

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 24, 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 Anita Lawson

Leader: Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits on the throne of truth.

People: As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

Leader: Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

People: May this love guide our hearts.

Leader: Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Anita Lawson

Leader:

Christ sympathizes with our weaknesses. The one we call King in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All:

Lord, however much we call you king, we fail to follow your call to us. We succumb to the political temptations of this temporary world, seeking power and security while you call us to service and hospitality, consuming your creation while you call us to care for it, hating our neighbors, who you call us to love. In our failure to claim you, we identify more with the nations on our passports than with your kingdom.

We pray that you reclaim us as your people, forgive us as your children, and continue to be our Lord and our hope for salvation.

Silence

Leader:

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ loves us and has set us free from our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the certainty of God's decree, know that we are forgiven!

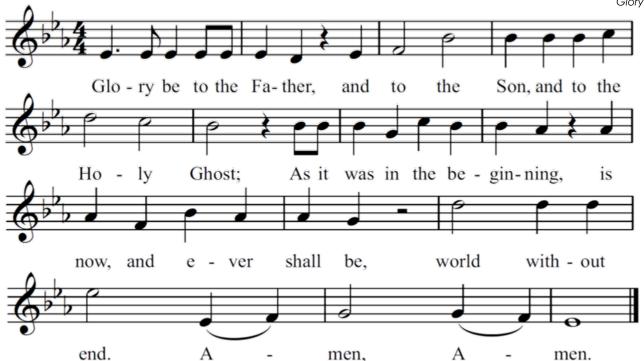
People: Thanks be to God!

Leader:

God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)"

No. 581 Glory to God



Sanctuary Choir

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages, our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; eternal Lord, the King of all the ages, unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks to you for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide; still as of old upon your body bearing the marks of love, in triumph glorified:

O Son of man, who stooped for us from heaven,
O Prince of life, in all your saving power,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given, we bring our thanks to you for this the present hour.

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain; our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:

O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee, O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks to you for all that is to be.

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

"My Heart Your Home"

Nathan Nockels & Christy Nockels

Come and make my heart Your home
Come and be everything I am and all I know
Search me through and through
Till my heart becomes a home for You

A home for You, Lord. A home for You, Lord. A home for You, Lord.

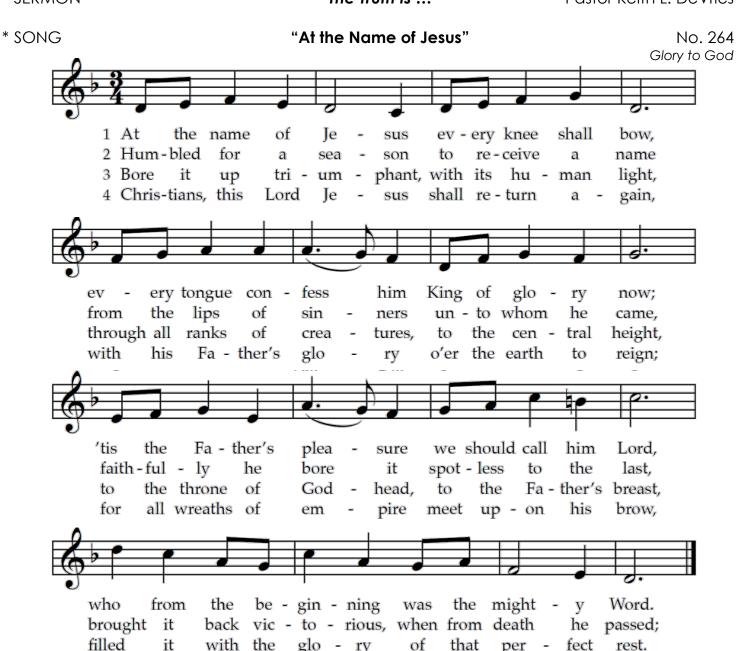
Let everything I do
Open up the door for You to come through
And my heart will be
A place where You want to be

Come and make my heart Your home
Come and be everything I am and all I know
Search me through and through
Till my heart becomes a home for You

SCRIPTURE READING John 18:33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

SERMON The Truth Is ... Pastor Keith L. DeVries



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DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING AND OUR 2025 PLEDGES

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Pastor:

We make our financial commitments today and every day as a tangible expression of our priorities. Acknowledging that all we are and all we have come from our Creator God, we testify to God's justice and love for all people. This commitment Sunday we bear witness to the importance of God's work through the mission and ministry of this congregation at all times, dedicating ourselves to the work of Jeus Christ through the stewardship of our financial gifts.

People:

Thankful for all of God's good gifts, we worship God with all that we are and all that we have. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Ride On, King Jesus"

Mission Bells
Rikki Pratt, Director

arr. Valerie W. Stephenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

Almighty God, you have exalted Jesus over all creation to lead us into truth. Receive the prayers we offer in his name and for the world you so dearly love. Give wisdom to all leaders and people to resist the earthly powers that destroy our common life; guide us in the way of peace. Bring unity of mission to your church and fill us with a joy for your gospel as we invite others into your reign. Enfold all who suffer in body, mind, or soul into the comfort of your healing, and enable us to extend our arms in kindness as witness to your love.

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, we remember those who are dying and have died; may they know the joy of your never-ending realm of peace.

Sovereign God, you sent Jesus to inaugurate a world of justice and peace through the power of your Spirit. May the words we pray be more than words this day; let our lives reveal your love.

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 "O, Praise Him" David Crowder

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside
The sound of angels' awe, the sound of angels' songs
And all this for a king; we could join and sing all to Christ the King

How constant, how divine this song of ours will rise O, how constant, how divine this song of ours will rise, will rise

O praise Him, O praise Him, He is holy, He is holy

O praise Him, O praise Him, He is holy, He is holy

Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise
The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones
And all this for a king; Angels join to sing all for Christ our King

O praise Him, O praise Him, He is holy, He is holy

O praise Him, O praise Him, He is holy, He is holy

How infinite and sweet, this love so rescuing O how infinitely and sweet, this great love that has redeemed As one, we sing

> Alleluia! Alleluia! He is holy, He is holy. Alleluia! Alleluia! He is holy, He is holy. O praise Him, O praise Him, He is holy, He is holy

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. Paul Manz

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Merlyn van Regenmorter

Vocalists: Anita Lawson, Beth Lindley, and Julie Ueltzen

