



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 15, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"10,000 Reasons"

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Lewin

Leader: We have been gathered in this place for this time,

People: That we might hear the good news we can't help but share.

Leader: On this day and each one to come,

People: May the words of our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.

Over all the earth You reign on high
 Every mountain stream, every sunset sky
 But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You reign in me again
 Lord, reign in me, reign in your power
 Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
 You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again?
 Over every thought, over every word
 May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
 You mean more to me than any earthly thing, so won't You reign in me again?
 Lord, reign in me, reign in your power
 Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
 You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again?

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kathy Lewin

Leader: Let us trust God's mercy and enter the liberating waters of forgiveness and grace. Together, let us boldly confess our sins and acknowledge our need for forgiveness. Let's pray together:

All: Gracious God, we confess to you that we have not been your servant people. We have not been as loving, caring, or sharing as we should. We have been weak in the cause of justice, slow to embrace opportunities for kindness, quick to anger and speak words that hurt. We have each put ourselves in the center of our world. We have turned away from neighbors in need, and not served as your ministers. Accept the burden of our sinful selves, heal our pain, and set us free.

Silence

Leader: Beloved friends, receive the good news: the Risen Christ enters all corners of our lives and declares us forgiven.

People: We embrace forgiveness and live in gratitude as we journey toward wholeness and peace.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“We Are Forgiven”

No. 447
Glory to God

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
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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 205 and 207.)

* SONG

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Matt Redman & Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be your glorious name
Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be your glorious name
You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be Your name, Jesus
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be your glorious name
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord;
Blessed be your glorious name
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HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

- ⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
- ⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.
- ⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
- ⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
- ⁸ he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
- ⁹ It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

SERMON

Tongue Twisters

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* SONG

"Words"

Seth Mosley, John Steingard, &
Matthew Hammitt

They've made me feel like a prisoner,
They've made me feel set free.
They've made me feel like a criminal,
Made me feel like a king.
They've lifted my heart to places I've never been,
And they've dragged me down back to where I began,
Words can build you up,
Words can break you down,
Start a fire in your heart or put it out.
Let my words be life.
Let my words be truth.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You
You can heal the heartache,
Speak over the fear
God, Your voice is the only thing we need to hear
Words can build us up,
Words can break us down,
Start a fire in our hearts or put it out.
Let my words be life.
Let my words be truth.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You
Let the words I say be the sound of Your grace.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You
I want to speak Your love, not just another noise.
I want to be Your light,
I want to be Your voice
Let my words be life. Let my words be truth.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You
Let the words I say be the sound of Your grace.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"At the Foot of the Cross"

Tre Sheppard

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: In our daily choices and relationships, in our homes and communities,

People: May our actions align with your love, O God.

Pastor: In our citizenship and country, in our national discourse and social participation,

People: May our words align with your love, O God.

Pastor: In our world and on the earth, in our care for the planet, and our sharing of its resources,

People: May our living align with your love, O God.

Pastor: And may your love fill the globe, so that followers and leaders, poor and wealthy, weak and powerful, servant and served,

People: May live aligned to your love.

Pastor: And now with the confidence of the children of God we pray together the prayer our Savior taught us

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.

* CLOSING SONG

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Phil Wickham, Jeremy Riddle, &
Josh Farro

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me
Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan and son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Matt Redman & Beth Redman

*(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.)*

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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