



Fifth Sunday of Easter

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

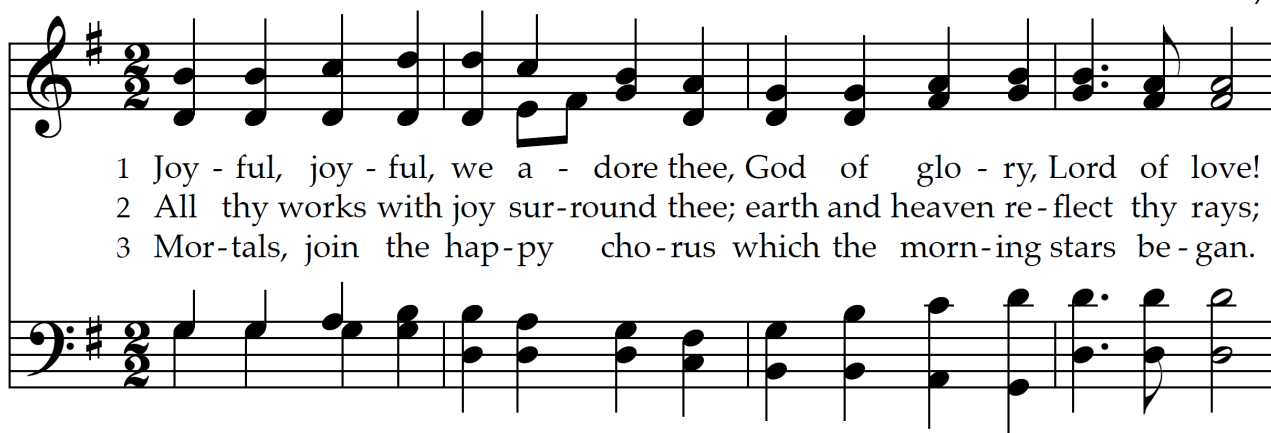
Terry Sakuda

Leader: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

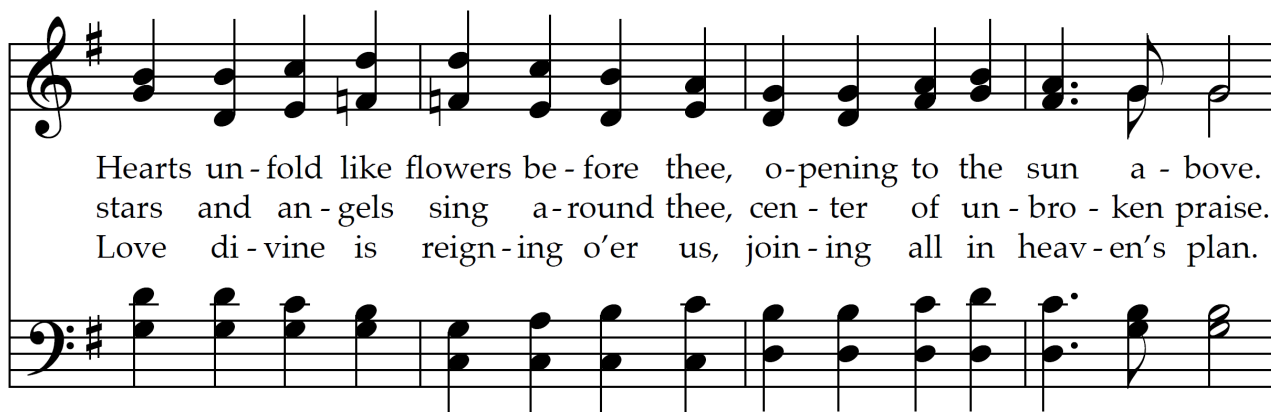
People: for we are the church of Jesus Christ!

