

Second Sunday of EASTER



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 27, 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 (based on Psalm 118:14-29)

Deb Vitek

Leader: God of peace, we enter this holy room knowing the gospel's cornerstones of grace and mercy are often rejected in our world.

People: Yet we understand that rejection is not the end of the story.

Leader: We know that those we have come to know as the builders and the rulers of the world do not have the final word.

People: The Gospel of Grace is the Lord's doing.

Leader: Despite powers and principalities, despite the clamoring of meanness and cruelty,

People: this is the day that the Lord has made.

Leader: Grace is the ground upon which we walk.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad.

* OPENING SONG

"Today Is the Day"

Lincoln Brewster & Paul Baloché

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day!

I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day!

I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You
I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm giving You my fears and sorrow.
Where You lead me, I will follow. I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day! Today is the day! Today is the day!
Today is the day! Today is the day!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Deb Vitek

Leader: We are called to tell the truth. Those who are perfectly loved need not fear their shadows. When we speak what we fear and what we hope, silence cannot trap us and lies cannot hold us. As much as we are tempted to hide, telling the truth together reminds us that we trust in God's grace and the grace of this community. We remember that God's love yields healing. Honesty, confession, and forgiveness restore us to one another.

As we pray together, we are reminded that our confessions of sin, just like our confessions of faith, are held in community. The literal words matter less than the contrite hearts who speak it. Trusting God loves us, and we love and are loved by each other, let us pray.

All: Holy God, we have found ourselves in fear, locked in rooms of inaction and indecision, unclear where we are called or what we could offer. We have lost ourselves in anxiety so loud we have not heard your voice. We have not recognized you on the move in the world, wounds in your side and life in your lungs. We have believed in the finality of your death and assumed all is left to our own meager efforts. We have refused to see, so we might not have to believe the gospel and live our lives accordingly.
God of new life, restore hope throughout our bodies. Help us to breathe again. Strengthen us for the joy that is before us. Grant us eyes to see your beloved

people all around us and ears to hear your good news through all the noise.
Even as we have looked away, come to see us, call us forth from our locked
rooms and bring us out to walk with you in the world you so love.

silence

Leader: The God of truth is present to us in the speaking of truth. The Spirit of grace is
present to us in the sharing of grace.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Restore in Us, O God"

No. 434

Glory to God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy;



re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
bap - tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

Robert Williams

Mission Bells

arr. Mitchell Eithun

Rikki Pratt, director

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.)*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

le - lu - ia!

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing with
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -
 3 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, how
 4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see; and

heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has
 mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be
 they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -
 look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -

lost its sting!
 with you here."
 ci - ples' word.
 liev - ing be."

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Fine

5 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

Scars Matter

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"Our God"

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin,
Chris Tomlin and Jesse Reeves

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You
Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power,
Our God, our God
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You
Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power, Our God, our God
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
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OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Ashokan Farewell"

Jay Ungar

Caron Honnold & Nell Treon, piano; Caron Treon, flute

FAITH STORY

Bob Bergsten

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Living God, giver of life, hear us as we pray, saying, Pour out your blessing, O Lord; send us your Spirit of peace.

We pray for the church. Let your church be a living sign of the woundedness and healing of Christ, sharing the gift of forgiveness and the gospel of reconciliation. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People: send us your Spirit of peace.

Pastor: We pray for the earth. Help us to see the scars of death that mark your good creation, and to seek the blessing of life that you offer to all creatures. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People: send us your Spirit of peace.

Pastor: We pray for all nations. Show us how good and pleasant it is when people live together in unity, and anoint us with your wisdom so that we may seek the ways of life. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People: send us your Spirit of peace.

Pastor: We pray for this community. Give us a vision of the common good: not clinging to our own possessions but seeking the fullness of life for all as a testimony to Christ's resurrection. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People: send us your Spirit of peace.

Pastor: We pray for loved ones. Be near to those who walk in darkness and lead us all into Christ's light so that our fellowship may be true and our joy may be complete. Pour out your blessing, O Lord,

People: send us your Spirit of peace.

Pastor: By the blessing of your Spirit, help us to live as we pray the prayer you taught us so that the world may come to know the gift of life in Christ our Lord:

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.

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
 2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
 3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -

out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
 us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"March on 'Since I Have Been Redeemed'"

arr. Spong

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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