



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 24, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

"Surely the Lord is in this Place"

Herbert Colvin

Sanctuary Choir

Surely the Lord, the Lord is in this place
 Surely the Lord is in this place
 This is none other than the House of God
 None other than the House the House of God
 And this is the Gate of Heav'n
 The Gate of Heaven
 Surely the Lord the Lord is in this place

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 71)

Misty Dunn

Leader: In You, O God, we seek refuge.

People: In Your justice, deliver us.

Leader: Be a rock of refuge for us, a strong fortress, because You are our rock and fortress.

People: For You, O Lord, are our hope and trust.

Leader: Our praise is continually of You.

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming,
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees and we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.
Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to give us the coolness of night? None can fathom,
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing God.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Misty Dunn

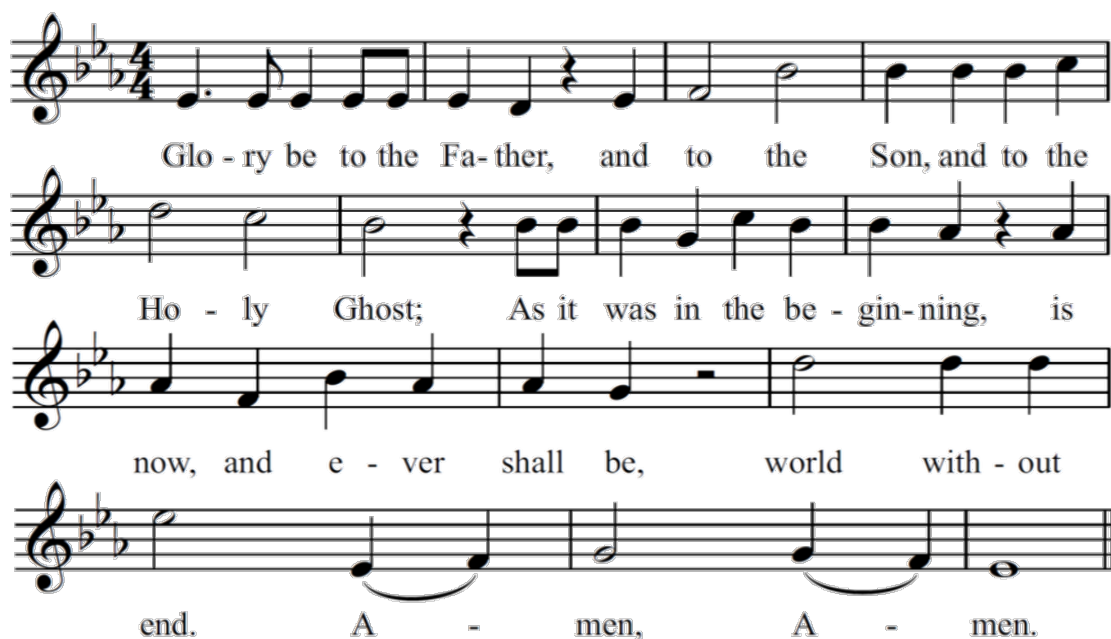
Leader: God in Christ has called us to be witnesses to the promised and coming commonwealth that we know in Christ. However, we have failed in our calling because we don't trust in God's promised presence among us. Let us confess our sins.

All: O God, our creator, sustainer, and redeemer, we confess our feelings of exile and alienation, and we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. Restore in us a sense of your comfort and care. Renew our strength so that we might realize our calling as disciples of Jesus.

silence

Leader: The God who hung the stars and the moon has come close to each and all with mercy and love. Hear the good news of the gospel: we are forgiven and empowered by God's Spirit to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

People: Thanks be to God.



