

## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**January 19, 2025**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Vitek

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.

**People: All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.**

Leader: Christ is the fountain of life.

**People: In Christ we behold the light of God.**

\* OPENING SONG

**“Mighty to Save”**

Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior  
The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave  
So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures  
And fill my life again  
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in  
Now I surrender, I surrender

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Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world sing  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Deb Vitek

Leader: In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

**All: Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray.**

*silence*

Leader: Hear the good news:

**People: Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

\* 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.

ANTHEM

**“Children, Go Where I Send Thee”**  
Sanctuary Choir

Spiritual  
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?  
I'm gonna send you one by one. One for the itty-bitty baby  
Born, born, born in Bethlehem

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?  
I'm gonna send you two by two. Two for Paul and Silas  
One for the itty-bitty baby born, born,  
He was born in Bethlehem

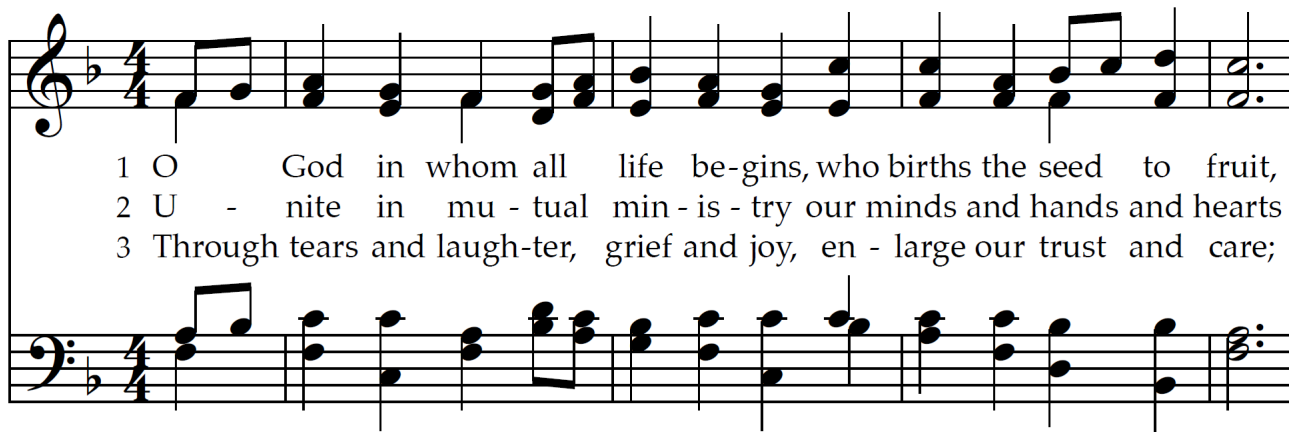
Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?  
I'm gonna send you three by three. Three for the Hebrew children  
Two for Paul and Silas; One for the itty-bitty baby  
Born, born, He was born in Bethlehem

Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?  
I'm gonna send you four by four. Four come a-knockin' at the door  
Three for the Hebrew children; Two for Paul and Silas  
One for the itty-bitty baby born, born, He was born in Bethlehem

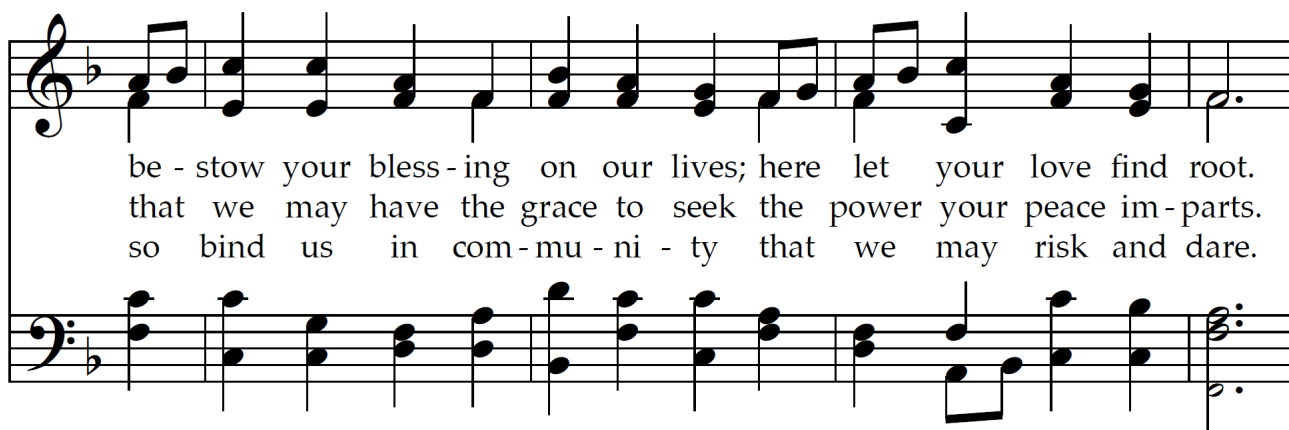
Children, go where I send thee. How shall I send thee?  
Any way I send you, better go. Any way I send you, better go now  
Any way I send you, better go now. Go and find that itty-bitty baby  
Born, born, born in Bethlehem  
Yes he was born, born, born in Bethlehem!