Leader: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

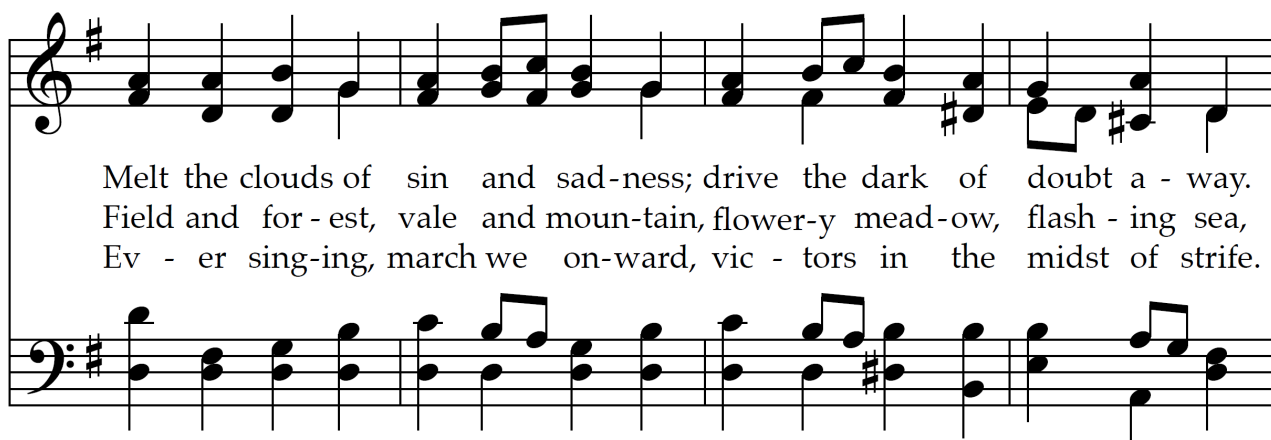
People: opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!



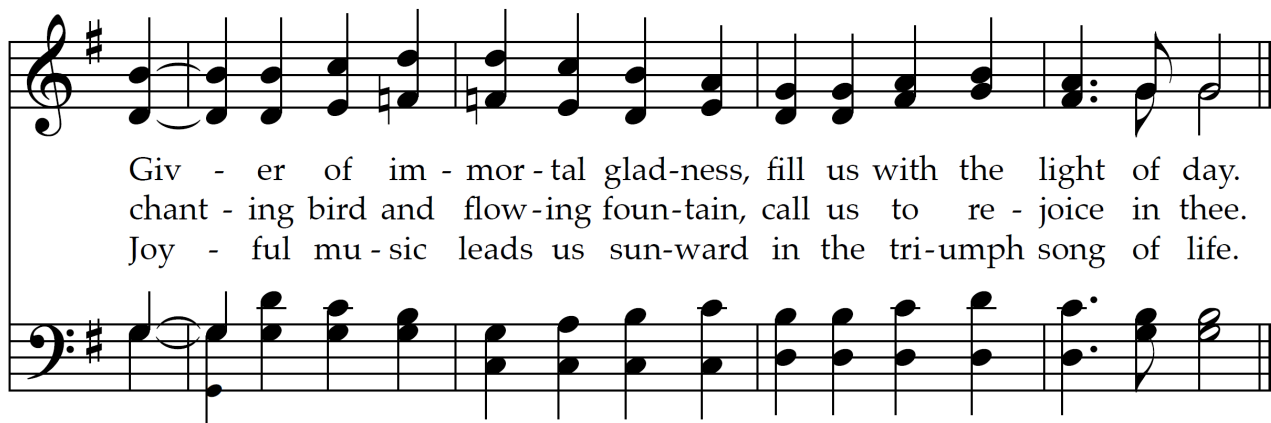
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Terry Sakuda

Leader: When we come before God, we remember and proclaim who God is: merciful, just, holy, and loving. We must also remember who we are, and we have not always been the people God has called us to be. We have not always been merciful, just, holy, or loving. So let us confess our sin, trusting in God's goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead.

All: **Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone.**

Silence

Leader: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: **Thanks be to God! 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 a 4/4 time signature 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 e - ver shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word "men."

STEPHEN MINISTER COMMISSIONING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Spirit Song”

Mission Bells
Mary Xu, flute

Rick Schlosser, Interim Director

John Wimber,
setting by Cynthia Dobrinski

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

“One Thing Remains”

Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford,
& Jeremy Riddle

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant in the trial and the change
One thing remains. One thing remains
Your love never fails, it never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up
Never runs out on me
On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever have to be afraid
This one thing remains. One thing remains.
Your love never fails, it never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up
Never runs out on me
In death, in life, I'm confident and covered by
The power of Your great love. My debt is paid.
There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.
Your love never fails, it never gives up
Never runs out on me
Your love never fails, it never gives up
Never runs out on me, Your love.

