



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 24, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

GATHERING MUSIC

9:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 85)

Kathy Lewis

Leader: Let us behold the goodness of God!

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.

Leader: Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,

Leader: and righteousness will look down from the sky.

People: Let us behold the goodness of God!

* OPENING 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

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kathy Lewis

Leader: God is forever faithful and loving. But forever is a long time and our lives are brief. We are not as good at enduring as God is. We are also not quite as good at loving one another or even ourselves. Sin and separation threaten to overwhelm our lives, and we struggle to understand the truth of God's love. In prayer we confess our shortcomings so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends. Let us pray:

Unison: **God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us; redeem us; transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Silence

Leader: Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. I invite you to stand in body or rise up in spirit.

Leader: Be restored to right standing with God and with one another. May the good news of God's forgiveness and love set you free to live and serve in love.

People: **We are a sign of God's love when we love one another. With gratitude we prepare our lives to be a sanctuary as God lives within us and loves through us.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

"Lord, Prepare Me"

No. 701
Glory to God

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you." The score includes guitar chords: G, Em7, D, A, A7, D, A, G, A7, D.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children age 4-5th grade are invited to the front of the church at this time. They may return to their seats afterwards and are encouraged to participate in the remainder of the worship service.)

* SONG

“My Life Is in You, Lord”

Gardner

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You
My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in You, Lord
My hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in You

I will praise You with all of my life,
I will praise You with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength,
All of my hope is in You.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'² He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.³ Give us each day our daily bread.⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

⁵ And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread;"⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him."⁷ And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything."⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹ 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish?¹² Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

SERMON

Midnight Chats and Other Ridiculous Ideas

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* SONG

“Seek Ye First”

No. 175
Glory to God

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING

* SONG

“Lord, Listen to your Children Praying”

No. 469
Glory to God

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your
Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren
pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Great God, in you is more love that we can imagine ... Thank you for your abundant faithfulness. **Refrain**
Our hearts are full with many things today ... grant what we need for the living of these days. **Refrain**
We pray for our nation ... and for our efforts to follow in the way of Jesus. **Refrain**
Hear us. Hold Us. Heal us. Help us. For the sake of our Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray like this:

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

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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