

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 18, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

<u>10:00 a.m.</u>

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

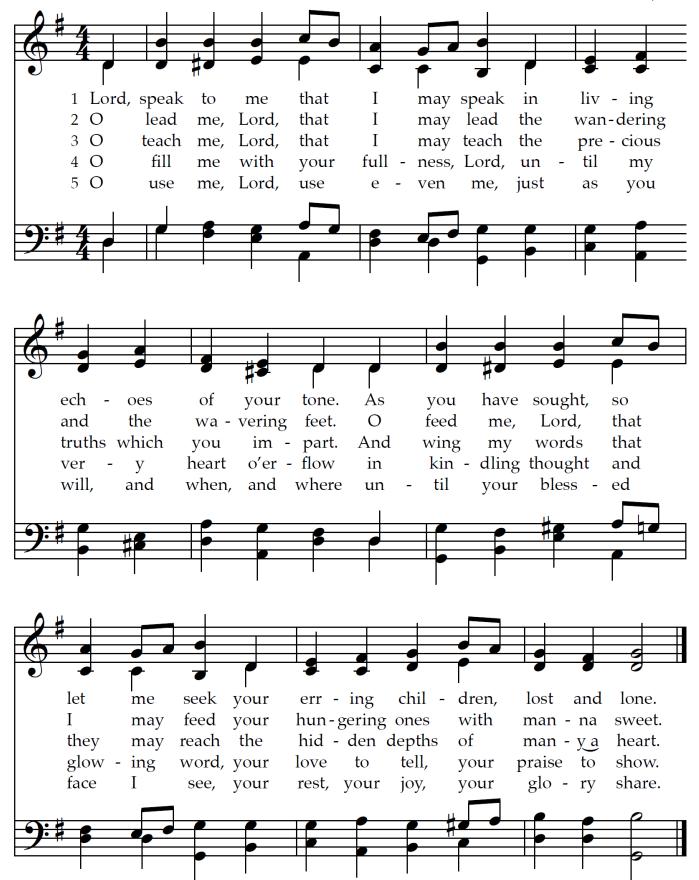
PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 111:1-4)

- Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the congregation.
- People: Great are the works of the Lord studied by all who delight in them.
- Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.
- People: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds, the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Caron Treon

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Caron Treon

- Leader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us. Christ prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession, but simply draw near to our maker in candor.
- All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and sent his Spirit to be with us always. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that Spirit to enliven our hearts, to set us in the ways of justice, and to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ's presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you, that we may be your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of the One who came to transform the world.

Silence

Leader: Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

People: For in Jesus Christ, we are fully and forever forgiven.



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)

"Your Love Awakens Me"

There were walls between us. By the cross You came and broke them down, You broke them down. And there were chains around us By Your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound. You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light. You called my name and then my heart came alive.

> Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me

Feel the darkness shaking, All the dead are coming back to life, I'm back to life. Hear the song awaken, all creation singing We're alive 'cause You're alive. You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light. You called my name and then my heart came alive.

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And what a love we've found! Death can't hold us down. We shout it out; We're alive 'cause You're alive!
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SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:51-58

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' ⁵³So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'



Redundancy



OFFERTORY

"How Great Thou Art" Nancy Studer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: All-loving God, creator, redeemer and sustainer of our lives, you are Truth, Grace and Love.

For your presence with us, we are deeply grateful. Grateful for this earth, our home. For this church, our sanctuary and our community. For each other, our neighbors and for strangers that would become neighbors. And for our calling, our vocation to go into all the world in your name to serve those in need, to companion the lone and the lost. To befriend the friendless. To try to speak and do what is just, and what is loving.

We are thankful for music, for the beauty of color, for silence, for the truth of diversity and variety in the fabric of your world. We are grateful for the changing seasons of the year, for growth and for fading, for sea and sky, for the cycling of days. For those with whom we share the world, and for those we love and those who love us.

We pray that there may be more places of sanctuary in the world. Safety from the horrors of war. Safety from the violence of guns. Safety from the ravages of power that excludes the poor, the hungry, the old, the sick, the differently abled. Safety for those who feel unseen, unheard, unattended by love. We pray especially this day for the safety of children, whether they are in Israel, in Gaza, in Ukraine, in Darfur, or in our own towns and cities. And for the safety of the world's seas and lands and wildlife, that they may have places of sanctuary from destruction and extinction.

We honor the Indigenous peoples who lived here and loved this land long before we were here. May we hold their sorrow and face honestly the damage our ancestors perpetrated. May we honor the beauty of their tradition and learn its wisdom.

As the natural world around us comes to its season of fullness and harvest, we are grateful for food, for daily bread, for the abundance of the land, for those who farm and harvest its good fruits. May all your people and creatures feed in abundance, and taste and smell the fragrance of earth's produce. Show us ways to share the bounty that we have.

We pray today for those who have recently lost those they love. For those who approach the end of life. For those who are sick and long for healing. Comfort them, calm their fears, heal their bodies and their spirits with your loving presence. May they see the sure sign of resurrection in the tiny seed planted in the earth, now grown to abundant harvest, and may they experience the hope of new life promised by your Son.

For we know, dear God, that we are never alone; that peace touches our hearts; that love holds our hands; that you are near, our living heart. And so, on this Sabbath day, prepare our way into the ministry you call us to take up.

We pray this and all our prayers, in the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying together

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.

Stuart K. Hine

* CLOSING SONG

"Your Grace Is Enough"

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 up 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 arace is enough. I'm covered in Your love Your grace is enough for me, for me.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Toccata on 'Great Day'" setting by Adolphus Hailstork African-American Spiritual

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Bass: Merlyn van Regenmorter

Vocalists: Tara Calderon and Julie Ueltzen