SCRIPTURE READING

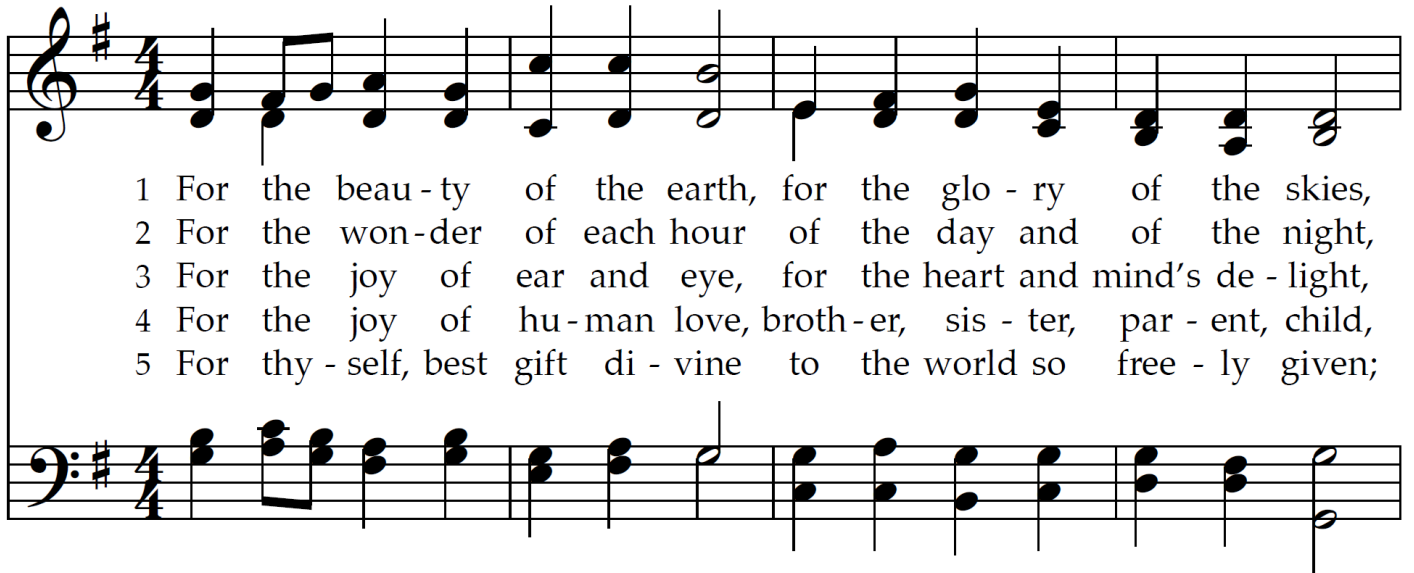
John 15:1-8

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

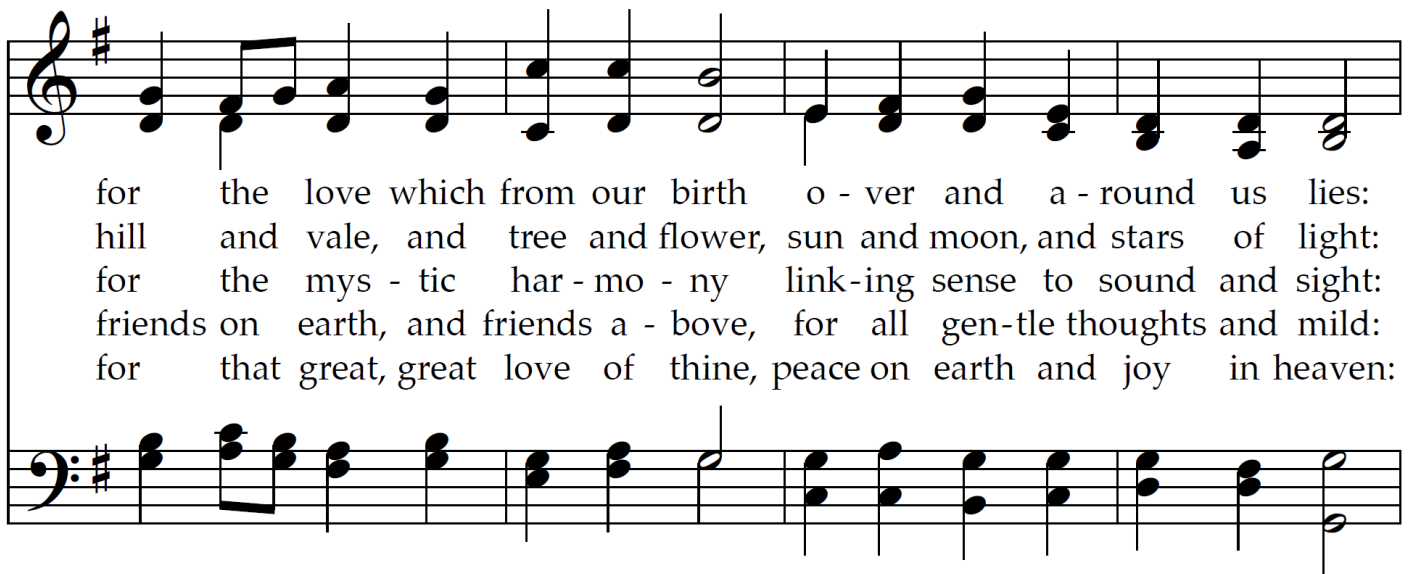
SERMON

Gardening 101

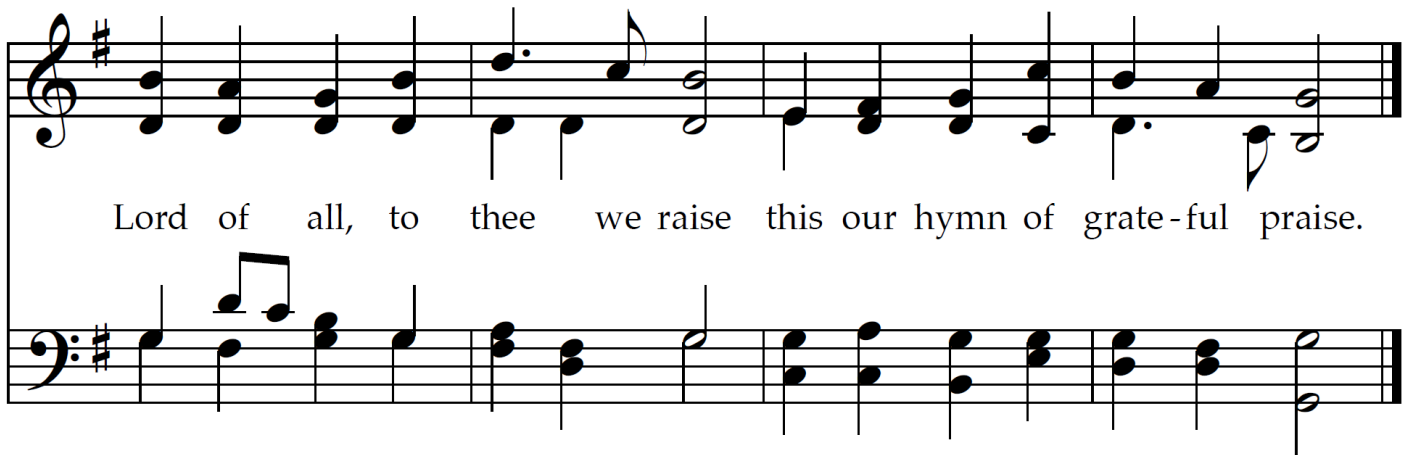
Pastor Keith L. DeVries



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

arr. Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

Dix by Conrad Kosher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, you have promised to hear us when we pray to you, and we desperately need your guidance and care. We are people who often walk around with a long list of concerns and worries on our minds. What a gift it is to come and offer them to you — for you are the author of all grace and goodness.

We worry about the state of the world. More people die in Gaza and Ukraine, and we grieve it all. We pray for your peace to come to every war zone in the world and for leaders to be filled with a spirit of reconciliation and care.

We worry about the state of our nation as divisiveness still reigns. Remind us, Lord, of the greater good. May we focus not so much on ourselves, but on what we can do as a nation for those who need help the most. Let us live into our highest ideals and may we be agents of unity in a difficult time.

We worry about our communities. May your hand be in all of our decisions as a community so that we can be a light unto the world.

We worry about those who are sick and suffering. It is difficult to witness illness, and we give you thanks for all the doctors and medical workers who live into their calling with grace and care. Help us each to offer a kind word and helping hand when we are able. May your Spirit be with all who suffer, giving them each a peace that passes all understanding.

