

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 17, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

MOMENT FOR CPC

Family Promise

David Mathews

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Bergsten

Leader: When forces in the world threaten us, when our bodies or spirits turn against us, there is One who seeks us, One who meets us, One who is present with us,

People: whose love washes over us and sets us free for joy. This One is the Lord.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

* OPENING HYMN

“O God of Every Nation”

No. 756
Glory to God

O God of Every Nation

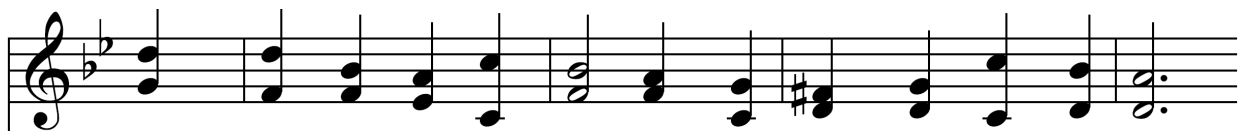
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1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bob Bergsten

All: God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your peace and mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you.

Silence

Leader: Beloved, your sins are forgiven, for God promises to never leave us. Therefore, be at peace and stand secure in the Lord.

People: Praise be to God! Amen.

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

No. 581
Glory to God

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.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part setting of the Gloria Patri. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

(Children are invited to the front of the church. Following the Time for Young People, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 207.)

ANTHEM

“Think on These Things”
composed for CPC Carillon Youth Choir 1987
Sanctuary Choir

Keith Atwater
Philippians 4:8-9, adapted

Whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, think on these things.
Whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, think on these things.
Then do what the Bible say, spread love every day,
For this now is Jesus' way, think on these things!

Whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, whatever is excellent, think on these things.
Then do what these words command, spread peace to every land,
And reach out a helping hand, think on these things.
Then do what the Bible say, spread love every day,
For this now is Jesus' way, think on these things!
Whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, think on these things.

SERMON

The God Who Sees

Rev. Christa R. Brewer

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 16:7-11, 13

⁷ The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸And he said, 'Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?' She said, 'I am running away from my mistress Sarai.' ⁹The angel of the LORD said to her, 'Return to your mistress, and submit to her.' ¹⁰The angel of the LORD also said to her, 'I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.' ¹¹And the angel of the LORD said to her,
'Now you have conceived and shall bear a son;
you shall call him Ishmael,
for the LORD has given heed to your affliction.

¹³So she named the LORD who spoke to her, 'You are El-roi'; for she said, 'Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?'

Genesis 21:12-21

¹²But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God
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.

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Charles C. Converse
arr. Jack Schrader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, as summer rapidly rolls into fall and busy schedules give us little space to pause and contemplate the eternal, we quiet ourselves now to enter your presence to open our minds and hearts, to breathe the air you provide, to feel our hearts' beat, to give thanks, and to lift our prayerful petitions.

You bless us, God, with your steadfast love, surrounding us during times of suffering, comforting us in sorrow, offering us hope to face whatever is ahead. There is so much devastation, so much pain – we cannot wrap our minds around it all. Yet we petition you, Great God of All, to be with your people struggling to recover from natural disasters, to strengthen your people oppressed by worldly powers and greedy regimes, to soften hearts bent on war and violence, to heal those who are wounded, sick, and grieving.

Faithful God, we trust you will never abandon us. We trust in your promise to provide for us, our children, and your creation. We know joy because of you. We are blessed with friends and family and neighbors by your call to beloved community. Even amid suffering, you grace us with joyful opportunities to laugh, play, sing, and dance. Help us, Holy God, not to be so focused on all that is going wrong that we miss all that is going right.

Finally, ground us in your good news, O God, and help us hold on to your promise of redemption in Jesus our Christ. Keep our feet steady on Christ's path, help us follow his teachings, help us love as he loved. Now, hear us as 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.)

* CLOSING SONG

“Drops in the Ocean”

Jason Ingram, Jon Steingard,
and Matt Bronleewe

I want you as you are, not as you ought to be.
Won't you lay down your guard and come to Me.
The shame that grips you now is crippling.
It breaks My heart to see you suffering.
'Cause I am for you; I'm not against you.
If you want to know how far My love can go,
Just how deep, just how wide,
If you want to see how much you mean to Me
Look at My hands, look at My side.
If you could count the times I'd say you are forgiven
It's more than the drops in the ocean.
Don't think you need to settle for a substitute
When I'm the only love that changes you.
And I am for you; I'm not against you.
And I am for you; I'm not against you.
If you want to know how far My love can go,
Just how deep, just how wide,
If you want to see how much you mean to Me
Look at My hands, look at My side.
If you could count the times I'd say you are forgiven
It's more than the drops in the ocean.
Open your heart, it's time that we start again
Open your heart, it's time that we start again
If you want to know how far My love can go,
Just how deep, just how wide,
If you want to see how much you mean to Me
Look at My hands, look at My side.
If you could count the times I'd say you are forgiven
It's more than the drops in the ocean.
And I am for you, I'm not against you.
And I am for you, I'm not against you.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in C”

Alice Jordan

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Audio/Video: Michael Gray & Noor Bitar

Music Director: Keith Atwater

Organist: Rick Schlosser

Piano: Gabe Bisho

Drums: Will Condrey

Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Merlyn Van Regenmorter

Vocalists: Tara Calderon and Karen Gray



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