



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 3, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Bill Wolaver

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18)

Alexis Davidson

Leader: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

People: And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.”

Leader: Hear, O Church of God: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

People: And we shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our might.

Leader: Hear, O children of God: there is another commandment like the first.

People: Yes: we shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: These two commandments are the foundation of our Christian lives. Thanks be to God!

People: Let us worship God!



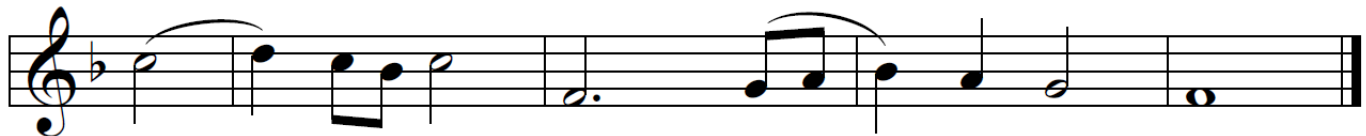
1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Alexis Davidson

Leader: With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

All: **Gracious God, you have loved us by sending your only Son, but we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. In his life and death, Jesus showed us how truly to love our neighbors, but we love ourselves more than we love others. Loving God, forgive us for withholding our complete love for and devotion to you. Help us give our hearts and lives fully to you so our hearts and lives may be open to our neighbors, especially those in need. Lord, forgive us, love us, and guide us through Jesus Christ.**

Silence

Leader: The psalmist assures us, "As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us." In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

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

No. 581
Glory to God

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out
end. A - men, A - men.

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 or go to Christmas Pageant rehearsal.)

* SONG

“Less Like Me”

Hank Bentley, Mia Fieldes,
and Zach Williams

Oh, I have days I lose the fight, try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk and miss the moments right before my eyes
 Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
 Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
 A little more like mercy; A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
 A little more like patience; A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus, a little less like me
There's no denying I have changed. I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best I must confess I still need help to see the way You see
 Lord, to feed the beggar on the street, Love to be Your hands and feet,
 Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be
I want to put You first above all else, Love my neighbor as myself
 In the moments no one sees, Lord help me be
 A little more like mercy; A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
 A little more like patience; A little more like peace
 A little more like Jesus, a little less like me
 A little more of living everything I preach
 A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 25:31-45

³¹When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me."

Acts 11:19-30

¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. ²⁰But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. ²¹The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. ²²News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; ²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. ²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.

²⁷ At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; ³⁰this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

SERMON

**You Never Know How God
Is Going to Use You**

Reverend Jeanie Shaw

* SONG

"Breathe"

Marie Barnett

This is the air I breathe; this is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread; this is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for You. And I, I'm lost without You

COMMUNION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God. Your Spirit hovered over the waters and brought forth all creation. You breathed into us the breath of life and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we lost our way, you called us back, then sent your own Son to save us. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: When Jesus was at table with his disciples he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. Whenever you do this, remember me. In the same way he took and poured the cup, saying: Take and drink. Whenever you do this, remember me. Now whenever we eat and drink at this table, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and juice. Unite us with Christ and with all who trust in him, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers and a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home worship space.

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

COMMUNION SONG

“In Our Midst”

Jenny DeVries

Lord, we take this bread. We eat remembering you
Lord, we take this cup. We drink remembering you
Every time we eat this bread, every time we drink this cup
You are here in our midst.

You said this is the new covenant. This is the new covenant
Sealed with My blood, your sins are washed away
To let my love pour in

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Go Down Moses”

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that in your great love you created us in your image, made covenant with us to be our God, redeemed us by sending your Son to show us how to a live of love, and sustain us by the power of your Holy Spirit who inspires and strengthens us to live for you and others. We pray that we will lead lives worthy of our calling as your people, lives that reflect the love, mercy, and compassion of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sovereign God, as we go to the polls on Tuesday to elect our leaders, we pray for our nation. We claim to be one nation under God, yet we are divided, neighbor against neighbor. Instead of seeking and working for the common good, we cling to our partisan stances and self-interest. Lord, forgive us and show us a better way to be a people committed to the principles we hold dear, freedom and justice for all.

God of all nations, we pray for your world and the peoples you have created and call your own. Help us to be faithful in our prayers for people in our country and around the world who are suffering from natural disasters, war, famine, disease, oppression and lack of freedom. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to be courageous and compassionate in our own communities as we work to make this world a better and safer place for all of your children.

O God, when we wonder what is our purpose and direction in life, remind us that you call us to love you with everything we are and everything we have. When we wonder how to do that, call us again to Jesus, who showed us in his life, death, and resurrection what it means to love you completely and to serve our neighbors with your love. Then, let us respond faithfully to Jesus's command, “Go and do likewise.”

We offer these and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, who taught us to pray,

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.

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

* 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

(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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Drums: Will Condrey

Guitar: Michael Schwab

Vocalists: Karen Gray, Anita Lawson, and Laura Leek

