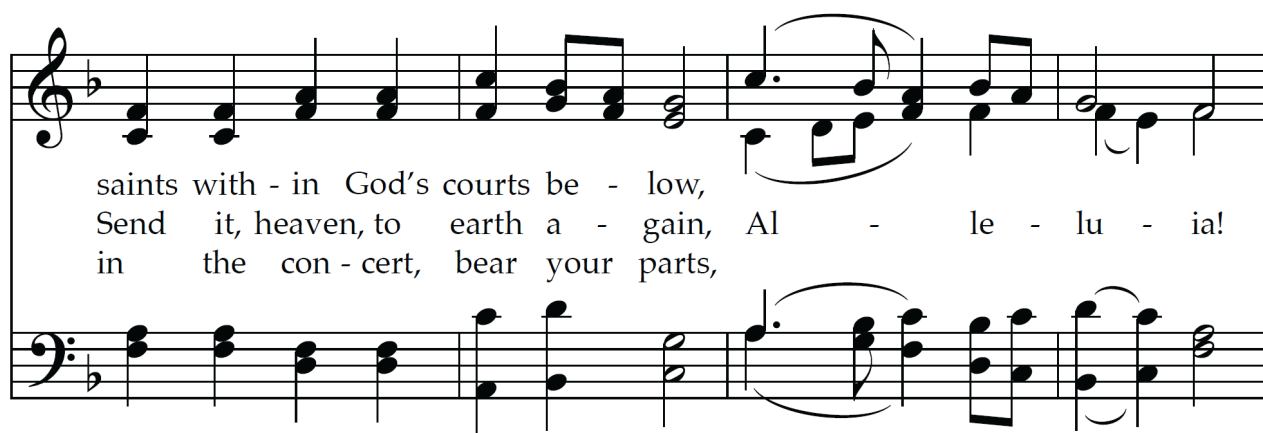
No. 33  
*Glory to God*

# Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

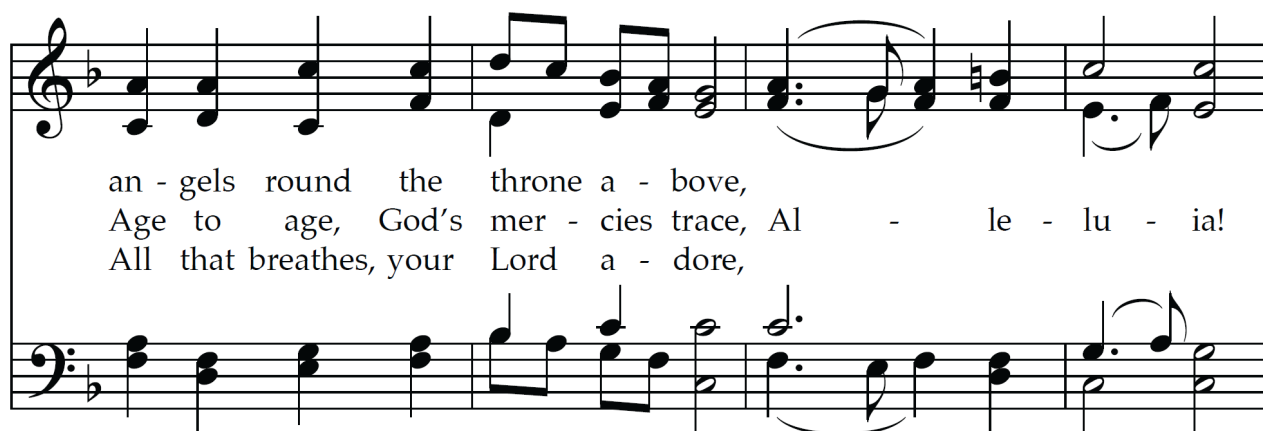
(Psalm 150)



