



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

Livestream

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker”

J.C. Bach

Randy Benfield, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

LET US WORSHIP GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Dahlberg Family

Leader: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge; do not let us ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver us.

People: **You are indeed our rock and our fortress; for your name's sake lead us and guide us.**

Leader: Take us out of the net that is hidden for us, for you are our refuge.

People: **Let your face shine upon your servants; save us in your steadfast love.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!”

No. 111

GELOBT SEI GOTT 8.8.8 with alleluias

Cyril A. Alington, 1931; alt.

Melchior Vulpinus, 1609
As in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

1. Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2. The Lord of life is risen to - day! Bring flowers of song, be -
 3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
 4. Thy name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 deck the way; Let ev - ery tongue re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Ledesma-Aretsky Family

Leader: God promises that if we ask, we will receive. Jesus tells us to believe in him so that our hearts will not be troubled. We do not need to languish in guilt or regret or shame. We can come in faith, trusting God's grace and mercy, confess our sin, be forgiven and freed to live in joy.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we cover our ears to your commandments, choosing instead to carry out plans that cause suffering and inflict pain on others. We neglect to heed your instructions to care for the vulnerable and uphold the weak. Out of fear and selfishness we grab and hoard resources meant to be shared and distributed. In this season of uncertainty, we are tempted to seek control through self-protection rather than surrendering ourselves to you and trusting your promise to never abandon us. Forgive our unwillingness to listen to your Word and do your work. Hear our confession and grant us mercy. Amend our ways and help us to walk more closely with you.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"The Gloria Patri"

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

LET US OBSERVE GOD'S PRESENCE

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

"Better is One Day"

Redman

How lovely is Your dwelling place, Oh Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.
One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.
My heart and flesh cry out for you the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

SERMON

Beyond Our Control

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

UNISON STATEMENT OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

SONG

"Who You Say I Am"

Morgan & Fielding

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

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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