



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 16, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Ezekiel 17:22-24)

Allison Cagley

Leader: God takes a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar, and plants it on a high mountain

People: in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit and become a noble cedar.

Leader: Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

People: God welcomes. God loves. God provides.

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is your love and justice, God our maker
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of our salvation
And all Your people sing along
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God
Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me. God, I see
Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Allison Cagley

Leader: God gathers and prepares us for worship. Let us confess the sins that detract and distract us from God's path.

All: Holy God, you are a blessing to all people yet we choose sides and pit “us” against “them.” Forgive our divisiveness. Forgive our exclusion. Forgive the ways we fail to seek and share your abundance. Help us build the Beloved Community you desire for us, where all your children may live in peace.

Silence

Leader: Christ has set us free. Claim your forgiveness. Rejoice in God's grace. Respond with love.

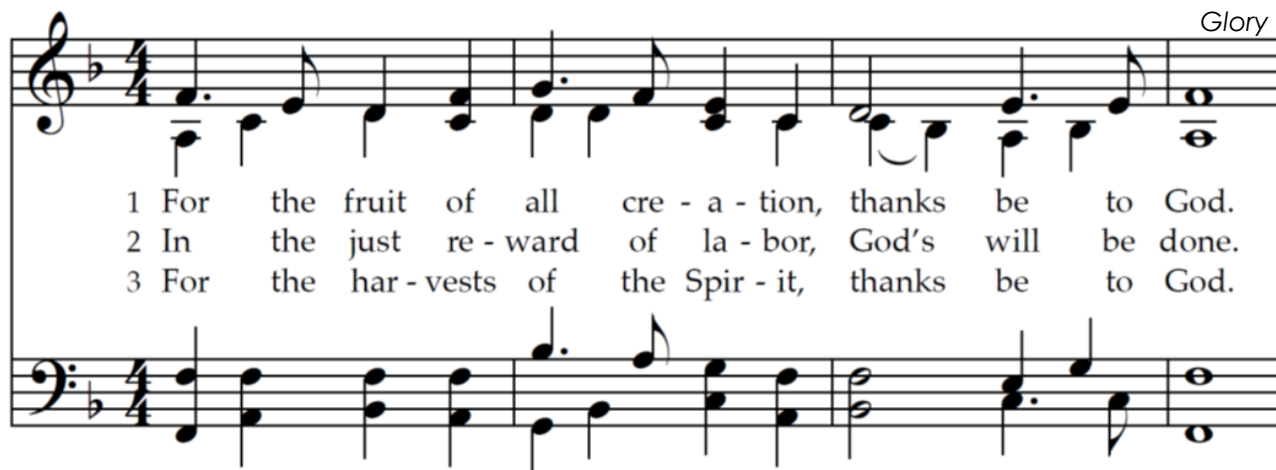
People: Amen.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out
end. A - men, A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part vocal setting of the Gloria Patri. It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the". The second staff continues: "Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is". The third staff continues: "now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out". The fourth staff concludes with: "end. A - men, A - men." The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. The final measure of the fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

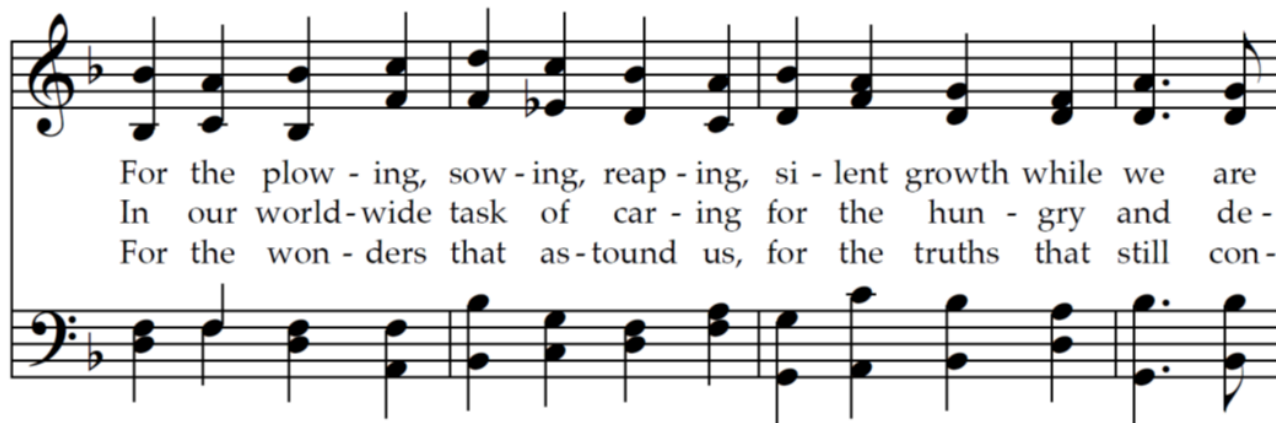
(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 207)