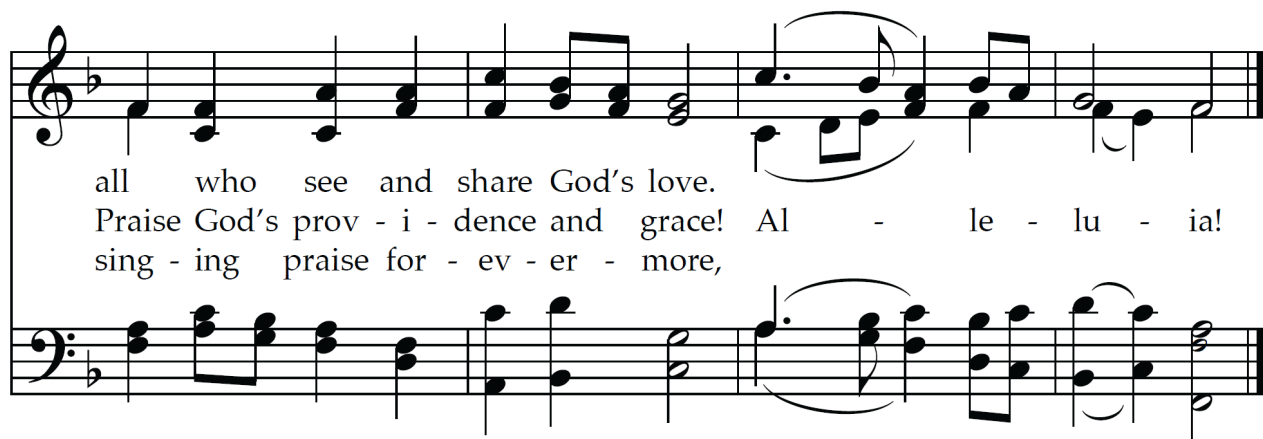
1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,  
2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,



saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
in the con - cert, bear your parts,



an - gels round the throne a - bove,  
Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,



all who see and share God's love.  
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!  
sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Suzan Wurz

Leader: In the presence of almighty God and before one another, let us confess our sin and the things that hinder us in leading faithful lives as God's people.

All: **Save us, O God, for the waters have come up to our necks. We sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; we have come into deep waters, and the floods sweep over us. We are weary; our throats are parched. Our eyes grow dim with waiting for our God. Gracious God, forgive us for taking our eyes off Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

When the storms of life swirl around us, we forget your unfailing goodness and power to save us. When we hear Jesus say, "Come," we make excuses about why it is too hard to follow him, especially when the way seems dangerous and challenging. Forgive our sins, Lord, and help us to step out in faith. Be merciful to us when we cry out, "We believe; help our unbelief!" In Jesus' name we pray.

**Silence**

Leader: Hear these words of assurance: "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow. For I will be with you, your troubles to bless and sanctify to you your deepest distress."

Friends, hear and believe the good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE **"Glory Be to the Father (*Gloria Patri*)"**

No. 581  
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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
 gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
 world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## 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

### “Jesus”

Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash

There is a truth older than the ages  
There is a promise of things yet to come  
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus  
There is light that overwhelms the darkness  
There is kingdom that forever reigns  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus  
Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea  
Who stands in the fire beside me.  
He roars like a Lion, He bled as the Lamb,  
He carries my healing in His hands: Jesus  
There is a name I call in times of trouble.  
There is a song that comforts in the night  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages  
He is Jesus, Jesus.  
Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name  
You're my Rock and my Redeemer  
There is power in Your name, in Your name  
You walk on the water, You speak to the sea  
You stand in the fire beside me  
You roar like a Lion, You bled as the Lamb  
You carry my healing in Your hands  
Jesus, there is no one like you, Jesus  
There is no one like You

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'  
<sup>28</sup> Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.'  
<sup>29</sup> He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' <sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

SERMON

**Comfort Zone**

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

**"Forever"**

Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
God's love endures forever  
For God is good and is above all things  
God's love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise,  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
God's love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
God's love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise,  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Forever God is faithful;  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun  
God's love endures forever  
By the grace of God we will carry on  
God's love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise,  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Forever God is faithful;  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, forever.