ANTHEM

"Sing a Jubilant Song"

Dave & Jean Perry

Sanctuary Choir

Sing a jubilant song, a jubilant song, a joyous song of praise!
 Sing a jubilant song to celebrate life, a jubilant song.
 One voice, one song of joy proclaim, alleluia!
 Of hope and peace for everyone, alle, alleluia!
 Make a glorious sound, a glorious sound in voices true and strong.
 Make a glorious sound to Heaven and Earth, a glorious sound.
 Sing a song, a jubilant song, o sing a jubilant song, a song, a jubilant song!
 Sing a song, a jubilant song, o sing a jubilant song,
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 Sing a song, a jubilant song, o sing a jubilant song!

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(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.)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

SERMON

Bent Over

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"Made New"

Josiah James Meeker, Lincoln Brewster
& Colby Wedgeworth

You're calling me over. You're pulling me close
With love You surround me. You give me hope.
You're taking me deeper. You're making me whole.
With grace You redeem me. You restore my soul.
Now I'm made new because of You
You hold my head up. You remind me who I am.
You hold my head up. I'm alive in You again.
I'm made new. I'm made new.
You're making me stronger. You're healing my heart.
With Your hands You hold me in. You set me apart.
Now I'm made new because of You
You hold my head up. You remind me who I am.
You hold my head up. I'm alive in You again.
I'm made new. I'm made new.
You are my salvation; I will not fear, no
You're the strength of my life; I won't fear, no.
You are my salvation; I will not fear, no
You're the strength of my life; I won't fear.
You hold my head up. You remind me who I am.
You hold my head up. I'm alive in You again.
I'm made new. I'm made new.
You hold my head up. You hold my head up.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"What a Friend"

arr. Jack Schrader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

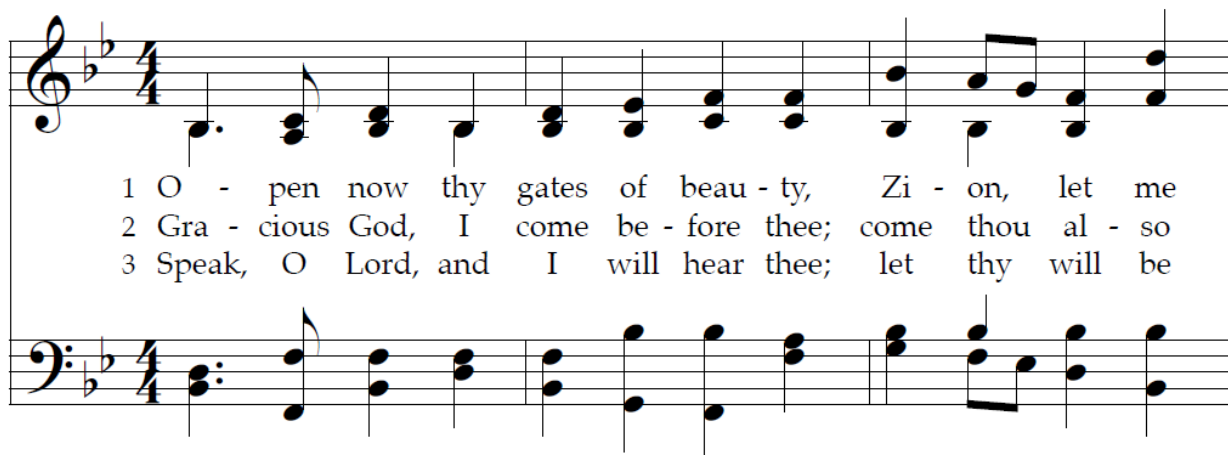
Pastor: God of creation and redemption, your prophet Jeremiah reminds us, "Do not be afraid ... for I am with you to deliver you." (Jeremiah 1:8) We thank you for this assurance of your strength and power. You have created all things and continue to sustain them. You also come into our present moment, our times of vulnerability and trial, to renew our strength, and for this we are thankful.

Yet we acknowledge, O God, that the realities of our world weigh heavily on us, our children, our nation, and the entire globe. Our crisis makes us feel isolated and deeply vulnerable. Teach us, O God, that stand-alone self-sufficiency is an illusion and not your will for us. Help us to discern our deep interdependency with one another and with you. Help us to trust in the comforting words of the prophet Jeremiah, which remind us that you are with us.