We worry about our families. We pray for your blessing on big families and small families, blood families and families of choice. We pray for our church family. May the bonds of loyalty and love that unite us with others be strengthened and may we share love with all.

Lord, all that we know of goodness and love is found in the person of Jesus Christ and so we now join our voices together in the prayer that he 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

“Resurrecting”

Steven Furtick, Chris Brown,
Mack Brock, Wade Joye, & Matthews Ntlele

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now
The Savior knelt to wash our feet; Now at his feet we bow
The one who wore our sin and shame now robed in majesty
The radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see
Your name, Your name is victory. All praise will rise to Christ our king
Your name, Your name is victory. All praise will rise to Christ our king
The fear that held us now gives way to him who is our peace
His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me
Your name, Your name is victory. All praise will rise to Christ our king
Your name, Your name is victory. All praise will rise to Christ our king
By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat
The resurrected king is resurrecting me
In your name I come alive to declare your victory
The resurrected king is resurrecting me
The tomb where soldiers watched in vain was borrowed for three days
His body there would not remain. Our God has robbed the grave.
Our God has robbed the grave.
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Recessional of Joy”

Hal H. Hopson

Based on “Ode to Joy” from Symphony No. 9 by Ludwig van Beethoven

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Keith Atwater

Vocalists: Tara Calderon, Laura Leek, and Beth Lindley



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