

## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**February 16, 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 (from Jeremiah 17:7-8)

Ernie Chard

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

**People: They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.**

Leader: Baptized and freed, grounded in love,

**All: Let us worship God.**

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly  
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his  
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Ernie Chard

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. So let us be honest and confess what separates us from God and our neighbors, trusting in God's constant desire to forgive and renew.

All: **Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the kingdom you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*silence*

Leader: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!

People: **Our faith is not in vain! Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God.**

\* 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

**"The Pure in Heart"**  
Sanctuary Choir

Patrick Hawes

Text: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8

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.)*



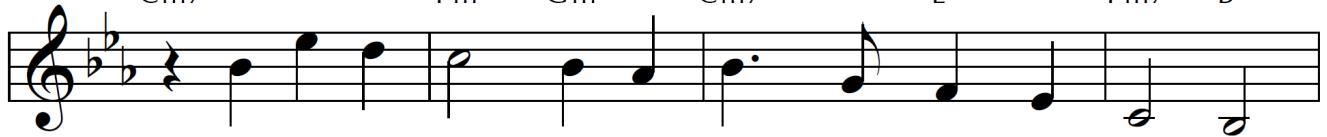
1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,  
2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,  
3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,  
4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um - phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (G) (Asus) (A)  
E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup><sub>sus</sub> B<sup>b</sup>



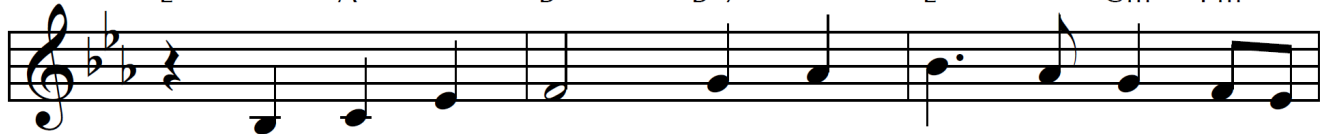
the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:  
the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:  
thoughts of com - pas - sion di - vorced from cries of pain:  
when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:

(Bm7) (Em) (F#m) (Bm7) (D) (Em7) (A)  
Cm7 Fm Gm Cm7 E<sup>b</sup> Fm7 B<sup>b</sup>



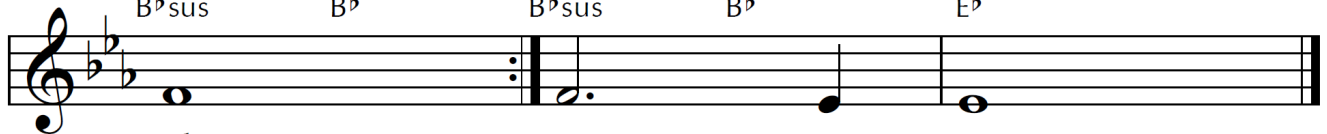
Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;  
Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:  
Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;  
Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;

(D) (G) (A) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em)  
E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> Cm Fm



in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly  
to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they  
his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose  
his power and love are for now and then for

1-3 4  
(Asus) (A) (Asus) (A) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup><sub>sus</sub> B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup><sub>sus</sub> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



end. ev - er - more.  
feast.  
plain.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

SERMON

**Blessings**

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

\* SONG

**“Give Thanks”**

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
And now, let the weak say, “I am strong!”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich!”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son  
And now, let the weak say, “I am strong!”  
Let the poor say, “I am rich!”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
Give thanks.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**“Jesus, Come and Sit with Me”**  
Men's Ensemble

Keith Atwater

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy One, you have created us with the ability to choose between life and death, blessings and curses. Help us to reject the advice of the wicked or sit with the scoffers, and by your grace, empower us to put our trust in you.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.**

Pastor: We pray for those who put their trust in themselves instead of in you.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.**

Pastor: We pray for those who put their trust in princes and politicians, and find themselves deceived and misled.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.**

Pastor: We pray for those who are poor, who hunger, who weep.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.**

Pastor: We pray for those who are making poor choices in their lives; may they turn to you for guidance.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.**

Pastor: We pray for the trees, for the rivers and streams, and for all your creation: turn us from our exploitative ways to help you renew the earth.

**People: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is in the Lord.**

Pastor: God, you demand much, but promise that your yoke is easy. Guide us throughout our lives, keeping us ever mindful of the good news of your forgiving and renewing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray 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.*

\* CLOSING SONG

**“Blessed Be Your Name”**

Matt Redman & Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be your glorious name  
Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be your glorious name  
You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name, Jesus  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be your glorious name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be your glorious name  
You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**“Prelude in C Major”**

J.S. Bach

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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