



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 30, 2025**

**Livestream & In-Person**

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**"Partita on 'The Lord's My Shepherd'"**

arr. Gordon Young

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 32)

Kathy Lewis

Leader: In times of trouble, in days of fear,

**People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Leader: When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

**People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Leader: When we are hard-hearted and cynical,

**People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Leader: When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

**People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Leader: Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

**People: Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.**

\* OPENING SONG

**“Indescribable”**

Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,  
Creation’s revealing Your majesty.  
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,  
Every creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming,  
Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.  
You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable,  
Awestruck we fall to our knees and we humbly proclaim You are amazing God.  
Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?  
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?  
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,  
Yet conceals it to give us the coolness of night? None can fathom,  
Indescribable, uncontainable,  
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.  
You are amazing God. Incomparable, unchangeable,  
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same. You are amazing God.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Kathy Lewis

Leader: Scripture promises us that no matter how far we stray from God’s ways, when we make the decision to return to God, God runs to greet us with open arms. Trusting in the never-failing mercy of the Lord, let us turn to God together by confessing our sins.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth’s resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin, and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love. Through Christ our Lord we pray.**

**silence**

Leader: As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance.

**People: 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*

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”**

Frederick Maker

Mission Bells; Rikki Pratt, Director

arr. Ron Mallory

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 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*  
 watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup> “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.’ So he divided his assets between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to his senses he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

SERMON

***What’s in a Name?***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,  
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:  
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.  
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;  
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.

peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.  
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.  
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.  
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.  
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

African-American spiritual  
arr. Philip M. Young

Sanctuary Choir

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home;  
 Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

I look over Jordan and what do I see? Comin' for to carry me home;  
 A band of angel comin' after me; Comin' for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home;  
 Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home;  
 Tell all my friends I'm comin' too, comin' for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home;  
 Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.

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

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

For the church throughout the world, that all Christians may embody the reconciling love of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the nations of the world and it's leaders, that all may dwell in peace and that justice may be tempered by mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the planet Earth, God's gift to humankind, that all may share wisely its resources and conserve its riches for our children's children, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For our enemies, that we may regard them with the reconciling love made manifest in Christ, 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 be restored to wholeness of life and livelihood, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the lost, for those who have abandoned God, friends, or family, and for those who have never known such love, that they may come to know the joy of love's embrace, 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, and our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom we 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.**

*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

**“Who You Say I Am”**

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost, but He brought me in  
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me  
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am  
Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me  
Yes, He died for me  
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am  
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am  
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You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am  
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I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am  
Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am  
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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