



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 9, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Chips Ahoy! Ministry

Kathy Lewin

MINUTE FOR MISSION

30-Hour Famine

Michael Lombrano

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 91)

Brian Nordeen

Leader: Where is our home?

People: Our home is in the shelter and shadow of God.

Leader: How can this be our refuge?

People: Because God's angels will guard your house and those in it from evil and threat.

Leader: How can we flourish?

People: Staying close to God's ways will bring our lives to abundance.

All: Let us worship God.

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor.

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

I'll never know how much it cost to see my sins upon that cross.
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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Brian Nordeen

Leader: God makes no distinction between us. We are all sinners, we are all children of God, we are all precious to God, and we are all saved by God. Let us confess to the One who is generous to all.

All: We meet you here, God of faithfulness, our hands and lives full of all our foolish ways. We treat the strangers who walk among us with fear and doubt. We afflict our anger on those who care about us the most. We impose hard words on those who need to hear hope and grace in their lives. We bring our hearts to you, Generous God, setting them down before you in hopes that you will mend them. As you hear our faltering words, answer us with your forgiving love. And as you forgive us, may we go forth to be as generous with our lives towards others as Jesus Christ has been to us.

silence

Leader: As you have confessed, do you so believe? The good news is that there is nothing we do that can conquer us, for we are sheltered in God's gracious mercy and hope.

People: This is the truth we believe. The Word is in our hearts, and on our lips, as we give thanks to God who is our refuge and our salvation.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but

to Refrain

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system is the Refrain, starting with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The second system ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'. The third system begins with a first ending bracket. The fourth system continues the first ending. The fifth system begins with the text 'to Refrain' above the vocal line.

ANTHEM

"Jesu, Grant Me This, I Pray"
Sanctuary Choir

C.H. Kitson

Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in Thy heart to stay:
 Let me evermore abide hidden in Thy wounded side.
 If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare,
 I am safe when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill
 Naught I fear when I abide in Thy heart and wounded side.
 Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from Thee:
 Dying let me still abide in Thy heart and wounded side.

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.)

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do - us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 91

- ¹ You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
² will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'
³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
⁴ he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,
⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
⁸ You will only look with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,
¹⁰ no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
¹² On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

SERMON

Amulet Psalm

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

“Gather Us In”



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Stories of Jesus Medley”

arr. Larry Shackley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, we pray for all who live in places of threat and danger. We trust in you, for you are able to make peace in the midst of warfare and turn rough places into level ground. Teach us to prepare a table where enemies may feast instead of fight.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

Pastor: We pray for those who do not have enough – enough to eat, enough to wear, or enough justice. We trust in you, for you fill the empty with good things and lift up the lowly. Help us to share the abundance we enjoy and to work for the freedom and dignity of all your children.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

Pastor: We pray for all who are chronically homeless, wandering our streets and sleeping unprotected; and for those who are homeless for a season because of natural disaster or economic trouble. We trust in you, for you give even to the sparrow a nest where she may lay her young. Make us more determined to assist those who need a place to live.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

Pastor: We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or heart. We trust in you, for you are able to heal and to make whole in this life and the next. Make us tender caregivers, that your healing power may be at work in us and through us.

People: Hear our prayer, O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

Pastor: We pray for the church, dividing and uniting, wavering and witnessing. We trust in you, for you called the church into being and have made us your body in and for the world. Keep your church from being both uncertain and too certain. Help us to joyfully trust that the Spirit is leading us into new opportunities of faith and service.

People: O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade, we pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who is generous to all who call upon him.

Pastor: Now hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught us:

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

“Refuge”

Jon Smith, Casey Brown,
and Blake Neesmith

Though the earth should change and the mountains slip away
You will keep me safe. Who You are will still remain
You're the place, you're the place that I call home
You're the fire that I feel inside my bones
You're the One, you're the One that won't let go
My soul, it sings to you! Oh God, you are my refuge
I will cling, I will cling to You
My shelter through the storm, my peace when waves of troubles roll
I will cling, I will cling to You
I could search the stars; I could sail across the seas
Never find a love that's as strong as Yours for me
I could search the stars; I could sail across the seas
Never find a love that's as strong as Yours for me
You're the place, you're the place that I call home
You're the fire that I feel inside my bones
You're the One, you're the One that won't let go
My soul, it sings to you! Oh God, you are my refuge
I will cling, I will cling to You
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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Toccata in the Style of Scarlatti”

Gordon Young

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Laura Leek

