



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 1, 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

Marsha Cook

Leader: God teaches us the way of righteousness,

People: the way of love, the way of peace.

Leader: We glorify God,

People: gathering to hear God's word.

Leader: We glorify God,

People: enacting God's word in the world.

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Marsha Cook

Leader: The mercy of the Lord Is from everlasting to everlasting; God's grace never changes. Therefore, we come together to confess our sin, trusting that in Christ, we have already been forgiven:

All: Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to confess our faith, but slow to live it. We sing praise to your name, but we pass by orphans and widows on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that hardens our hearts and replace it with compassion and generosity. Empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

Silence

Leader: Amen.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 39
Glory to God

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff contains the first two phrases, the second staff the next two, the third staff the next two, and the fourth staff the final phrase. The music consists of a simple melody with chords, suitable for congregational singing.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come
 wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of
 moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I
 spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is
 host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

SERMON

Nuts and Bolts

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"Remembrance"

Chris Davenport & Benjamin Hastings

I take the bread of life, broken for all my sin,
Your body crucified to make me whole again
I will recall the cup poured out in sacrifice
to trade this sinner's end for Your new covenant
Hallelujah! I'll live my life in remembrance.
Hallelujah! Your promise I won't forget
I'll walk salvation's road with fear and trembling.
Your way borne as my own as Christ is formed in me
Hallelujah! I'll live my life in remembrance.
Hallelujah! Your promise I won't forget
If ever I should lose my way, if ever I deny Your grace,
Remind me of the price You paid. Hallelujah! I'll live in remembrance
You've been so, so good to me. You've been so, so good to me,
Oh, to think where I would be if not for You, if not for You
As far as heights reach from the depths, as far as east is from the west
So far Your grace has carried me
Until I see You face to face, until at last I've won my race
Remind me You're not finished yet
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I'll live in remembrance

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: This is the Lord's table to which Jesus invites us!

People: Let us participate fully and joyfully.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Spirit is with us!

People: We are not alone!

Pastor: Lift your hearts to God.

People: We open ourselves to the One who fills us with grace.

Pastor: Sing glad praises to God.

People: We offer to God our songs of praise.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Pastor: Holy God, as the sun sets earlier, the days become cooler, the crops near harvests, we celebrate the bounty of the fruits of the earth available to us. In the Bread we eat, we honor farmers and bakers; we honor truck drivers and those who stock grocery shelves. In the Cup we drink, we honor those who pick fruit in orchards, harvest fields and vineyards, and all who labor with their hands and backs and feet.

Bless, O God, all whose hands and feet ache as they labor at farms and gardens, in trucks and warehouses, in laundromats and hospitals. Bless all who labor as they teach, learn, create community, care for others, and build opportunities for live and love and growth. We give thanks for the ones who prepared the table here today. May their gifts of preparation and hospitality inspire us to extend hospitality to the strangers among us.

Holy Beloved, this is the Bread and Cup we share, because others have passed it on – spiritually and physically – to each of us. We pray that your Spirit of life and love, of tenderness and power, will rest upon every bread and every cup, so that they may feed our innermost needs and pour forth grace that can change the world. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: After laboring on the streets of Jerusalem – doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God – Jesus clutched bread in his hands. He blessed the food, gave thanks, and heartfully expressed to his friends that this was the bread of life, “As you eat this bread, remember me.”

After supper, Jesus grasped the cup filled with the gifts of the vine. In his blessing, he reminded them of God's gift of forgiveness and of the faithful covenant sealed in his life's blood. He told them, “Whenever you drink of this cup, remember me.”

Holy Spirit of wisdom and wonder, labor through this table today. May it stir us to actively love God, our neighbors, and ourselves. As we partake of the bread and cup, transform us into the people God is calling us to be: Christ's body in the world.

People: So it is with gratitude that we gather at this table. As we partake of the bread and cup, let us experience the love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Let us share this feast together.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive communion; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. Servers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.

* COMMUNION HYMN

“Come to the Table of Grace”

No. 507

Glory to God



1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the



ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's



not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2 Come to the table of peace...

4 Come to the table of hope...

3 Come to the table of love...

5 Come to the table of joy...

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Nokturno”

Dejan Despić

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of all compassion, in Jesus Christ you have laid claim to our entire selves and shown us that nothing is too grand or insignificant for your mercy to touch. Therefore, we are bold enough to lift our prayers to you this morning.

We give you thanks for the goodness that overflows in our lives. For sunsets and tree frogs. For family, friends, and loved ones around us. For little ones and not-so-little ones returning to school. For potlucks and T-ball games. For the sweetness of the last watermelon of the season.

We ask for your healing and grace for those places that are broken, in the world and in our lives. For nations plagued by warfare and souls plagued by shame. For people without food and people without friendship. For your loved ones in hospitals, domestic violence shelters and refugee camps.

Purify our religion, O God, that it might bear fruit in the world. Send forth your church that we might care for all people in distress. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, the one who taught us to pray saying:

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.)

* CLOSING SONG

“Way Maker”

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

You are here, moving in our midst. I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, working in this place. I worship You, I worship You.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,

Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,

Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching every heart. I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, healing every heart. I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around. I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, mending every heart. I worship You, I worship You.

That is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are

That is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.

You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“The Lord Whom We Love”

Kurt Kaiser

Congregation may join hands

The Lord whom we love, whom we wor-ship and a-
dore, we will serve through - out this com-ing week. He it
is who binds us to-geth-er, and he it is who sends us a -
part, to be God's peo-ple, be God's peo-ple. A - men.

* POSTLUDE

“Sing Hallelujah”

arr. Hayes

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Drums: Will Condrey

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Bass: Merlyn van Regenmorter

Vocalists: Karen Gray, Anita Lawson, and Laura Leek



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