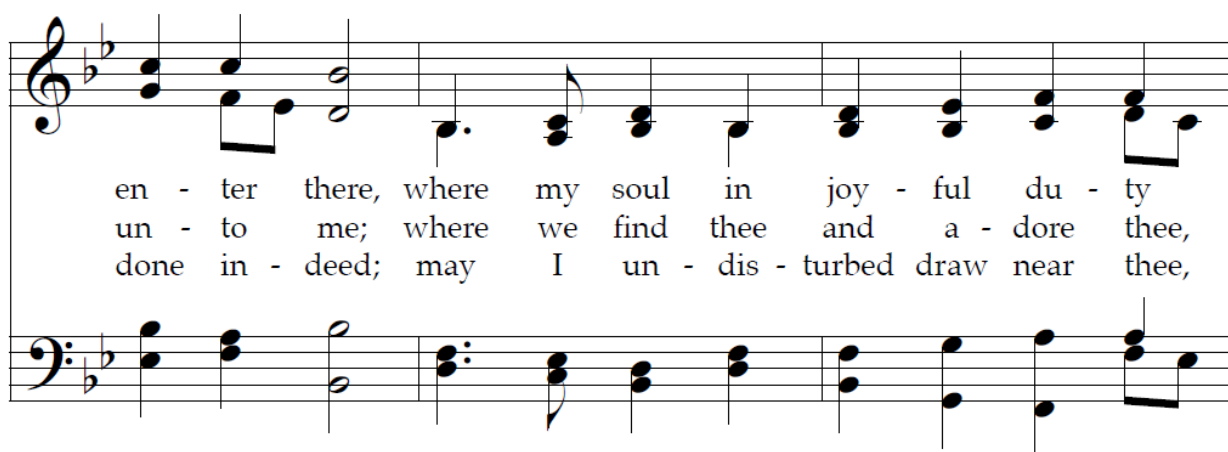
Thus, we continue to pray for war-weary nations, people, families, and children who are in harm's way. We pray for your comfort for all who are sick and for all who have lost loved ones. Empower us to be agents of love and justice for all who are suffering among us. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, 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.

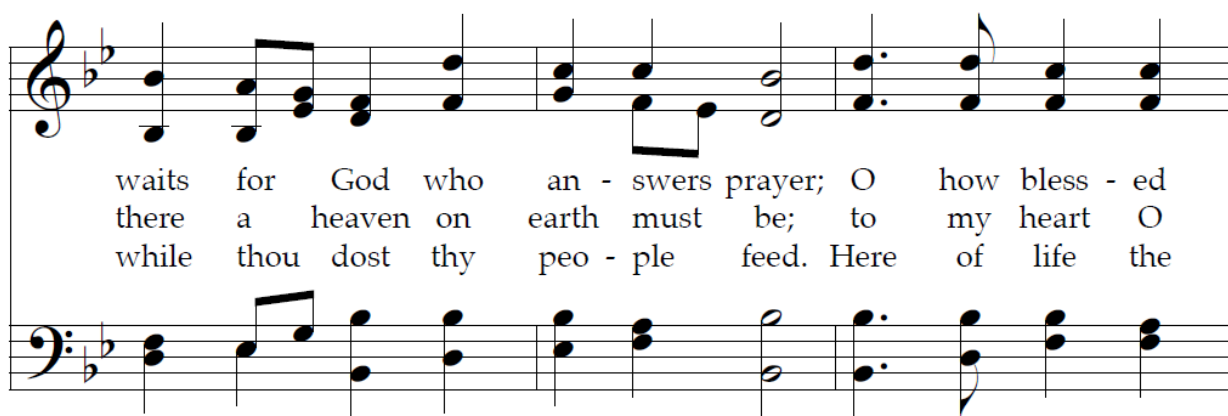
If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Fanfare on 'O God, Our Help in Ages Past'"

arr. Ovid Young

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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