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

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

Pastor: God of grace and God of mercy, when life threatens to overwhelm us, we cry out as the psalmist did, "Save me, O God!" and as Peter did, "Lord, save me!" You are always there for us, reaching out and taking our hand, offering your peace and calming our fears by your very presence in Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lord. O God, hear our prayers ...

Lord Jesus, when you call us to follow where you lead, our hearts rejoice, but our fears sidetrack us. Open our hearts and our ears to hear your voice above all others. Then may we respond in trust, willing to get out of the boat, come to you, walk with you, and follow you through all of life's joys and sorrows, triumphs and challenges. Lord, hear our prayers ...

Holy Spirit, fill us with your power and your gifts for ministry that we might be faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus who says, "Come." Help us to focus on the abundance of grace rather than the scarcity that comes from fear. Teach us your truth that we may come to know, love, and trust Jesus Christ in all of life. Holy Spirit, hear our prayers ...

O God, we pray for your church in this place. When we are afraid to step out in faith, help us stay focused on Jesus Christ. When we are comfortable, stir us from our complacency. When we make our plans based on what we don't have, forgive us and remind us of your never-failing promise of abundant life in Jesus Christ. When we find ourselves sinking under the weight of our doubts, help us to reach out to you and take your strong hand that will lift us up.

We offer these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray,

**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.**

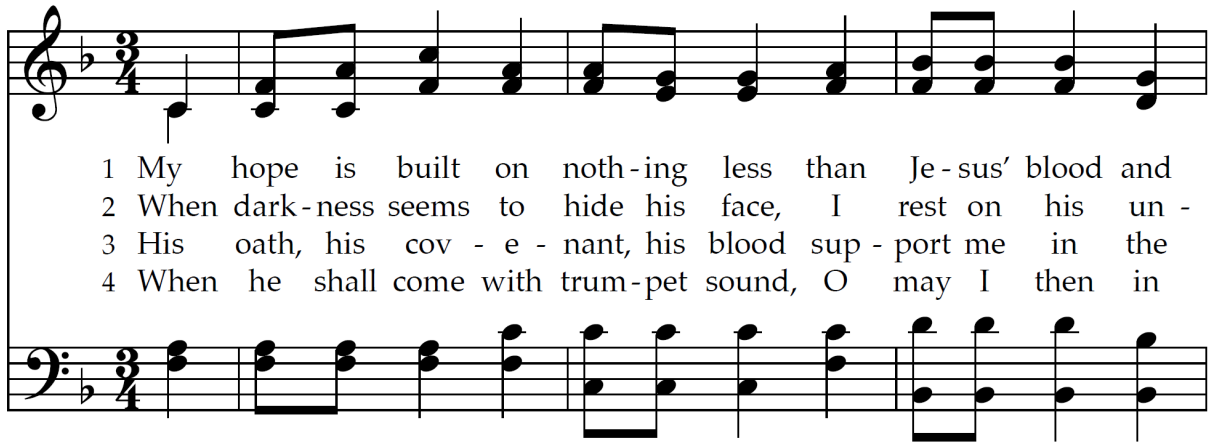
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\* CLOSING HYMN

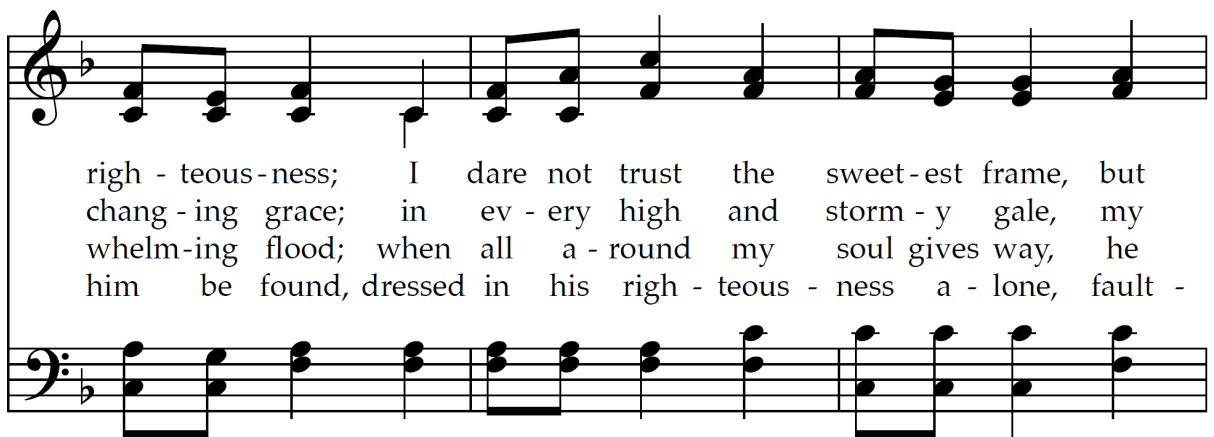
**"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

