



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 20, 2020**

***Livestream***

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

**“Prelude in G”**  
Randy Benfield

Geissler

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Keith L. DeVries

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jack & Kate Eisel  
(from Psalm 105:1-5a)

Leaders: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Sing to the Lord, sing praises to God; tell of all the Lord'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 the Lord's presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works God has done.

HYMN OF PRAISE

**“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

No. 138

# 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA 11.12.12.10

Reginald Heber (1783–1826)  
As in *Hymns Written and Adapted*, 1827; alt.

John Bacchus Dykes, 1861  
Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

*Descant*

4. Ho - - - - - ly,

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,  
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,  
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ho - - - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;  
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 Though the eye of sin - ful - ness Thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - - - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,  
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty,  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Dave & Judy Antonson

Leader: God's generous grace knows no bounds, and yet we begrudge God's goodness toward others, and sometimes even begrudge God's goodness toward us! Recognizing the many ways we miss the mark of discipleship, we come to a time of confession, grateful that God's loving kindness persists even in the face of our ongoing sin.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, Source of all that makes life possible and Giver all that makes life good, we give you our thanks. Yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness: What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty with little thought for those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than we do than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God, and accept our thanksgiving. Made in your image, and living as your disciples, teach us to grow in gratitude and grace.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Full of grace and mercy is the way of the Lord. With thanksgiving we celebrate God's generosity. We act generously with each other because of God's forgiveness and love.

### 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

#### **"Forever"**

Tomlin

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.  
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

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup> They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

SERMON

**Ranking Grace**

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

SONG

**"Lead Me to the Cross"**

Fraser

Savior, I come, quiet my soul, remember  
Redemption's hill where Your blood was spilled for my ransom  
Everything I once held dear; I count it all as loss  
Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out  
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down  
Rid me of myself; I belong to you  
Lead me, lead me to the cross.  
You were as I, tempted and tried,  
You are the word became flesh,  
Bore my sin and death. Now You're risen  
Everything I once held dear; I count it all as loss

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, we find ourselves weary, wondering if we will dwell in this season of uncertainty and stress forever. Everything feels unsettled and upended. Tasks that used to be accomplished without much thought require planning and additional energy that we do not have to spare. Children attend school in their homes or in buildings with multiple protocols for distance and safety. Parents attempt to work even as they contend with limited or non-existent childcare, helping with online learning and the anxiety of tending to multiple and competing needs. Many

among us now face not only unemployment but the end of unemployment benefits. Others struggle with illness or feel overwhelmed with grief. In our worries, we call out to you for help, knowing you hear the cries of your people and respond with compassion.

Your generosity to us is evident even in our anxiety. You give us a community of faith that upholds us in our weakness, encourages us when our hope lags and makes your love tangible when we feel alone. When we struggle to see your providence, you sustain us with your Spirit. When we fear you have forgotten us, you seek us out and enlist us for your work, giving us purpose and meaning no matter our circumstances. When we are overwhelmed by the pain of the world, you reveal your glory in the beauty of creation. When we want to turn away from suffering, you send your Son, showing us your resurrection Word cannot be silenced. Confident in your mercy and grace, we boldly pray for your people desperate for manna in the desert, relief in the wilderness, a respite from their burdens:

We pray for those reeling from natural disasters; especially we ask you to provide for the victims of the wildfires raging in the West.

We pray for those facing economic scarcity, those worried about meeting their basic needs. May those of us with two coats give one away and those who have more than their daily bread, share with those who have none, in order that all may know your manna appears new every morning.

We pray for the peacemakers and justice-seekers, the prophets and the policy-makers, the caregivers and the activists. Enlist us all, Almighty God, to work in your vineyard in ways that participate in your will and ways so that all may experience the abundant life your Son came to give. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior, 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.

***Please join us on Zoom for a brief congregational meeting. Click [HERE](#) to join!***

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