



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 14, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Anne Parker

Leader: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

People: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about this calling,

People: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

Leader: We freely encourage each other on this walk of faith,

People: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

We have raised our hopes and our cities high
We have followed fragile dreams,
But only One could take the measure of our goals
And we've stumbled over the trials of life
And we've wrestled the unseen,
But only One can calm the storm inside our souls

In the hands of God we will fall
Rest for the restless and the weary, hope for the sinner
In the hands of God we stand tall
Hands that are mighty to deliver, giving us freedom
When our strength gave way to the weight of guilt
Till we strained for every breath,
Only One could lift our shame and make us well
And when all is finished and we face
The fearsome power of death,
Only One has overcome the gates of hell

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You're amazing, You're amazing, You are
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And we praise You, Lord,
For what Your hands have done
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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Anne Parker

Leader: Peace is the heirloom promised to us, forgiveness is the inheritance passed on to us through Christ. Confident in God's grace, we seek healing for our brokenness as we pray together:

All: God of Justice and Mercy, we confess that we have conformed to the ways of the world. We have sought worldly comfort over the needs of others. We have loved only those who love us instead of loving our enemies and praying for those who persecute us. Forgive us. Call us into your ways of justice and mercy. Call us to work for healing and restoration, and back to your way of loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Silence

Leader: God's grace is sufficient for us. There is nothing we can do to earn it or deserve it. But despite our flaws and faults, God's grace is always there. God's peace is always within.

People: God's love always surrounds us, enfolds us, and embraces us. We are forgiven, loved, and set free. Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Restore in Us, O God"

No. 434
Glory to God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your power;
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy;
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace,



re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
from fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flower.
bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
that we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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)



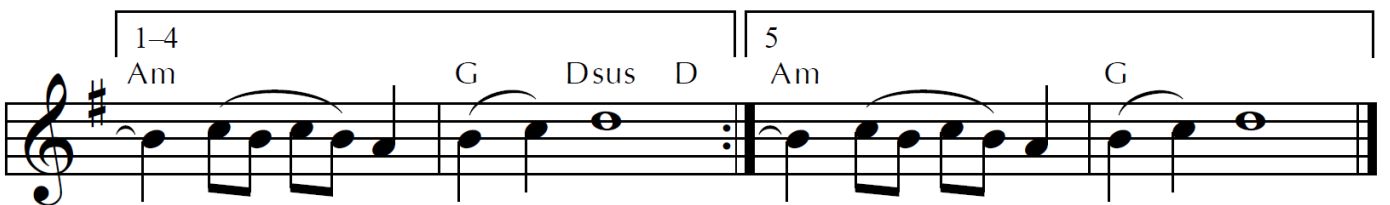
1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' ¹⁵But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

SERMON

Clinging to Power

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* SONG

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Charitie Lees Bancroft &
Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea
A great high priest, whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is written on His hands
My name is hidden in His heart
I know that while in heaven He stands
No power can force me to depart,
No power can force me to depart.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Grazioso"
from *Heldenmusik*

Georg Philipp Telemann

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, Three in One, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we praise you for your goodness and your everlasting loving-kindness. With the power of your Word, you created the world and everything in it and fashioned us in your own image. In your Word made flesh, you lived among us, taught us your way, and reconciled us to you. Through your living Word, you continue to call us to obedience and service in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Thank you, God, for the claim you put on our lives in baptism and the call to follow you throughout life. We pray for the wisdom of your Son's teachings to guide us in our actions. May we always say and do what Jesus has taught and shown us in his own life.

God of all creation, we pray for the world in which we live. You offer us a better way, but we continue to live in strife. We divide ourselves and look to our own interests. We become discouraged and think we cannot make a difference. Show us how to live as a witness to your power, promise, love and grace.

God of life, as the crowds carried their sick to Jesus with the hope of them being healed, we still carry our sick to you in our prayers. We pray for all for whom life is a struggle today because of illness and those who give care. Bless those who are undergoing treatments, recovering from surgeries, facing new diagnoses, and living with chronic conditions. May they know the peace of your life-giving Spirit. We also pray for those who are preparing to die, and for their loved ones.

We offer these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray,

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 grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in C”

Henry Purcell

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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