



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

“Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair Deo Gracias”

arr. Howard Helvey

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 99)

Tony Perrou

Leader: God reigns; let the people tremble! God reigns; let the earth shake!

People: For the Lord our God is exalted over all people!

Leader: God reigns; let the people tremble! God reigns; let the earth shake!

People: For the Lord our God loves justice and works for righteousness!

Leader: So come and proclaim at the holy mountain of the Lord:

People: God reigns; let the people tremble! God reigns; let the earth shake!

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Tony Perrou

Leader: On Transfiguration Sunday, on the holy mountain of God, we see Jesus as he truly is. But in confession we let Jesus see us as we truly are. We name our sins, our faults, and the things we've gotten wrong, and we do so in faith that Jesus wants to see us as we are. So let's tell the truth together.

All: **Almighty God, you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts. You know the ways we've fallen short. You know the work we've left undone, the mercy we've left ungiven, the love we've left unshared, the peace we've left unmade. You know the arrogance, pride and violence that we've chosen instead of your path of forgiveness and reconciliation. You know who we are. Help us to see who we might be. Forgive us, and transform us, that we might become who you imagine us to become, in your sight, and by your mercy.**

silence

Leader: Friends, the Lord sees you and knows you. The Lord sees you and loves you. The Lord sees you and calls you. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Amen.**

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

No. 581
Glory to God

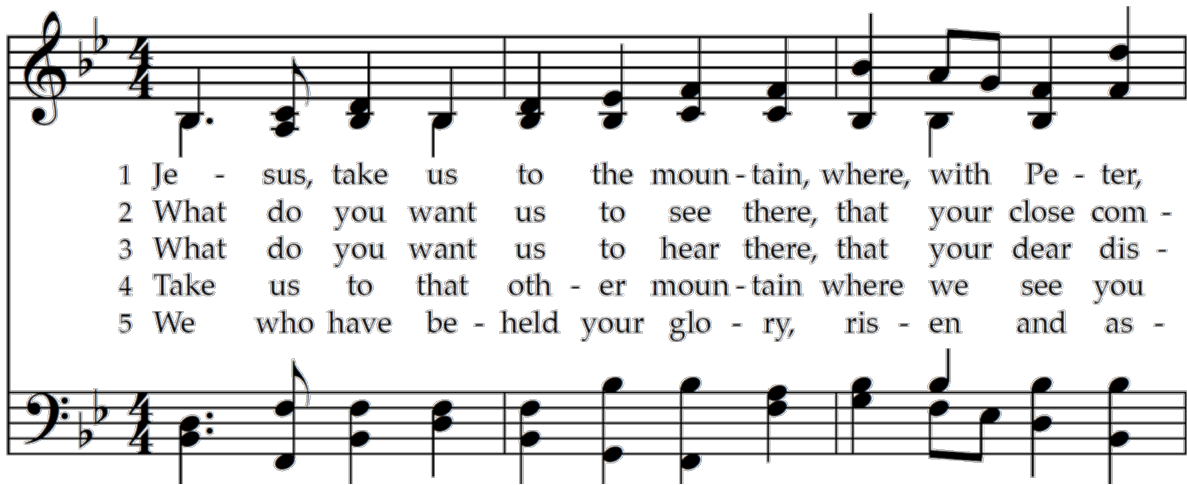
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
 Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out
 end. A - men, A - men.

