



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 10, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”**

setting by Mark Hayes

African-American Spiritual

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Debbie Bunn

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**People: This day is God’s gift to us.**

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**People: God has graciously gathered us together in this place.**

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**People: God is good and faithful. God is worthy of our praise.**

\* OPENING SONGS

**“Our God”**

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin,  
Chris Tomlin & Jesse Reeves

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You, none like You  
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You, none like You  
Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God, You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer, awesome in power, Our God, our God  
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?  
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**“Mighty to Save”**

Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations  
Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave  
So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures, and fill my life again  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in now I surrender, I surrender  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world sing  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Debbie Bunn

Leader: Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**All: Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word.**

**Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be.**

*Silence*

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

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, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 207.)*

ANTHEM

**“Where Two or Three Are Gathered”**

Stan Pethel

Sanctuary Choir

Where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name,  
He promised to be in their midst, so we gather in Jesus' name.  
And we worship the God of the ages and praise Him, as Lord of today;  
we exalt Him and lift up our voices, We gather in Jesus' name.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

SERMON

***The Road Map to Reconciliation***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

*Refrain* G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

## OFFERING & PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

### **"I've Got Peace Like a River"**

African-American Spiritual

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

Pastor: Merciful God, powerful and wonderful, eternally present and graciously close, we are grateful for what you have given us in Jesus Christ, life and love without end. Prompted by your Spirit and encouraged by your faithfulness, we lift to you the cares and concerns of our hearts, the burdens and the worries of our lives. We pray that the sick would be healed, that the broken would be mended, that the mournful would be comforted. We pray that warriors would yield to peace, that leaders would gain wisdom, that the forsaken would be gathered in. We pray that the sorrowful would be consoled, that the poor would be lifted up, that the anxious would be released. We pray for children in their growing and for youth in their seeking. We pray for those making new starts and for those nearing a journey's end. We pray for those facing hard choices and for those enduring painful consequences. We pray for those filled with bitterness and for those who are just empty. We pray that your church might claim its potential, that the body of Christ might be strengthened by its many parts, that the work of ministry might be done with joy and thanksgiving. We pray for the courage to follow Jesus, for the faith to trust your promises to us, for the vision to see your kingdom among us even now. We pray for all that you would have us pray. We pray for those for whom no one prays. We pray all of these things in the name of the one ceaselessly praying for us, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Trusting in Christ, we offer together the prayer he 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.)*



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears  
3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God



car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,



who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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