

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 29, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ"
Mikhail Sumarokoff, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

* CALL TO WORSHIP

ElizaBeth Phillips

Leader: We have walked with you, O God,
from many parts of the world to this time and place.

People: And we will walk with you, O God, into the world to serve all people.

Leader: We leave behind our old securities;
we leave behind all which keeps us from following you.

People: And we will walk with you, O God, into the world to live with all people.

Leader: We leave behind the fears which bind us;
we leave behind the hurts which damage us.

People: And we will walk with you, O God, into the peace you offer to all people.

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With
God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:



CONFESSION AND PARDON

ElizaBeth Phillips

Leader: Sometimes our words and actions show how we are salt for the world. But then come those moments when we lose our flavor and our way. Let us confess our sins to our God, so we might be restored and forgiven.

All: **Called to be your people, Living God - why do we find it so hard to answer? You ask us to speak out against injustice, and we whisper because we are afraid someone might hear us. You ask us to see the pain and poverty around us, but we close our eyes. You tell us that everyone, and each one, is created in your image, yet we persist in judging the differences between us and others. Forgive us, God of the Past and Creator of the Future. May we be the ones who go out into the world, bearing your gifts of peace, of hope, of healing, and of joy to everyone who is broken, even as we have been made whole through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

Silence

Leader: Touched by the healing hands of our Lord, filled with the grace of our God, led by the compassion of the Holy Spirit, our hearts are opened and we discover we are forgiven and at peace with God.

People: **We are created to love; we are created to bear grace; we are created to embrace all people: we receive our forgiveness, giving thanks to our God.**

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 307
Glory to God

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple". The second staff continues: "pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its". The third staff continues: "bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,". The fourth staff concludes: "for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour." The score 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 205 and 207.)

* SONG

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Matt Maher

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

SERMON

A Sermon on Sin that No One Really Asked For Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* SONG

“Salvation Belongs to Our God”

Adrian Howard & Pat Turner

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb, praise and glory,
Wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity
Declaring aloud praise and glory
Wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Bob Curtis

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“In Christ Alone”

arr. Hayes

Heidi Van Regenmorter, organ

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God our creator, Christ our friend, Spirit our guide, we spend so much time straining to hear your voice, picturing a booming baritone from the heavens startling us with words of power.

But that is not how you often speak to us, is it? You speak in the cry of a child who has lost her homeland. You speak in the desperation of a mother who feels the thunder of bombings, and who finds it in herself to sing a song of calm to her children. You speak in the terror of parents receiving alerts on their phones that their child's school is on lockdown. You speak in teachers putting their bodies on the line when they should never have to. In all the heartbreaking moments of human history, in the illness, in the poverty, in the racism, in the bigotry, in the injustice, in the terrible cycles of violence, you are there.

You speak not as a booming voice, but in the quietness of tears falling on stunned cheeks. You speak in the quiet resolve of not one more lost life. You speak in the quiet everyday heroism of people who act for policies and protections against unfettered violence and weaponization.

