



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 7, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Molly Ijames

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alexis Davidson

Leader: The boy Samuel heard God's voice in the night.

People: We come listening for God's voice.

Leader: God knew us before we knew ourselves.

People: We come listening for God's voice.

Leader: Our minds, bodies, and souls belong to God.

People: We come listening for God's voice.

Leader: We come to this place to listen and follow.

People: Let us worship God.

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
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Alexis Davidson

Leader: We trust that God's grace is greater than any act or any failure to act that might separate us from our beloved Creator. It is with that kind of faith that we humbly speak the truth about where we find ourselves today.

All: Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. We are distracted and unaware of our true nature, yet Christ calls us anyhow. We often fail to live into our calling in a way that transforms lives. Remind us that the Word became Flesh and lived with us. Make us aware of your voice among us, and give us the strength to go where we are called, that we may learn what it means to follow with open hearts.

Silence

Leader: The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again. Let us praise God with songs of joy!

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE **"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

No. 475
Glory to God

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise. Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!"

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.)

Sanctuary Choir

text adapted from Rev. Dr. King's speech,
tune adapted from *Precious Lord Take My Hand* by Thomas Dorsey

I have a dream today, black and white, side by side;
The sunlit path seems so long, so far away.
But we have been to the mount,
We have seen the promised land;
Let freedom ring let freedom ring today!

I have a dream today, we are on the upward way;
We will stand, we will march, we will fight.
And very soon, hope and pray,
We'll let justice guide our way;
Let freedom ring let freedom ring today!

I have a dream today that we'll drive hate from our land;
That what is right, what is fair, will prevail.
And when we break age old chains
That bind us to our past,
We're free at last, we're free at last, today!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

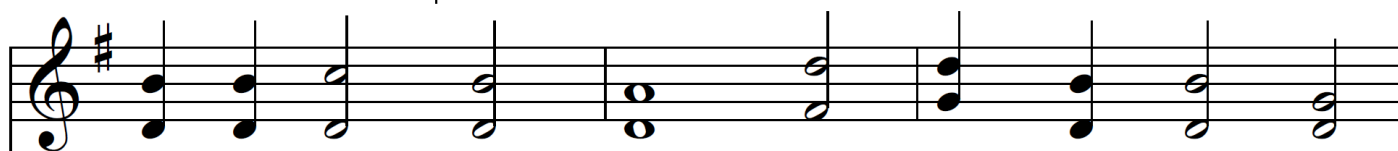
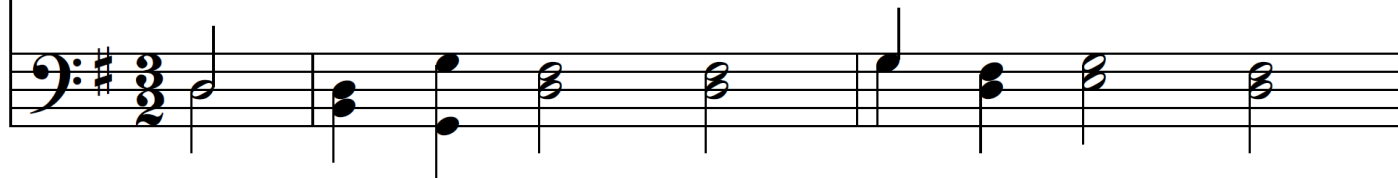
¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

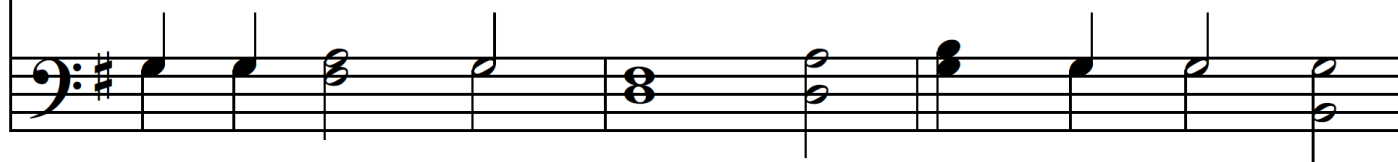
¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'



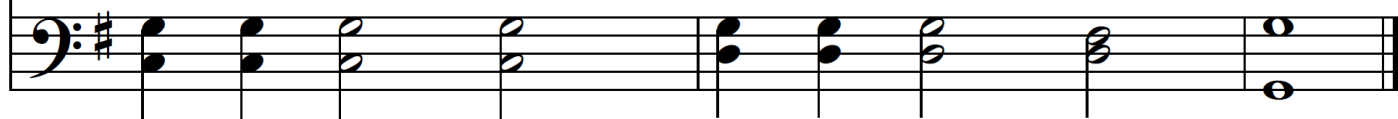
1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be



dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and



God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.



OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Be Still My Soul, the Lord Is on Thy Side"

Jean Sibelius

Finlandia

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, just as you called Samuel and the prophets of old, you call us to lives of love and justice: breaking down barriers that divide, building bridges of cooperation, peace, and beloved community. As we remember the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., we pray for the day when all God's children can be free. We pray for the day your children will not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character. We pray for the day when hate and violence and bigotry are overpowered by love and peace and acceptance. Let justice roll down like waters, Holy God, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. For too long, God of justice, oppressed peoples have heard the word, "Wait" — a word that King said almost always meant "Never." God, help us push toward progress on issues of justice and work diligently toward the vision of your kingdom community.

Holy, God, hear the prayers of your people. As global wars rage and gun violence desecrates, protect the innocent, and help us prioritize efforts of peace. In the face of political polarization, help us listen more, seek understanding, and approach those with whom we disagree with curiosity, humility and openness. Help us listen for the story beneath others' stories.

In the face of fear and anxiety, pressures and provocation, help us find in you a refuge and strength, a steadfast support in times of trial. Remind us, Holy God, we are not alone.

Bless those who are suffering, ill, and grieving. Bless those who feel weak and worn down by our world. United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Savior God.

Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together,

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.)

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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