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.)*



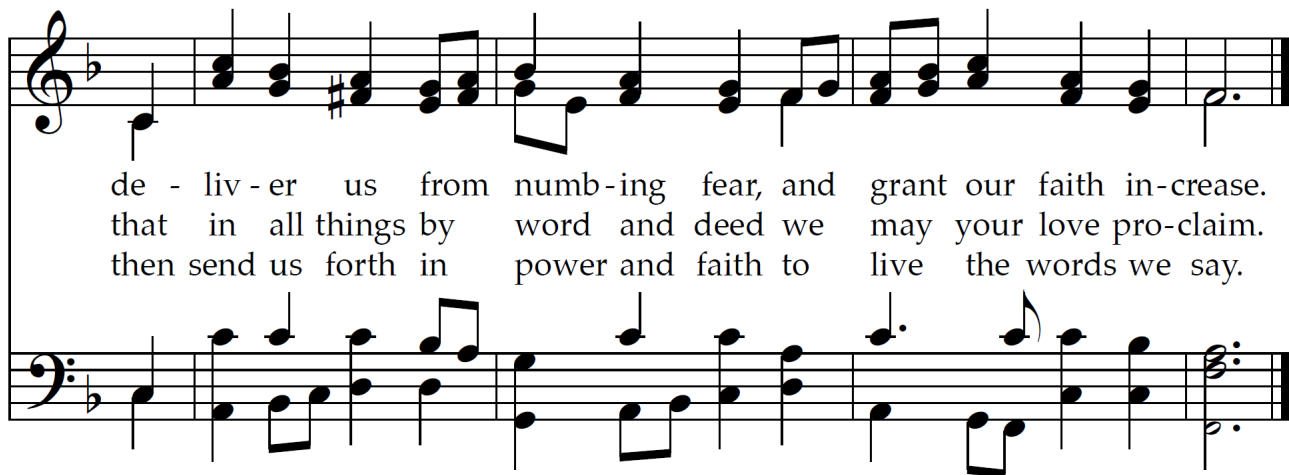
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

SERMON

**The Common Good**

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

\* SONG

**"You'll Come"**

Brooke Ligertwood

I have decided, I have resolved to wait upon You, Lord  
My rock and redeemer, shield and reward  
I'll wait upon You, Lord

As surely as the sun will rise, You'll come to us  
Certain as the dawn appears

You'll come. Let Your glory fall as You respond to us.  
Spirit, rain, flood into our thirsty hearts again  
You'll come, You'll come

We are not shaken, we are not moved. We wait upon You, Lord  
Mighty deliverer, triumph and truth  
We wait upon You, Lord

As surely as the sun will rise, You'll come to us  
Certain as Your word endures

You'll come. Let Your glory fall as You respond to us.  
Spirit, rain, flood into our thirsty hearts again  
You'll come, You'll come

Chains be broken. Lives be healed.  
Eyes be opened. Christ is revealed.  
Chains be broken. Lives be healed.  
Eyes be opened. Christ is revealed.

You'll come. Let Your glory fall as You respond to us.  
Spirit, rain, flood into our thirsty hearts again  
You'll come,

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## OFFERING AND PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

#### **"Gift of Love"** Sanctuary Choir

Folk Tune  
arr. Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
But have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship, and are freed.

## PRAYERS AND RENAMING

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God, our refuge and strength,

Shelter us from life's storms, from hopelessness and despair, from heartache and loss. Strengthen us to withstand the worry, the exhausting but necessary work, the temptations to stray from you toward idols who only offer fleeting comfort. Hold us close, like the mother hen who covers her chicks under her wing, so we can know we are yours, feel your steady presence, and know your peace.

God, you are in our midst, yet the nations are in an uproar and kingdoms totter. Help us to know your presence among us, God. Comfort and guide us in this tumultuous and painful world. May our leaders walk humbly and practice faithful discernment, surrounding themselves with honest truth-tellers who will hold them to your ethic of love and justice.

God, in these days of uproar and upheaval, help us find ways to rest, restore, and renew ourselves. Help us step away from the work still undone, the chores piling up, the deadlines approaching. Help us find ways to rest in your presence. Help us behold and enjoy you. We cannot continue without the rest you provide. Help us embrace stillness as your great gift.

United as the Body of Christ we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. Hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together,

**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 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**“O Worship the King”**

J. Michael Haydn  
arr. Dan Forrest

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Merlyn van Regenmorter

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