



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 9, 2020

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Fugue in C"
Randy Benfield

Kerckhoven

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Keith L. DeVries

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremy & Blake Sparks
from Psalm 105:1-6

Leader:

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples. Sing to God, sing praises to the Lord; tell of all God's wonderful works. Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and God's strength; seek God's presence continually. Remember the wonderful works the Lord has done, God's miracles, and the judgments the Lord uttered, O offspring of God's servant Abraham, children of Jacob, the Lord's chosen ones.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

No. 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm-y gale, My an-chor
 whelm-ing flood; When all a-round my soul gives way, He then is
 Him be found, Dressed in His right - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

Refrain

lean on Je - sus' name.
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
 all my hope and stay.
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ryan & Abigail MacLean

Leader: God calls us to do good, care for one another and follow God's life-giving commandments. We fall short of who we are called to be, hurting those we are to love and worshipping idols that never offer what they promise. Nonetheless, God is merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Therefore, we humbly, honestly, bravely confess our sin to God, in the company of each other, confident that God forgives and frees us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of wind and waves, creation and creatures, your power is at work everywhere, stilling the storms, offering peace, lifting us up from the depths of our greatest fears. You come to us immediately when we call and yet we still lack faith in your ability and will to work within and around us. We get distracted and afraid, focused on that which threatens us rather than the One who saves us. We act out of a sense of scarcity, as if there is not enough of God's love, grace and abundant goodness for everyone. In our anxiousness we hurt those entrusted to our care, we injure the earth we are to steward and we fail to tend your sheep. Forgive our failings and mistakes and in your mercy reform us into the people you call us to be, those blessed to be a blessing.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Romans 10:13

Leader: Scripture tells us that those who call on the name of the Lord will be saved, that no one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame. Trusting this sure promise, we rejoice that God hears our confession and forgives us. Friends, believe the good news, in Christ you are a new creation, the old has passed away and a new life has begun.

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.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

"Unchanging"

Tomlin

Great is Your faithfulness. Great is Your faithfulness.
You never change, You never fail, O God.
True are Your promises. True are Your promises.
You never change, You never fail, O God.

So we raise up holy hands to praise the Holy One who was, and is, and is to come
Yeah, we raise up holy hands to praise the Holy One who was, and is, and is to come

Wide is Your love and grace. Wide is Your love and grace.
You never change, You never fail, O God.

You were, You are, You will always be. You were, You are, You will always be.
You were, You are, You will always be. You were, You are, You will always be.

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind,^[b] he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

SERMON

Learning to Live with Uncertainty

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

"Jesus"

Tomlin, Cash

There is a truth older than the ages. There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is One born for our salvation: Jesus

There is light that overwhelms the darkness. There is kingdom that forever reigns
There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus

Who walks on the waters, who speaks to the sea, who stands in the fire beside me.
He roars like a Lion, He bled as the Lamb, He carries my healing in His hands: Jesus

There is a name I call in times of trouble. There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages He is Jesus, Jesus.

Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name
You're my Rock and my Redeemer. There is power in Your name, in Your name
You walk on the water, You speak to the sea, You stand in the fire beside me
You roar like a Lion, You bled as the Lamb, You carry my healing in Your hands
Jesus, there is no one like you. Jesus, there is no one like You

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, as we navigate strong headwinds and seek to see you through our fatigue and fears, we confess that you are truly the Son of God, the Savior of the world, the one who stills the storm and immediately reaches out your hand to keep us from drowning. We rest for a moment in the joy of your presence, no longer afraid, free from anxiety, assured that you do not leave us alone, but seek us out when we are most in need of your peace.

We know, Lord of all, that none of our thoughts and hopes, our doubts or worries are off limits to your care and compassion. We know you, our teacher and our friend, welcome us as we are and hear whatever is on our hearts and minds. We ask you to hear our prayers for those in our midst most battered by the storms of our time.

Grab the hands of those about to go under the waves of poverty or financial crisis. We ask for your intervention on behalf of families unable to provide basic necessities for their children, our siblings wrestling with food insecurity, those on the cusp of eviction and the unemployed facing the end of benefits. As we see those about to be swamped by the waves of this pandemic, move us to act in ways that lift others out of the roiling sea.

Reach out and give courage and strength to people in leadership positions. Grant them wisdom to make decisions in the best interests of the most vulnerable. Inspire communities to use their power and resources, their will and gifts, to support the people on the margins, those for whom this difficult season has been catastrophic. We pray for teachers, administrators, parents and students as they all seek to navigate a new school year rife with uncertainty and unprecedented challenges. We are mindful of essential workers, who are facing the danger of this public health crisis every day. Protect and sustain them, Lord. We lift up the sick and all those who suffer. Give them hope, bring relief, surround them with your mercy.

Quiet the dangerous winds of discord and division and stir up the breath of the Holy Spirit to heal and unite us. Help us to build up the body, strengthen our witness and reveal to the world that we follow the One who commands us to love one another. May others look at your church and see your hands and feet at work in the world feeding and tending, forgiving and repairing, doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with God.

In this moment, Lord God, we rest in your presence, certain that you are our Savior and the Savior of the world, able to do abundantly more than we can ever hope or imagine, never far from us, always reaching out your hand to save us when we fear the wind and waves of life will overtake us. We worship and praise you as we pray the prayer you taught us, saying,

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.

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