

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 22, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

SLIDESHOW: SAINTS OF GOD – PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

“I Am His, and He Is Mine”

James Mountain
arr. Molly Ijames

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Marsha Cook

Leader: In this sacred hour of worship when we name things for what they really are,

People: we give to God what is God's.

Leader: Between the demands of this last week and the demands of the one ahead

People: we give to God what is God's.

Leader: With open hearts and hands and minds, with every innate gift from our loving Creator,

People: we give to God what is God's.

* OPENING HYMN

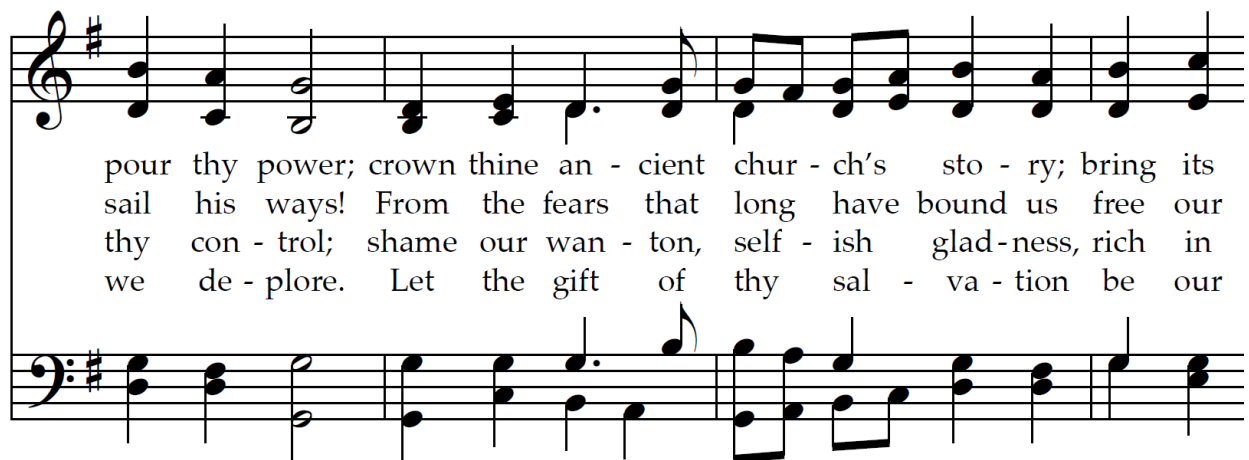
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 307
Glory to God

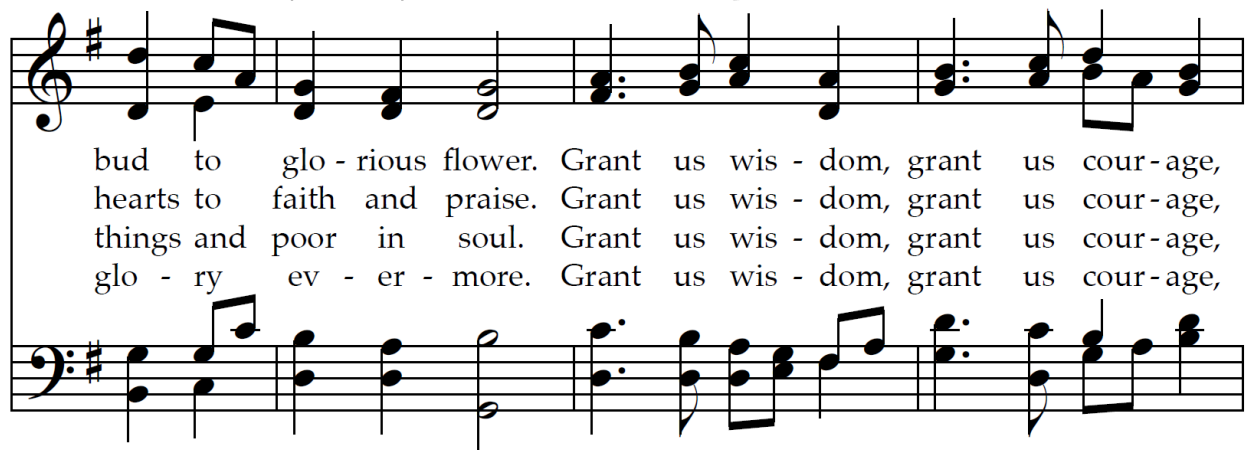
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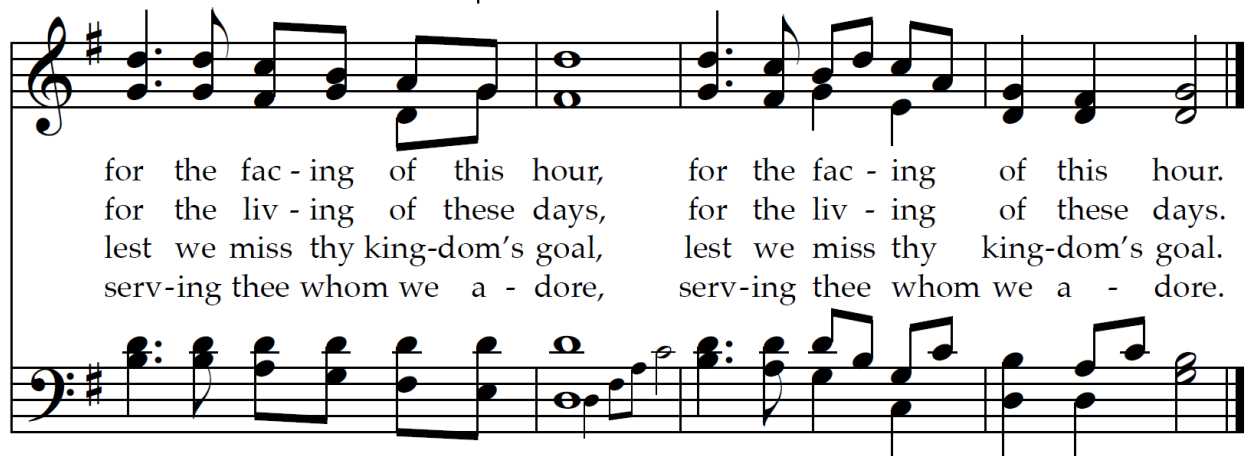
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Marsha Cook

