



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 16, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Lamb of God"

Twila Paris
arr. Molly Ijames

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alexis Davidson

Leader: The psalmist sings, "One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after:

People: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in God's temple."

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.

No ocean, no valley, no mountain too high
No power on earth, there's no distance too wide
No height or no depth could keep me from your love.
No failure, no weakness, no doubt in my mind
No prison around me could keep You outside
Not even death can pull me from Your arms

Nothing ever could separate us, nothing ever could separate us,
Nothing ever could separate us now.

And when I can't see You still I know You're here
And when I can't feel You, Your promise is clear
Nothing I face can keep me from your love
My Savior, my Healer, my Life and my Hope
My Treasure, forever with you I belong
And even in death we won't be torn apart

Nothing ever could separate us, nothing ever could separate us,
Nothing ever could separate us now.

You gave it all to have me.
You took the cross to save me.

Nothing ever could separate us, nothing ever could separate us,
Nothing ever could separate us, nothing ever could separate us now.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Alexis Davidson

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? With humble hearts, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our mind on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world.

silence

Leader: God, our light and our salvation, does not forsake us or leave us with our sin. In Christ we are forgiven and offered the gift of healing repentance.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

No. 581
Glory to God

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

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.)

* HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 450
Glory to God



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us, then, who are mature think this way, and if you think differently about anything, this, too, God will reveal to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

SERMON

One Thing

Pastor Steve Shullanberger

* SONG

“Lead Me to the Cross”

Brooke Ligertwood

Savior, I come, quiet my soul, remember
 Redemption's hill where Your blood was spilled for my ransom
 Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss
 Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out
 Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
 Rid me of myself; I belong to you
 Lead me, lead me to the cross.
 You were as I, tempted and tried,
 You are the word became flesh,
 Bore my sin and death. Now You're risen
 Everything I once held dear, I count it all as loss
 Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out
 Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
 Rid me of myself; I belong to you
 Lead me, lead me to the cross.
 Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out
 Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
 Rid me of myself; I belong to you
 Lead me, lead me, lead me to the cross.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

Lowell Mason
arr. Dan Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord saying, Lord have mercy.

For the church throughout the world, that all who bear the name of Christ may find true repentance for their sins and walk in the ways of peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For the nations of the world, wherever there is poverty, war, or oppression of human spirit, that all people may repent of the evil they do to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For planet Earth, God's gift to humankind, that we repent of selfish and thoughtless exploitation and tend it with care so that all may share justly in its bounty, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For the leaders of the nations, that they may work for the common good of all people and repent of arrogant nationalism, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For our enemies that we may learn to love them with regard for God's compassion, forgiving wrongs and seeking reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are sick or in trouble, for the defenseless, the weak, and the poor, that they may find help in their time of need, and that the church may heed their cry, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: Loving God, hear the prayers of your people for the sake of our world. With our prayers, accept the dedication of our lives that we may minister to the world in the name of Jesus in whose name we pray together, 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.

“Fight the Good Fight”

1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
God's bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Life with its way be - fore us lies;
Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
that Christ is all in all to thee.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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