

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 25, 2025 Livestream & In-Person 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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RECOGNIZING OUR MUSICIANS

Dave Mathews

HERITAGE SUNDAY CELEBRATION

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT "Alleluia to Jesus" Keith Atwater

Sanctuary Choir & Mission Bells

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prophet of love, bringer of peace, source of our hope, giver of life!

Alleluia sing to Jesus, prophet of love. Alleluia sing to Jesus, hope sent from above.

Prophet of love, bringer of peace, source of our hope, giver of life!

Alleluia sing to the Lord, sing of his love, amen!

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 67)

Terry Sakuda

Leader: May God be gracious to us; May God's face shine upon us.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for God judges the peoples with equity

and guides the nations upon earth.

People: Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Terry Sakuda

Leader: We encounter God as we are: messy, joyful, imperfect, guilty, righteous. But

most of all, we encounter the Divine as ourselves: human, in need of

proclaiming, confessing, forgiving and in need of community. Let us meet God

with all we are in a time of prayer.

All:

God, you invite us to see you in the world, but we ignore your presence. We choose power and profit over the acts of love that you exemplify for us again and again. We are content to work within systems that oppress instead of working to change things. We forget that everything comes from you, and that we are just stewards of what you have given. We seek out mountain tops instead of being among your people. Forgive us Lord, for the times that we forget your call to follow your example in the world. Embolden us to live fully in your call to love our neighbor.

silence

Leader: God blesses us again and again, despite the times that we mess up, despite

how we have ignored God. Friends, know and believe the good news of the

Gospel:

People: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Neil Weatherhogg Genevan Psalter

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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.

ANTHEM

"Just a Closer Walk" Sanctuary Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

I am weak but Thou art strong. Jesus keep me from all wrong I'll be satisfied as long as I walk; let me walk close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee; grant it Jesus is my plea.

Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more.

Guide me gently, safely o'er to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee; grant it Jesus is my plea.

Daily walking close to Thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

SERMON

Life Together

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

Did you feel the mountains tremble?

Did you hear the oceans roar

When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen One?

Did you feel the people tremble?

Did you hear the singers roar

When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the saving One?

And we can see that, God, You're moving

A mighty river through the nations

And young and old will turn to Jesus

Fling wide, you heavenly gates;

Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Open up the doors and let the music play

Let the streets resound with singing

Songs that bring Your hope, songs that bring Your joy

Dancers who dance upon injustice

Did you feel the darkness tremble

When all the saints join in one song

And all the streams flow as one river to wash away our brokenness?

And here we see that, God, You're moving.

A time of jubilee is coming

When young and old return to Jesus

Fling wide you heavenly gates;

Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

MOMENT FOR CPC Legacy Giving Bill Dunn

OFFFRING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY "I'll Fly Away"

Mission Bells Rikki Pratt, director Albert E. Brumley & Joseph P. Webster arr. Tammy Waldrop

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

Prince of Peace, you send us out into the world to act in peace, but our world is lacking peace. War rages on. Neighbors hurt neighbors. People are hungry, are suffering. And yet, the powers in charge struggle to meet people where they are, to recognize needs and do something about it. Help our nations follow your call to seek the peace that supports all people, not just those in power. Help our leaders to follow your example: to realize that peace is not passive and instead takes intentionality and work.

Our churches and communities also struggle for peace. We are divided between what we have always done and what we are called to do now. We ice out people who we don't see as fitting in. Let our church be a conduit of peace. May we welcome all with the peace that you have commanded.

Gracious creator, we know that our local communities also struggle for peace. There are political, social, economic and so many other divides that separate friends, family and neighbors. Remind us that peace doesn't need necessarily mean agreement, but a commitment to work alongside our neighbors however we can.

God, you walk with us through the easy days and the hard days, be with those who are suffering. Bring peace to the sacred in-between of hospital rooms and hospice bedsides. Bring peace to those wrestling with their minds. Bring peace to those who are exhausted. Let us remember what you have told us, that peace is a community act. Let those who need support be surrounded by those who can help. Let us come together as a community of peace-people.

And now, let us pray together in the words that we were taught, words that connect us neighbor to neighbor:

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.

Send

forth your word,



Lord, and

let

there

be light.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"O, When the Saints Go Marching In"

traditional

Keith Atwater, trombone; Dave Mathews, alto saxophone; Bev Harris, clarinet; Will Condrey, drums

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Guest Pianist: Kathy Phillips
Piano: Gabe Bisho

Drums: Will Condrey Guitar: Michael Schwab

Vocalists: Beth Lindley and Julie Ueltzen



^{*} Please rise in body or in spirit.