STEPPING STONES OF FAITH CELEBRATION

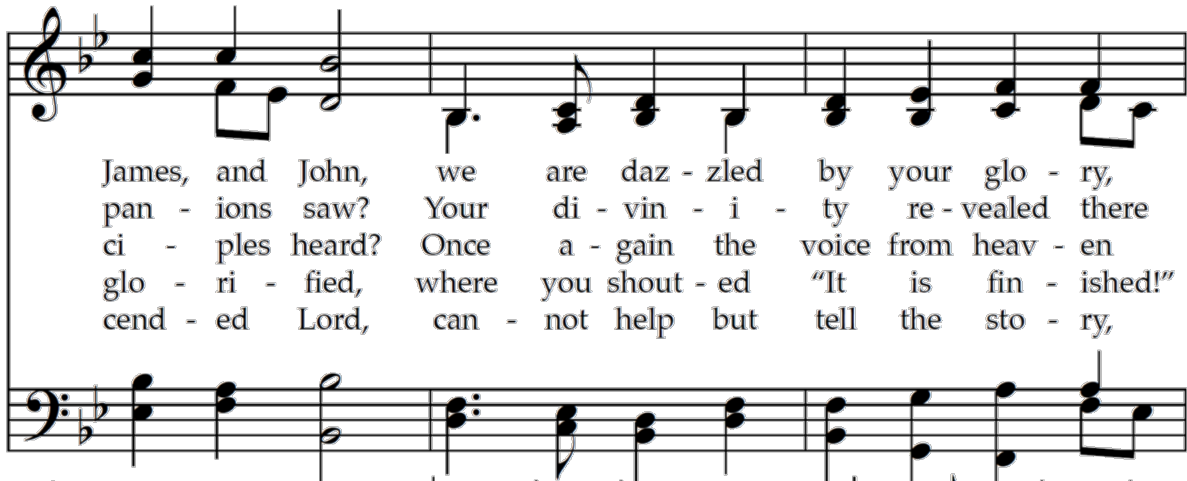
Rebecca Cameron

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

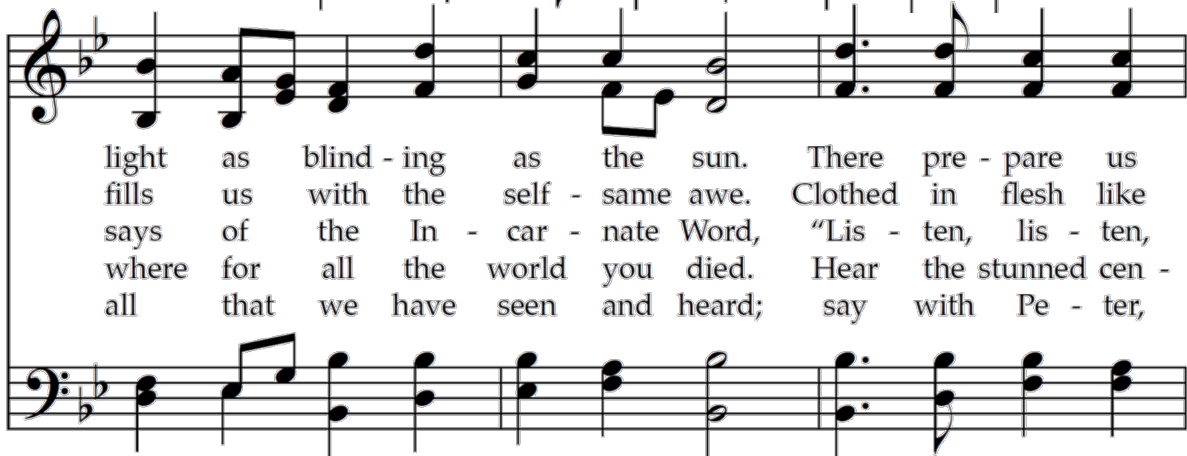
(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)



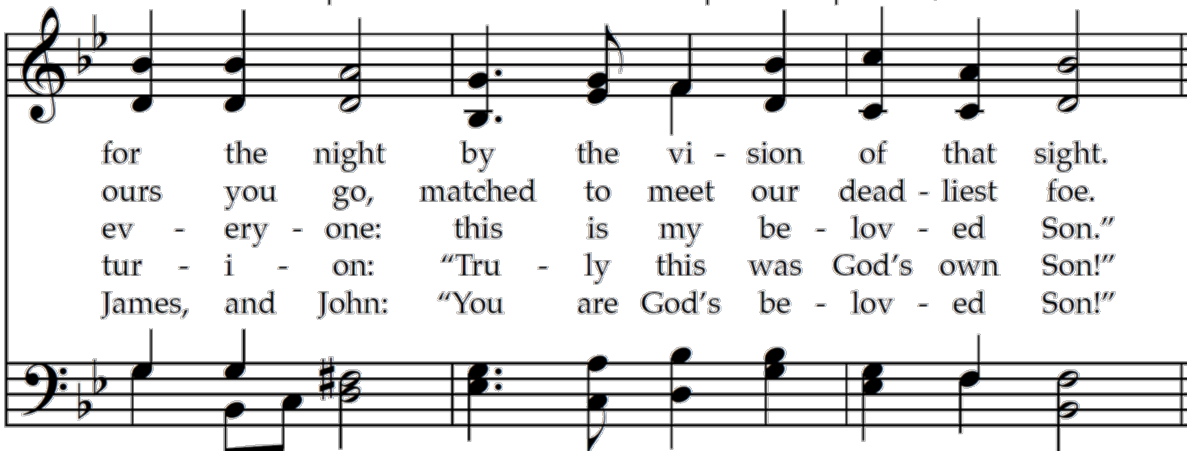
1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,
 2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -
 3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -
 4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
 5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
 pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
 ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
 glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"
 cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
 fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
 says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
 where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
 all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,



for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
 ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
 ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."
 tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
 James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

SERMON

On the Next Day...

