



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2020

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"March in C"
Randy Benfield

van Woert

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew Lillie
from Psalm 67:1-7

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"O For a World"

No. 386

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987 AZMON CM Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

1. O for a world where ev - ery-one Re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.

Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.

5. O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,

Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Cherry Family

Leader: The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable. God will not reject God's people. Knowing God is merciful and abounding in steadfast love, always willing to hear our prayers and accept our heartfelt confession, we turn to our Lord with boldness, speaking aloud the ways we fail to be the people God calls us to be.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, we come before you this day keenly aware of the ways we fall short of your vision for us and for our life together. You tell us how good and pleasant it is when we dwell together in unity, and yet we create division and cultivate disdain. You command us to care for each other, but we send away those crying out for help. You call us and put us together in community, but we want to pick and choose those with whom we associate. Forgive us for thinking we are self-sufficient and independent, rather than utterly dependent upon you and in need of each other. Help us to see ourselves and others as the beloved reflections of the divine we are and give us the grace to treat each other as such.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Romans 11

Leader: God does not reject God's people. God is merciful to all. Friends, believe the good news and be at peace: Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"On Eagle's Wings"

Joncas

Beth Lindley

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

"Keep Making Me"

McDonald, Frey & Mizell

Make me broken so I can be healed
I'm so calloused and now I can't feel
I want to run to You with heart wide open
Make me broken

Make me empty so I can be filled
I'm still holding on to my will
And I'm completed when You are with me
Make me empty

'Til You are my one desire, 'til You are my one true love
'Til You are my breath, my everything,
Lord, please keep making me

Make me lonely so I can be Yours
'Til I want no one more than You, Lord
'Cause in the darkness I know You will hold me.
Make me lonely

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

SERMON

Full Disclosure

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

"Mighty to Save"

Morgan & Fielding

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation,

He rose and conquered the grave; Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures and fill my life again
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in now I surrender. I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world sing
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Good and gracious God, so many of your people are hurting. There seems no end in sight to the uncertainty and pain of this season. Parents and caregivers are worried about children's well-being as the school year approaches and the pandemic persists. Those living in group care facilities yearn to be able to have visitors again and the loneliness of those already isolated grows. The economic

fallout from this virus gets deeper and wider as many scramble to find work and put food on the table.

We call out to you now, Lord Christ: Have mercy on us. Hear our cries. Help us.

We call out for mercy for those on the frontlines of fighting for justice. We call out for mercy for those on the frontlines of fighting this pandemic. We call out for mercy for those grieving the death of loved ones. We call out for mercy for the sick and those who tend them. We call out for mercy for the scared and those who comfort them. We call out for mercy for those without food or housing, medical care or community. We call out for mercy on behalf of those who do not have the strength to raise their own voices. We call out for mercy for ourselves, trusting you know our deepest needs even if we do not have the wisdom to name them.

Hear us, Lord. Heal us, Lord. Help us, Lord.

When we fear you have walked away from us in our desperation, send your Holy Spirit to remind us yet again that God does not reject God's people, that the call and gifts of God are irrevocable. Embed in us the biblical stories that teach us that even that which we intend for evil, you, Lord God, use for good. Grant us the faith so that we will persist in advocating for the vulnerable and hurting no matter how long it takes for our world to be made well.

Give us faith, Almighty God, to keep focused on our Savior, following the Way, loving you and our neighbors, until the One we worship comes again and come again he will. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray,

Unison: 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.

Join us on Zoom at 11:15 a.m. for the Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons!

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