



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 8, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

“We Are One in the Bond of Love”

Otis Skillings
Arr. Greer

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ernie Chard

Leader: Trust in the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth;

Leader: trust in the Lord,

People: who loves every part of it.

Leader: Trust in the Lord,

People: who cares for those in need,

Leader: trust in the Lord,

People: who leads us to do the same.

Leader: Let us worship God,

People: who shows us the way.

* OPENING SONG

“10,000 Reasons”

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I worship Your holy name.
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
10,000 reasons for my heart to find.
Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I worship Your holy name.
Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul
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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Ernie Chard

Leader: God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's path of righteousness.

All: Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer and expect us to offer others.

Silence

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ANTHEM

"Touch That Soothes and Heals"

Gregg DeMey
and Thomas Keesecker

Sanctuary Choir
Susan Herman, flute

Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread;
 Steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:
 Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care;
 Give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there.

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
 Love arisen from the grave.
 "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
 "Live as ones I died to save."

Love and serve without distinction. All earth's people, first and least.
 Know within each act of kindness, hope and wholeness are increased.

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
 Love arisen from the grave.
 "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
 "Live as ones I died to save."

Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal;
 Feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal.

"See my hands and feet," said Jesus,
 Love arisen from the grave.
 "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,
 "Live as ones I died to save."

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.)

* SONG

"Indescribable"

Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming,
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees and we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to give us the coolness of night? None can fathom,
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing God.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 2:1-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

“For the Healing of the Nations”

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Offertory”
Sanctuary Choir

John Ness Beck
Text: Micah 6:6-8

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of mercy,

The earth groans as our climate continues to warm and change. We are weary of disaster. We are tense with concern. We feel helpless as we watch each evening's news. Hear us, O God, as we share ourselves, our prayers, our hopes with you. Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence as we lift these petitions to you today.

We pray for students newly returned to school. We pray for their curiosity, imagination and intellect to bloom. We pray that they persevere through every new challenge, that they take advantage of their education, that they work hard to develop their emerging skills. We pray also for parents and teachers navigating the transition out of summer and into this new academic year. Bless these, we pray, with your wisdom and grace.

We pray for our nation during this volatile election season. May our leaders be led by your wisdom; may they clearly discern your will and seek to follow it. May we not wage war with words and demeaning rhetoric, entrenching us into further divisiveness, but find ways to speak our truth in love, remembering that all are a part of the Beloved Community.

We pray for the suffering across our globe. We pray for peace in the Middle East and for the Ukrainian people to enjoy the freedom and dignity they deserve. We pray for all those who are forced to endure violence, destruction and abuse. Save us, God, from sectarian thinking that leads us to believe others' problems are not our own. Remind us of our interdependence, that the suffering of some, is the suffering of us all.

Mighty and merciful God, we claim your promise of restoration for all who suffer. We glorify you for your constant presence, help and hope. May your world and all who live in it be renewed through the power of the risen Christ and those committed to being Christ's hands and feet in a hurting world.

United as a family of faith and as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers up to you, God. Finally, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, 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.)

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
race may be. All chil - dren of the
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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