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

No. 192
Glory to God

Lord, the light of your love is shining
 In the midst of the darkness shining
 Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us
 Set us free by the truth You now bring us
 Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
 Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
 Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence
 From the shadows into Your radiance
 By the blood, may I enter Your brightness
 Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
 Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
 Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
 Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
 So our faces display Your likeness
 Ever changing from glory to glory
 Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story
 Shine on me, shine on me

Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory
 Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire
 Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy
 Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: Come and be refreshed by the food and drink of this holy table.

People: We come seeking God's guidance.

Pastor: Come in spite of all the detours of your life.

People: We come, knowing that God will show us every day an oasis of safety and rest when we are escaping from dangers all around us. May God bless us on our approaching Lenten journey that takes us to new places and new adventures.

Pastor: Come, for there is always a table waiting.

People: We come to share what strengthens us and to receive the gifts of others.

WORDS OF REMEMBERING AND GRATITUDE

Pastor: We remember that final evening with his disciples when Jesus shared a meal with friends, including a betrayer and a denier, in a borrowed room, under fear's shadow, in the Passover tradition. We give thanks for bread and wine redefined as a promise to us and to all who carry the baggage of life packed for every road – both the tourism of life's joys and the paths we take through sorrow. May this holy meal call us back to your way, opening our eyes to your solidarity of love. Give us strength and courage to rest our travel-weary souls in the deep and refreshing pool of your unconditional grace. May we be ready for your next chapter of hope for all who hunger and thirst for the loaf and cup of shalom. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

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 INTERLUDE

**“My Jesus, Fair”
“Let Us Break Bread Together”**

Greg Habegger, arr. Molly Ijames
African American Spiritual

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: We thank you, O God, for welcoming us to your table. Teach us to be cooks and servers for the hungry in the world, those who are escaping tyranny, and those who just need a gift, a home, a community of belonging. Nourished at your table, we go forth to share your kindness, your wisdom, your open heart and resting place. Amen.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Kindness”

Brian McLaren
St. Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body here but ours. No hands, no feet here on earth but ours
Ours the eyes through which He looks on this world with kindness
Ours are the hands through which He works. Ours are the feet on which He moves
Ours the voices through which He speaks to this world with kindness
Through our touch, our smile, our listening ear, embodied in, Jesus is living here.
Let us go now, inspired, into this world with kindness

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: As we gather here on the mountaintop this morning, we join Peter's petition: that we might linger here just a moment in the presence of our living Savior, bringing him the cares and worries of our hearts. In this threshold time we pray: Lord Jesus, living Jesus, transfigured Jesus, be with us. Stay with us. Remain with us.
God of Transfiguration,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: Living Jesus, we pray with such rich thanksgiving for the gift of this worship and of this morning. Just as you showed yourself in fullness to those full disciples, we thank you for the ways in which you continue to reveal yourself to us: in the early signs of new spring life, in the familiar faces of our worshipping family, in the quiet whisper of a new day. We thank you, God, for the small ways in which you show us who you are, and how you are, and we pray that your signs of life would keep their hold on us even in the valley.
God of Transfiguration,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: Living Jesus, in the light of Transfiguration we also see the world as it is — and as it might be. And so we pray your love and grace on all those places still longing for hope. We pray your light on those living in the midst of violence and fear. We pray your light on those living in the midst of unrest and terror. We pray your light on those living too long in hospital room and hospice corridors. We pray that you would stay by the side of all those who need you even in the long shadow of the valley of death.
God of Transfiguration,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: Living Jesus, just as you sent those early disciples back down the mountain, we pray that you would send us now back into the world as renewed and restored servants of your calling. Where there is need of charity: send us. Where there is need of hopefulness: send us. Where there is need of mercy: send us. Grant us the wisdom and courage to follow where you lead and to go where you call. Help us not simply rest on the mountaintop but find you again in the valley, for the love of the world.
God of our salvation,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: We offer these prayers to you in one voice as one gathered children of God, and in one voice we pray the prayer you first taught us to pray, 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.

* CLOSING SONG

“How Great Is Our God”

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, & Ed Cash

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead, Three in One; Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names, worthy of all praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

* 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

“Carry Your Love”

Aaron Senseman & Cliff Young

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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