



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 6, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"10,000 Reasons"

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 126)

Laura Garwood

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,

People: we were like those who dreamed.

Leader: Our mouths were filled with laughter

People: our tongues with songs of joy.

Leader: It was said among the nations,

People: The Lord has done great things for them.

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us,

People: and we are filled with joy.

* OPENING SONG

“Nothing Ever Could Separate Us”

Ben Calhoun, Jason Ingram,
and Seth Mosley

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

Laura Garwood

Leader: We come to confession like a wooden boat. We are weathered by storms of our own making; we are splintered and cracked, taking on water. God meets us in our confession as an expert carpenter: sanding, repairing, repainting, again and again, until we are restored. Trusting in God's great love for us, let us join in our confession together, let us pray:

All: **Ever-Present God, you offer us restoration and wholeness, yet we resist you. We reduce the purpose of this life to the amount of stuff we can retain, and we disregard the damage done to our planet, our neighbors, and to ourselves in the process. We confess that we would rather remain as we are than risk the change that results from your presence in our lives. In this season of Lent, help us to realize just how much we depend on one another. Guide us to orient our lives towards your goodness and your joy. And as you do, we ask that you renew us, restore us, and remain with us, as you always have.**

silence

Leader: The Lord has done great things for us. Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ, we are renewed, and we are made whole. Beloved children of God, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: **Amen.**

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"We Are Forgiven"

No. 447

Glory to God

The musical score is written in treble clef, key of G major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Staff 1: G Am D7 Gsus G C
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to

Staff 2: G Am7 Dsus D G Am
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.

Staff 3: D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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)

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 cho - sen band:
 take your part:

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not 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. ¹³Brothers 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

SERMON

Lenten – Life – Assessment

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

*HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

No. 525
Glory to God

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: This is the table to which Jesus invites us! Let us participate joyfully!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love, embracing all people and all nations. We thank you that you have sent Jesus to us to break down the walls of hostility which divide the earth's people, and to reveal your all-encompassing love, making us all one. Through the power of your Spirit, may this unity become reality.

Now, by your presence, make sacred this feast as we remember Jesus Christ. As this broken bread was scattered like grain on the hillsides, and then, when gathered together, became one loaf, so may your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your eternal realm. Like Christ, who was offered up to you that we might live, and like this cup, which was poured out that all might share in the signs of new life, so may the lives of your people be poured out in compassion, and in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, and the hungry of this world. For it is in the name of Jesus Christ, your Servant, that we pray. 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Bob Curtis

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Wondrous Love”
Dave Mathews, saxophone

American Folk Hymn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God of all creation, the psalmist reminds us of your capability to allow all who sow with tears to reap with songs of joy. Therefore we lift up our prayers to you this day.

We offer gratitude for all the places in our world singing songs of joy:

- For buds breaking into bloom this spring,
- For the search for plastic easter eggs,
- For the warm sunlight that lingers in the evenings,
- For the rain that nourishes life,
- For celebrations that invite friends and family to gather,
- For the family recipe that has been handed down through generations,
- For hope that endures through all things,

For the many moments of joy we find, we give you thanks, O God.

We also lift up those who still find the falling of tears an everyday occurrence:

- For those mourning the loss of someone they love,
- For those who do not have a safe place to call home,
- For those struggling with illness and recovery,
- For everyone who feels lost and alone,
- For everyone who experiences violence in all its forms,
- For all the places where hate and oppression seem to have the upper hand.

For the places we continue to weep, O God, we ask for your healing and peace.

God of love, restore us we pray. Only you know exactly what is needed to heal what is broken, to renew what has been worn down. Continue to guide us and help us to see where we might be a part of your renovations in this world so that all of your children who sow with tears today might reap with songs of joy tomorrow.

We pray all of these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to 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.

* CLOSING SONG

“More Than Amazing”

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

You're the One who walked on water
And you calmed the raging seas
You command the highest mountains to fall upon their knees.
You're the One who welcomed sinners
And you opened blinded eyes
You restored the brokenhearted and you brought the dead to life
Forgetting all our sins, You remember all Your promises
You are amazing, more than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough. You are amazing
With authority You've spoken
And You've set the captive free
You're the King who came to serve and You're the God who washed our feet
You're the One who took our burdens
And you bled upon the cross
In Your kindness and Your mercy You became the way for us
Forgetting all our sins, You remember all Your promises
You are amazing, more than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough
You are amazing, more than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough
Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful! Oh, how glorious!
You are amazing
Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful! Oh, how glorious You are!
You are amazing, more than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough

* 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

“Fanfare on ‘Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken’”

arr. Gordon Young

Please be seated for a brief congregational meeting

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Drums: Will Condrey

Bass: Merlyn Van Regenmorter

Vocalists: Karen Gray, Anita Lawson, and Laura Leek