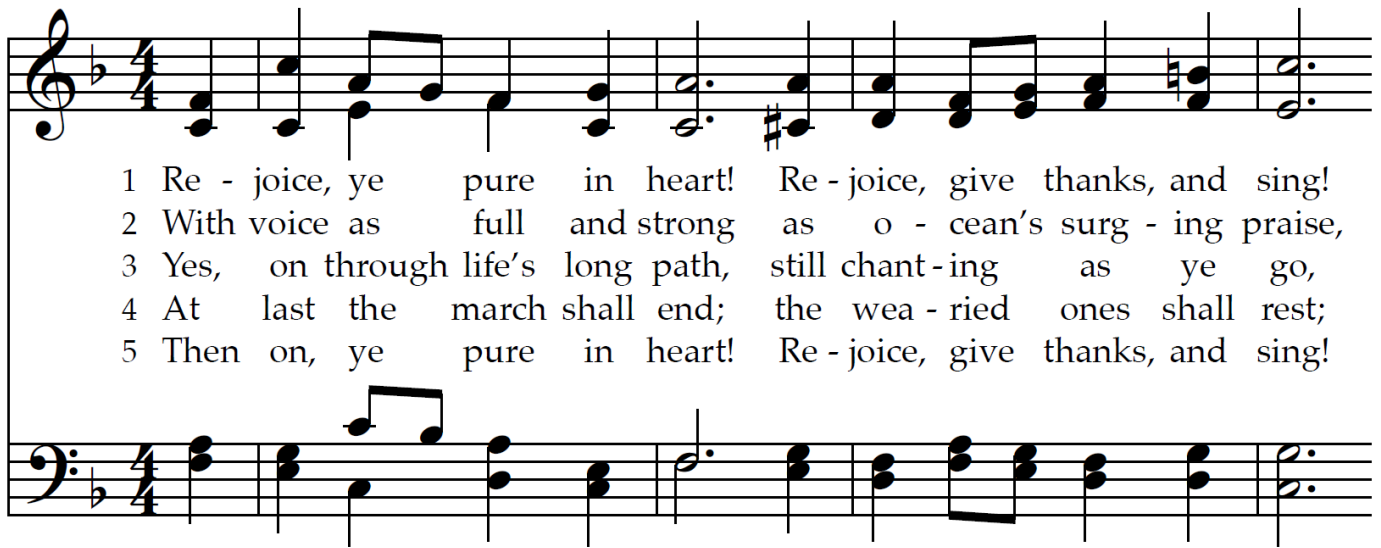
You are still speaking in it all. Speak to us all a word of building a new world, where tears and violence and even death are no more. Where life is for all people, not in a vague spiritual sense but a material life of enough and safety for all of your children.

Speak to our hardened hearts, O God. We will listen and act.

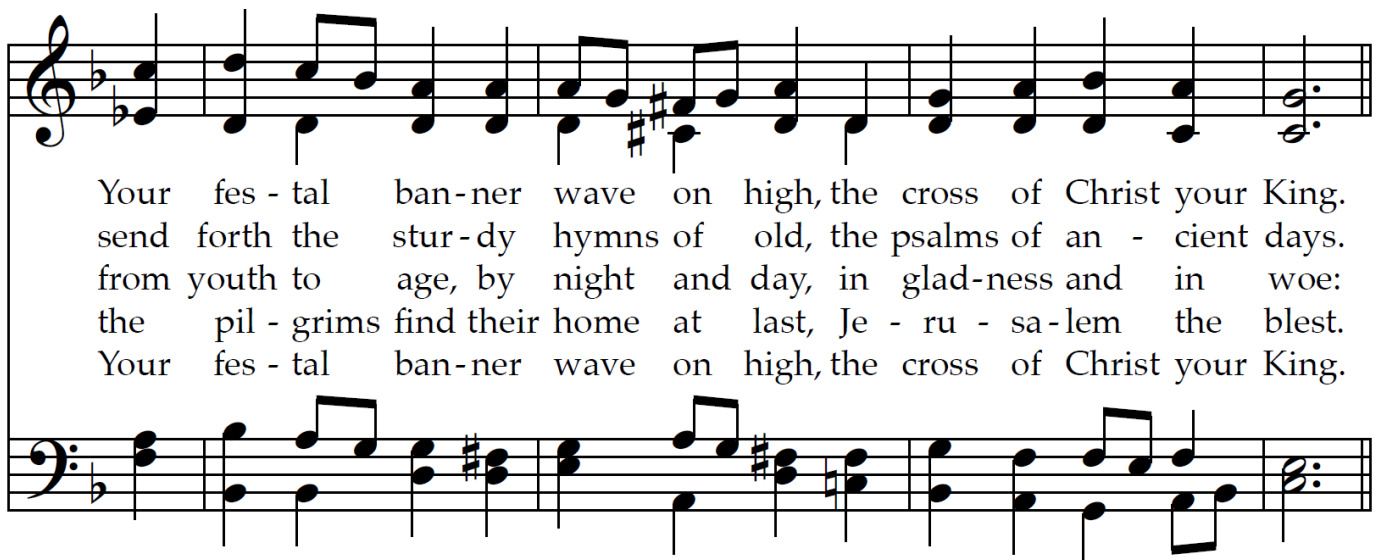
Hear these prayers from your people, God, as we pray the prayer our Savior taught us,

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.

(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 Re - joyce, ye pure in heart! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain



Re - joyce! Re - joyce! Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joyce! Re - joyce!

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Tocatta in E minor”
Heidi Van Regenmorter, organ

Pachelbel

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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