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# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

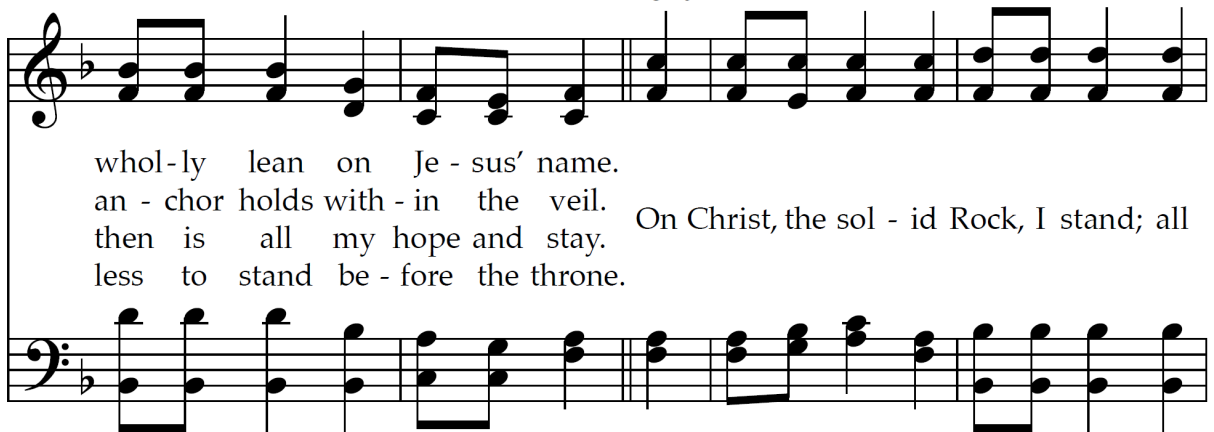


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

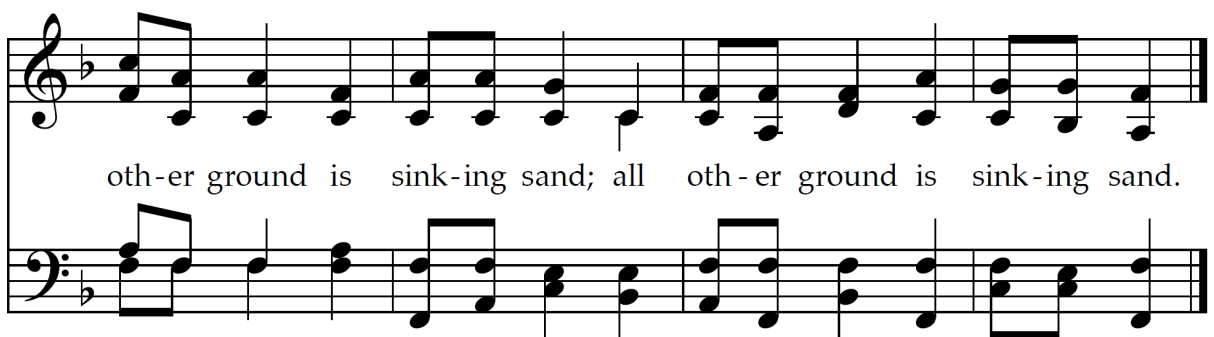


right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

## *Refrain*



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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