

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 24, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

“Cantad al Señor (O Sing to the Lord)”

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month

Traditional Brazilian folk song
arr. Charles Callahan

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107:1-3, 43)

Bill Dunn

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Let those who are wise give heed to these things,

People: and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

No. 716
Glory to God

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D)

(Bm)

(G)



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D)

(Bm)

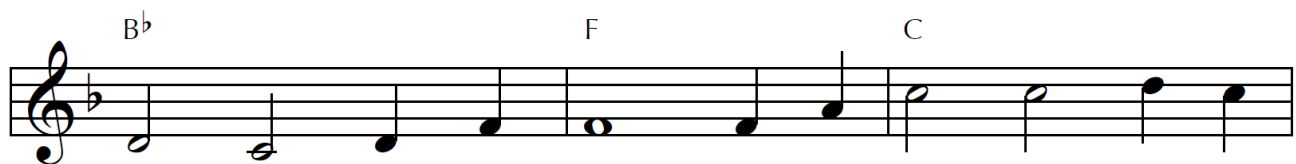


end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G)

(D)

(A)



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm)

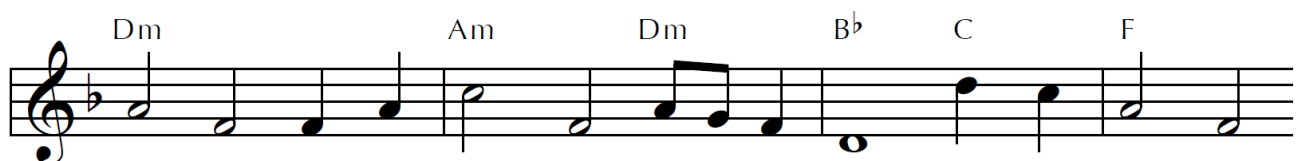
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(D)



to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm)

(G)

(D)



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bill Dunn

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: **Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Silence

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

People: **it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

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

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

No. 581
Glory to God

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). 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 melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The final phrase "A - men, a - men." is marked with a fermata over the final notes.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(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.)

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Sanctuary Choir

David Mathews, saxophone

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
 And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
 We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
 And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride,
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Praise the Creator from whom all things come, and praise to Christ Jesus God's only Son;
 Praise to the Spirit who makes us one, God's Spirit makes us one.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
 And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

SERMON

That's Not Fair!

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

“Who You Say I Am”

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes, I am
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
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Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am
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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace & Global Witness Offering

John Wallace

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Simple Gifts”

Mission Bells

Rick Schlosser, Interim Director

American Shaker melody
setting by Valerie W. Stephenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of grace and God of glory, we come before you in prayer today, assured and comforted by the promise that when we do not know how to pray as we ought, your Holy Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. Lord, the burdens and challenges of life leave us speechless. We thank you that even as we pray, Jesus prays for us to be one and strengthened for the ministry to which you call us. Lord, hear our prayers ...

... for the people who have been named in worship today, whose names are on our prayer list, whom we carry in our hearts, who are known only to you.

... for your church in every place, that we may bear faithful witness to your amazing grace in our lives and in our world, even when it offends our sense of fairness and our understanding of the way life ought to be.

... for the mission, ministry, and work of this congregation. May we always serve with a spirit of generosity as we depend upon your gifts, rather than with a sense of scarcity that comes from looking to ourselves.

... for the peoples of this world whom you have created in your own image: for those who are in dangerous places through no fault of their own; for those who have experienced disasters that have upended their lives; for those who are oppressed and long to live as free people; for those who mourn and long to have hope in their lives.

Almighty God, help us to live lives worthy of the calling to which you call us. Remind us that we are the body of Christ. When one member suffers, may we all share the suffering and extend the loving care of Christ. When one member is honored, may we all rejoice together rather than be envious of another's blessings. Lord God, help us to live, love, and serve as faithful followers of Jesus Christ in your kingdom.

We offer these and all 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.

(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

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle
& Josh Farro

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan and son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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