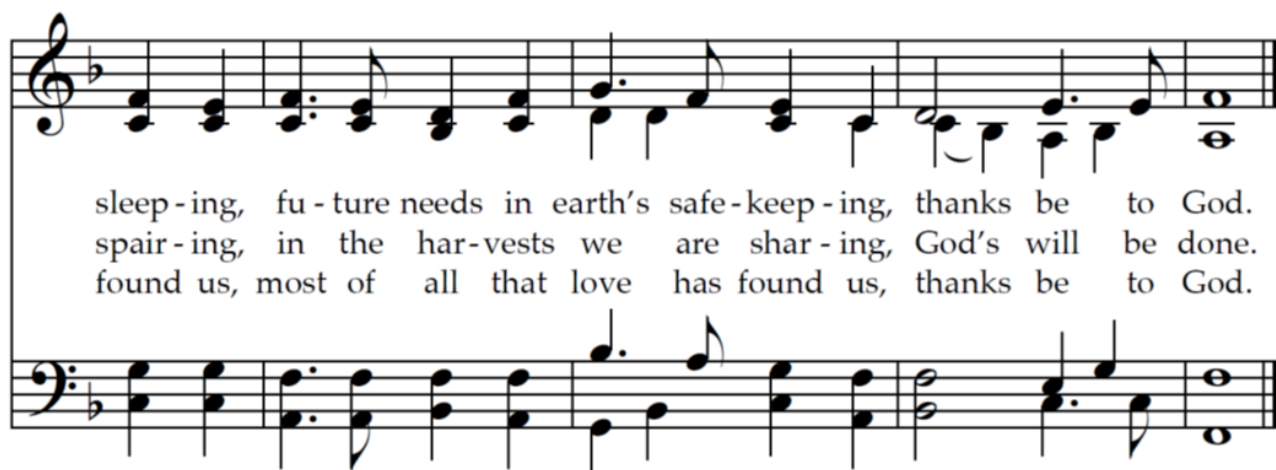
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

SERMON

The Illusion of Control

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"For These Reasons"

Lincoln Brewster

For Your endless love, for the life You gave
For the second chance, for Your priceless grace
For Your healing hands, for the gift of peace
For the blessed hope, and for the faith to believe

For these reasons I praise You
For these reasons I worship You
For these reasons I live to tell of Your love to all the world

For Your endless love, for the life You gave
For the second chance, for Your priceless grace
For Your healing hands, for the gift of peace
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OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Ashokan Farewell"

Jay Ungar and Molly Mason

Bev Harris, clarinet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, we are lost without you. Protect us from ourselves, our idolatrous ways, the violence we perpetrate, the destruction we fail to prevent. Our power is nothing compared to yours. Therefore, we seek your guidance through Word and worship. We pray for the Spirit to lead us in the path of righteousness. We seek our freedom in Jesus Christ.

God of our ancestors, who worshipped golden idols when distraught, help us to heed the warnings of our biblical narrative. We place idols above you and prioritize self-centered concerns over sacred. We mythologize our nation as a land of the free, refusing to hear your condemnation and critique. Our sorrows multiply when we fail to heed your truth.

Good God of grace, we choose you and return to you today. You have set a table before us, and we gladly accept your welcome. Your portion and your cup fill us as nothing else in this world can. As your guests, we give thanks for your acceptance, your inclusion and your overwhelming love. At your table, may we be freed to love others as you have loved us.

Prince of Peace, our world is broken by violence, our relationships severed by grief. We lament the ways of our world that lead to death. We revel in your path of life. In your presence we know the fullness of joy.

On this Father's Day, we give thanks for men who embody love: the encouragers, coaches, mentors, and bleacher-sitting cheerleaders. We honor those who support and provide. We give thanks for the blessing of fathers, fatherhood, and those whose generative lives include fathering others. We also remember those for whom such holidays are painful, reminding them of loss or suffering endured.

Renew us, Great God, in this moment of worship so we can tread your path, and labor in your field. Grow your kin-dom here on earth. Start with us, we pray. Hear these prayers of your people, Holy God, and as the Body of Christ, hear us as we pray our Savior's prayer,

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

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.)

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Jesus Christ, the First and Last”
African-American Spiritual (in honor of Juneteenth)

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Keith Atwater

Vocalists: Tara Calderon and Beth Lindley