Leader: Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So we turn to God, whose business is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver us to safety, let us confess our sins with courage and hope.

All: **Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion. Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us. No, the only place we can see your face, is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image. Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves. But if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength—we'll do our best, God. We'll give our all to you.**

Silence

Leader: Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

People: **Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.**

Leader: Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

People: **To God be the glory! Alleluia! Amen.**

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

No. 581
Glory to God

The musical score is written on four staves 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 is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

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.)

* SONG

“Firm Foundation”

Nancy Gordon & Jamie Harvill

Jesus, You're my firm foundation
I know I can stand secure.
Jesus, You're my firm foundation.
I put my trust in Your holy word,
I put my trust in Your holy word.
I have a living hope.
I have a future
God has a plan for me.
Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure
Jesus, You're my firm foundation
I know I can stand secure.
Jesus, You're my firm foundation.
I put my trust in Your holy word,
I put my trust in Your holy word.
Your word is faithful,
Mighty with power
God will deliver me.
Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure
Jesus, You're my firm foundation
I know I can stand secure.
Jesus, You're my firm foundation.
I put my trust in Your holy word,
I put my trust in Your holy word.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹ They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

Courageous Creativity

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* SONG

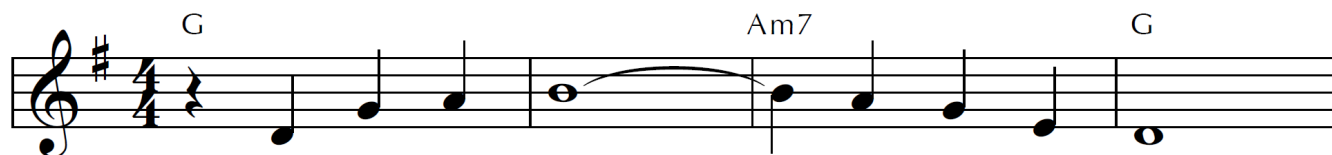
“Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)”

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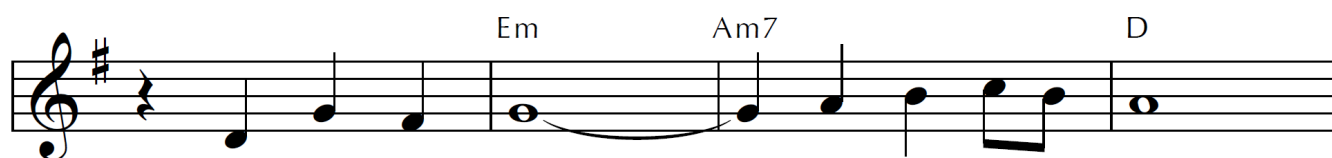
Though I May Speak

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The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

Henri A. Cesar Malan
arr. Molly Ijames

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God, we know that you see everything that happens in this world; nothing we pray about is news to you. Yet still we pray, asking that your peace and wisdom rest on us, and your presence transform our lives.

We pray for those across the world and in our communities who are scared today; for those who face violence, because of where they live or where they work or who you have created them to be; for those whose future seems dark; for those whose anxiety eats away at them and who cannot find peace. Spirit, living flame, encourage them.

We pray for those who hurt today; for those who are sick, hungry, abused, grieving, or lonely. We pray for those who struggle with pain in body or mind or spirit. We pray for those who experience compassion and who hurt because the world hurts. Jesus, healer, comfort them.

We pray for those who woke up angry today. We pray for those who feel excluded, overlooked, trapped. We pray for those who feel entitled, unappreciated, out of control. We pray that where anger leads to pain, you would bring peace, but that where anger leads to justice, you would bring wisdom. Jesus, table-turner, guide them.

We pray for those who are full of hope today. We pray for those who are beginning new relationships or careers or working to get clean. We pray for those who see sprouts of your kingdom poking up through cracks in the sidewalk. We pray for those who are a light in the darkness. Strengthen them, Holy Spirit.

These prayers we lift you always, that we might be attuned to the needs of your children. Direct our attention this week, we pray, that we might come to know your heart more fully.

We pray now as you taught your disciples, 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

“Love the Lord”

Lincoln Brewster

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
With all your strength, love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength
I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength
I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
With all my strength, I will serve the Lord
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will love you, Lord, with all my heart
With all my soul, with all my mind and with all my strength

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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