



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 10, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

African-American Spiritual

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107:1-3, 21-22)

Carol Jones

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God 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 them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

People: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King

God's love endures forever

For God is good and is above all things

God's love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm

God's love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn

God's love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong; Forever God is with us, forever.

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong; Forever God is with us, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun

God's love endures forever

By the grace of God we will carry on

God's love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong; Forever God is with us, forever.

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CONFESSION AND PARDON (from Hebrews 10:16-18)

Carol Jones

Leader: The faithfulness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The mercies of God are new every morning. Beloved, confession of our sin before God is an act of trust in the goodness of God. In confession, we draw near to our maker in candor, knowing that nothing can be hidden from God. As we are honest with God and with one another about those places in our lives that stand in need of God's healing, we are opened to the mercies of God. So let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence.

All: Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people.

Silence

Leader: “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

People: ‘I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.’

Leader: and he adds,

People: ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

Leader: Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.”

People: Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“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.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)

ANTHEM

“God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

SERMON

Listology

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Jesus Calls Us”
Men’s Ensemble

William H. Jude &
Cecil Frances Alexander

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, our story together is one of your unending faithfulness to us, even as we are not always faithful to you. Holy source of all that is good, you have shown us yourself in abundance and mercy, in grace and abiding care. Knowing of your enduring providence, we come to you with the concerns that weigh heavily on us.

We pray to you for world affairs beyond our control. For the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, we pray for peace, knowing that you alone are the source of true shalom, peaceable kingdom. Where there are those in harm’s way, we pray for protection. Where we ourselves harbor enmity and prejudice, we pray for awareness and grace that we may learn forgiveness. Teach us how we may serve you more fully in ways we cannot imagine.

We pray for needs closer to home, for our own community. As we journey through the season of Lent, we ask that you open our eyes to the needs on our very doorstep. May we see those whose names are known to you and offer compassion and goodwill. We pray for victims of violence, gun violence in particular. We offer our prayers for those who seek solutions for intractable problems. Let us not give up hope. Let us not abandon the work of healing the world – we remember that all healing comes from you.

We pray as well for ourselves, our own material and spiritual needs. Where any in our faith community suffer from illness and affliction, grant your healing touch, bringing wholeness. For any in our midst who suffer from depression or addiction, give us understanding and compassion. For those who are lonely, may we be a place of friendship, a warm haven where love is shared. To that end, we pray for the church: Universal, Presbyterian, and our own congregation. Enrich our lives with your grace that we might also be repairers of the breach.

We make these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray 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.)

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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