



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 18, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Lombrano

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

"Kum Bah Yah"

African Folk Song

Waterfall Singers

Nancy Studer, director; Kathy Phillips, accompanist

Kum Bah Yah, my Lord, Kum Bah Yah, Kum Bah Yah, my Lord, Kum Bah Yah

Kum Bah Yah my Lord, Kum Bah Yah, O Lord, Kum Bah Yah!

Someone's singing, Lord, Kum Bah Yah, Someone's singing, Lord, Kum Bah Yah.

Someone's singing, Lord, Kum Bah Yah, O Lord, Kum Bah Yah!

Someone's praying, Lord, Kum Bah Yah, Someone's praying, Lord, Kum Bah Yah.

Someone's praying, Lord, Kum Bah Yah, O Lord, Kum Bah Yah!

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. Come by here, my Lord, come by here.

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Chloe Aretsky

Leader: We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

People: But we also look to the future as well as the past.

Leader: The God who was with our ancestors is with us also.

People: Then we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.

All: Nothing can separate us from the love of God! Praise be to God!

* OPENING SONG

"Today Is the Day"

Lincoln Brewster & Paul Baloche

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

Harper Leslie

Leader: God's love is steady. God's love is faithful and it endures from age to age. Our love wavers. Our faithfulness waxes and wanes from day to day. Let us confess our sin and our need for God.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer: for the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, broken by the despair around us; for the bringing together of the world, when distance divides us. We pray for the courage to admit our faults and the strength to change our ways. Reassure us, O God, that your grace is always with us.

silence

Leader: Hear the good news! God has forgiven each one of us and calls us all to love and heal each other.

People: Praise be to God! Even when we act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, it can take us the edges of the world. We find God is already there, loving, forgiving and bringing new life. Thanks be to God, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Ludwig van Beethoven

Waterfall Singers

Henry van Dyke, arr. Craig Curry

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee! Joyful, joyful, we adore thee!
Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest.
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Alex Moborez

STUDENT SHARING

Harper Leslie

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:6-8

Aiden Westbrook

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

MESSAGE

All Are Welcome

Michael Lombrano

VIDEO PRESENTATION

OFFERING AND PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: It is only when we are able to recognize injustice and feel its awful sting that we will be moved to make things right.

People: Give us, O Lord, the vision to see injustice.

Leader: Sometimes we are too hard-hearted to recognize when we have been uncaring, unfeeling, or unkind.

People: Give us, O Lord, a tender heart.

Leader: Save us from the desire to be preferred above others. Teach us to love as you love, to stand with those who have been brought low, and to lift each other up, celebrating the love God has for us all.

People: Grant us, O Lord, the ability to view life from below. Teach us to do justice, love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

Leader: We join our voices and pray the prayer Jesus 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

"Go Now in Peace"

Natalie Sleeth

Waterfall Singers

(Congregation, please join in)

Go now in peace, go now in peace
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Michael Lombrano

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Call to Worship by Ruth C. Duck, *Flames of the Spirit* (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1985)

Prayers of the People based on a prayer in the *Africana Worship Book for Year A* (Discipleship Resources, 2006)

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