



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 20, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keith Atwater

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

Paul Manz

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Janet Olson

Leader: God calls us this morning to worship. We carry many worries and are distracted by many things, but here, in this time and place, we are invited to set them aside, to be fully present. Let's pause and take a deep breath.

We remember who we are:

People: We are the body of Christ.

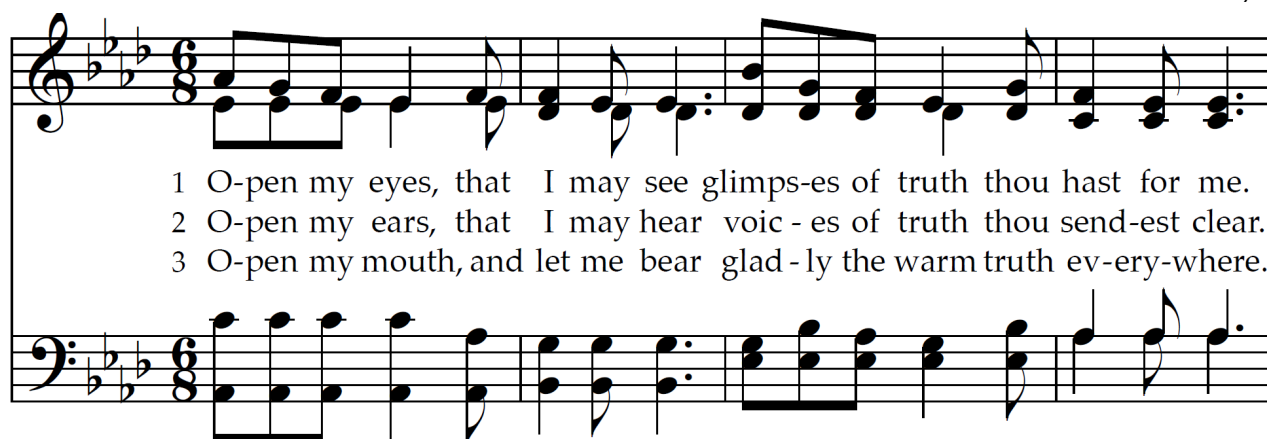
Leader: We remember whose we are:

People: We are God's beloved children.

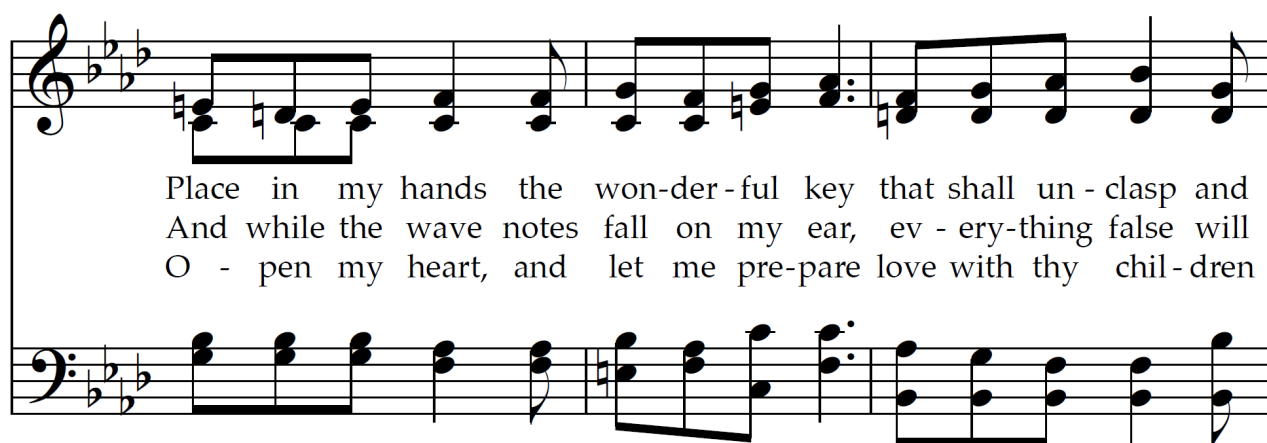
Leader: We remember our chief purpose:

People: To glorify and enjoy God forever.

Leader: Let us worship God!



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

Leader: Those who speak the truth from their heart abide in God's presence. Let us speak the truth now as we confess our sin together:

All: **Holy God, we are pulled in many different directions. We are distracted by the news, quick to point fingers and pass judgment, but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears. We fear the loss of health, safety, and financial security. Instead of proclaiming your abundance, we operate from a mindset of scarcity. We are distracted by our tasks, by calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important**

We confess our distractions, even as we acknowledge that sometimes we embrace it because it's easier than sitting at Jesus' feet, learning what it means to follow him. We confess that distraction is easier than discipleship.

Forgive us. Help us discern and choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray.

silence

Leader: This good news will not be taken away: We are seen as God's beloved children, holy and blameless, reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

People: **Let us live into this good news: we are forgiven!**

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

No. 607

Glory to God

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on 'A - men'.

