

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 20, 2023 Livestream & In-Person 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MOMENT FOR CPC Music Ministry Keith Atwater

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP Tim Farley

Leader: Turn us, O God,

People: away from the world's temptations and distractions.

Leader: Return us, O God,

People: to the quiet calm of your presence.

Leader: Restore us, O God,

People: to the path you call us to follow.

Leader: Orient us, O God,

People: to the hope of all that is possible through you.

* OPENING HYMN "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

No. 320 Glory to God

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Tim Farley

Leader: Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to

God.

All:

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique, and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your abundant forgiveness.

Silence

Leader: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are

mine. Isaiah 43:1

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.)

I meet with You and my soul sings out
As Your word cries out, "Follow Me."
I sing to You and my heart cries
"Holy! Hallelujah, Father, You're near!"
My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long,
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my song
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord
I wait for You and my soul finds rest
In my selfishness, You show me grace
I worship You and my heart cries "Glory
Hallelujah, Father, You're here!"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 15:21-28

I will wait on You. You are my refuge.

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON SHOUT! Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG "Carry Your Love" Aaron Senseman & Cliff Young

We are called out; we are ransomed We are not of the world we are in We are chosen; we are blessed to bring light to all God's children So Father, sow Your seed, give us life in community Wake us from our sleep. This is Your time; This is Your place and we are vessels for breaking Under Your grace, we are led by Your Spirit You have redeemed us by the blood of Your Son Give us Your Word, we are eager to hear it Ready our hearts to carry Your love You are sunlight, You are morning You're the hope of a brand new day You are comfort, You are blessing And You wipe all our tears away So change us from within, render miracles from our sin Remind us once again this is Your time;

This is Your place and we are vessels for breaking

OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" Traditional

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, we gather with you in worship, listen to your Word read and

proclaimed and discern your will for our lives. Incline your ear to us as we raise

our prayers, petitions, joys, and concerns. Hear us as we pray.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: God our Rock, we are questioning what we once assumed to be sturdy and

stable. Our economy feels fragile, our democracy vulnerable, our country angrily divided. Things are changing too fast, and our options feel limited. We don't know what to do to make things better. Life is overwhelming, and we, your

people, need your help.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Creator God, the natural world groans for relief as temperatures rise, wildfires

rage, and natural disasters regularly and tragically endanger lives. We pray for those without the resources to rebuild after disaster strikes. We pray for the sick whole lungs are vulnerable to polluted air. We pray for the evacuated, the refugee, the desperate, and the destitute. We pray for your earth to be

renewed.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Prince of Peace, save us from ourselves, our violence and warring madness.

Defeat dictators hell bent on hoarding power. Protect the innocent from injustice. Strengthen the honorable. Bless us all with the moral courage to follow

Christ's way of love. Restore peace to Ukraine. Protect the persecuted of Manipur, India. Clear a path for Israel and Palestine. Stabilize the situation in

Niger, Africa. Hear the cries of your people.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, we are not without help or hope. Acts of compassion inspire in the

face of all that is hard and harsh. Communities are collaborating to meet needs in new and exciting ways. People long silenced are finding their voice We are newly aware of what we can accomplish when we work together for the flourishing of our kin-dom. Holy God, the greatest threats are those that lead us to lock ourselves down, close our minds and hearts, build barriers to divide and protect. May your Spirit encourage our faith as we stand open-hearted, praying

and believing in your endless mercy.

Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: 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.)



* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Choralevorspiele on LOBE DEN HERREN

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.
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Drums: Will Condrey

Guitar: Michael Schwab

Vocalists: Tara Calderon and Julie Ueltzen

