



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**August 27, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Centennial T-shirts

Kathy Lewin

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**“On Eagle’s Wings”**

Michael Joncas

setting by Douglas E. Wagner

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Caron Treon

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made the heavens and the earth.**

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

**People: then the flood would have swept us away.**

Leader: The God who saved Israel is still at work in the world,

**People: hearing the cries of the afflicted and setting God’s people free. Thanks be to God!**

\* OPENING SONG

**"Today Is the Day"**

*Lincoln Brewster & Paul Baloche*

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day!

I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day!

I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You  
I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm giving You my fear and sorrow.

Where You lead me, I will follow. I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day! Today is the day! Today is the day!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Caron Treon

Leader: We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world, instead of being transformed into God's image. Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have allowed fear to turn us away from justice and mercy.

**All: Gracious God, you are always present and active amid your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing.**

***Silence***

Leader: Friends, hear the good news: Our God makes a way where there is no way, infusing our world with grace and hope when such goodness feels long gone. We are a people redeemed and restored.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\* 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  
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  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

\* HYMN

**"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"**

No. 817  
Glory to God

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 And when our life of faith is done, in  
gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you  
none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## 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

Exodus 1:8-2:10

<sup>1:8</sup> Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup>He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup>Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' <sup>11</sup>Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup>But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup>The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, <sup>14</sup>and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup>The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup>'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' <sup>17</sup>But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup>So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' <sup>19</sup>The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' <sup>20</sup>So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup>And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup>Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

<sup>2:1</sup> Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup>The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup>When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup>His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. <sup>5</sup>The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup>When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. <sup>7</sup>Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' <sup>8</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup>Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup>When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

SERMON

**Well-behaved Women**

Pastor Ivan N. Herman



1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us  
 2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our  
 3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our  
 4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our



close in her de - light, fed us free - ly from her  
 hand and been our guide, lift - ed us and healed our  
 trust in power and might, left be - hind our broth - ers,  
 neigh - bor's hand in love, tread the path of peace and



bod - y, God has called us in - to life.  
 sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.  
 sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.  
 jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Gather the Spirit”  
David Mathews, saxophone

Jim Scott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of the exodus, we give you thanks for your continuing power of liberation in the world today. You create all that is out of chaos and formlessness. You draw your people out of our suffering, making a way where there is no way. You save us and forgive us and restore us to new life. Hear our prayers this morning for the whole human family.

God of Jochebed, we give you thanks for the fierce, maternal love in which you enfold us. Help us to hold one another and all creation with that same love, tenderness and fidelity. May we see everything and everyone that you have made, treat the earth and one another with respect, and rejoice that all you have created is, indeed, very good.

God of Miriam, we give you thanks for caregivers in our world, for all who watch over and tend to those in need. Give them strength, wisdom and endurance for the task at hand. Surround them and us with your loving care that we may remember you are the one who sustains us all.

God of the Egyptian Princess, we give you thanks for people in positions of power and privilege who use the resources at their disposal to seek justice, pursue peace and offer compassion to those in need. Pour out your sovereign wisdom on presidents, governors and all elected and appointed officials that they might lead the people entrusted to them in paths of righteousness.

God of Shiphrah and Puah, we give you thanks for those among us practicing faithful resistance to the powers of evil. Give us the courage, persistence and humor necessary to stand up to Pharaoh in our day, to choose life over death, to usher in those new things being born in our midst.

God of all people, this morning we lift those in our midst and in our world in need of your healing and wholeness. Be with people who are sick or injured, hungry or homeless, grieving or lonely, in prison or estranged from loved ones. Comfort the afflicted and send your presence to all who suffer.

God who forms the church out of diverse and disparate people, send your Spirit to enliven us and equip us for ministry. As our bodies are made up of many members, build us up into the Body of Christ that we may be your church and members of one another. Keep us faithful to the gospel until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, 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.)*

\* CLOSING SONG

**“Be the Center”**

Michael Frye

Jesus, be the center.  
Be my source, be my light, Jesus.  
Jesus, be the center.  
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.  
Be the fire in my heart  
Be the wind in my sails  
Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.  
Jesus, be my vision  
Be my help, be my guide, Jesus.

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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