Summer Choir

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You. O my soul, rejoice!
 Take joy, my King, in what You hear! Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.
 My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
 My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou. If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.
 Take joy, my King, in what You hear! Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.
 I love you, Lord, I love you, Lord, I love you, Lord.
 Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM COMMISSIONING

Leader: It is almost too good to be true, after six years the church is about to welcome many of its young people to join in fellowship, worship, and community at the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Louisville, Kentucky. Is this really happening?!

People: **It is as if we were dreaming.**

Leader: Together we will travel, learn, make new friends, and praise God in ways that some of us have never experienced.

People: **It is as if we were dreaming.**

Leader: For over two years, people whom we have never met have been praying for us, planning and working for us; seeking the guidance of God's Spirit to create an event that will transform our lives.

People: **It is as if we were dreaming.**

Leader: And here at home, our congregations have found ways to organize and support us in our desire to attend this amazing event. Truly the whole community of faith has rallied to make this happen.

People: **It is as if we were dreaming.**

Leader: On this day as we prepare for this new adventure, we seek the prayers of this gathered community knowing that they represent so many unseen people of faith who have been praying for us all along. With gratitude we acknowledge their support. With open hearts we commit ourselves to growing in faith as we encounter the love of God in exciting new ways.

People: **It is as if we were dreaming.**

Leader: We commission these young people and their adult advisors - seeking God's protection as they travel, God's grace when patience wears thin, God's overflowing joy as they become community with the great, big family of God's people, and God's love as they deepen their faith and learn in new ways how to be followers of Jesus Christ.

People: **It is not a dream. It is real. We commit ourselves to the work of God's Spirit, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Michael Lombrano

*(All children are invited to the front of the church.
 Afterwards, children 4 years old through 5th grade
 are invited to Summer Sunday School in the Upper Rooms.)*

D A/C#

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O - pen the eyes of my heart;

G/B G D

I want to see you; I want to see you;

1 2
Dsus D A Bm

to see you high and lift - ed up,

G A

shin - ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your

Bm Em7 D/E A

pow - er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."

D A/C#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

Bm G Em/D D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

SERMON

The Main Thing

Rev. Dr. David B. Antonson

* HYMN

"Martha Labored in the Kitchen"

Rev. Carolyn W. Gillette

(to the tune of "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

Martha labored in the kitchen; there was much yet to be done!
There was cooking, cleaning, baking - too much work for anyone.
For the Lord had come to visit; Jesus sat there as her guest.
So much work! She longed to share it, so the meal would be its best.

Mary sat and humbly listened to their guest - her Friend and Lord.
She just thought of Jesus' teaching - not the need for bread and board.
So when Martha came complaining, seeking Mary's help that day.
Jesus turned to her explaining, "Mary chose the better way."

God, we see in her distraction - Martha lost sight of her goal;
In her grumbling and complaining, She forgot food for the soul.
For there's always something pressing - something urgent we must do,
Yet for us there's also blessing in the time we spend with you.

Were there days when Mary labored, helping others, serving well?
Were there times when Martha savored stories Jesus loved to tell?
May we worship, pray and study; may we serve you well today!
All are needed on the journey as we travel Jesus' way.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Lord, I Know I've Been Changed"

arr. Larry Shackley

FAITH STORY

Kathy Lewin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God, our Father and loving Parent, you created us in love, and we are grateful for your continued loving care for each of us, and for all of creation. Help us embrace the invitation to sit at your feet and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for the gifts of the present, and for your presence with us. We thank you for the food that sustains our bodies and for the fellowship we share with others that sustains our souls. We give thanks for the work of so many people who have had a hand in the food that we eat. We thank you for farmers and harvesters, for factory workers and grocery store clerks, and we pray for their flourishing. We also pray for those who are hungry, for places where resources have been ravaged by natural and humanitarian disasters. We pray especially for the people of Gaza-for peace in the region, desperately needed assistance, and healing of the land and the people, so that houses can again be built, and fields planted.

We thank you for the beauty of your created world, and the creative spark that flows in each of us, We thank you for the time we have for rest and restoration, and recognize that many people do not have the same. We pray for those who are working all hours, expending energy and time to meet basic needs, and who still don't have enough to make ends meet. Create a world, O God, that enables all people the time and resources not only to meet basic needs, but to exercise their gifts of creativity and skill, and everyone has a place at your table.

We lift prayer for our brothers and sisters in Kerr County, Texas. So many lost in the deadly flooding. Give energy to rescuers and volunteers who sift through muddy remains of trailer parks and debris fields. Sustain by your Spirit those who grieve the many who have been lost.

There are so many ways we are distracted from what is most important. Center us in your Holy Spirit and lead us to above in relationship with you. Thank you for hearing our prayers, and for inviting us to bring our joys, cares, and burdens to you.

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

“Love the Lord”

Lincoln Brewster

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.
With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, with all your strength,
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength
I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength,
I will serve the Lord
With all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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