



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**August 3, 2025**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**"This is My Father's World"**

arr. Molly Ijames

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Terry Sakuda

Leader: God has given us this day.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: God has gathered us in this place.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

\* OPENING SONG

**"Almighty/Step by Step"**

Watson, Mullins & Strasser

Almighty, most holy Lord, faithful through the ages  
Almighty, most holy Lord, glorious, almighty God

Almighty, most holy Lord, faithful through the ages  
Almighty, most holy Lord, glorious, almighty God

Oh God, You are my God and I will ever praise You

Oh God, You are my God and I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning, And I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me, And I will follow You all of my days.

I will follow You all of my days, I will follow You all of my days  
And step by step You'll lead me and I will follow You all of my days.

Almighty, most holy Lord, faithful through the ages  
Almighty, most holy Lord, glorious, almighty God

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Terry Sakuda

Leader: We are called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. However, our lives are too often insular and self-absorbed. We have not loved God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make a sincere confession before God and others.

**All: God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. In fact, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us so we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Truly, free us from the graves of self-hatred so we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.**

*silence*

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be Your people. Thanks be to God!

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**"Glory Be to the Father (Gloria Patri)"**

No. 581  
Glory to God

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." The score consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the melody, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style, with notes and rests clearly marked. The lyrics are written in a clear, sans-serif font below the notes.

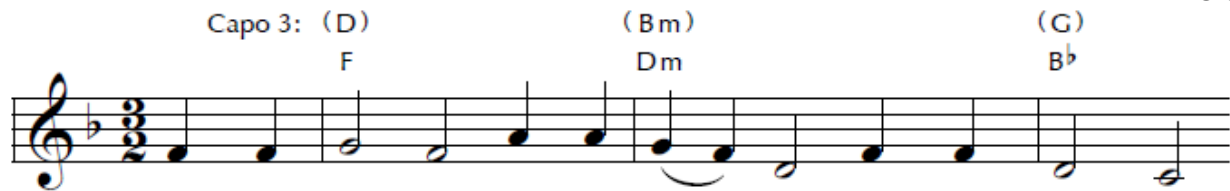
# TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship.)

\* HYMN

## "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

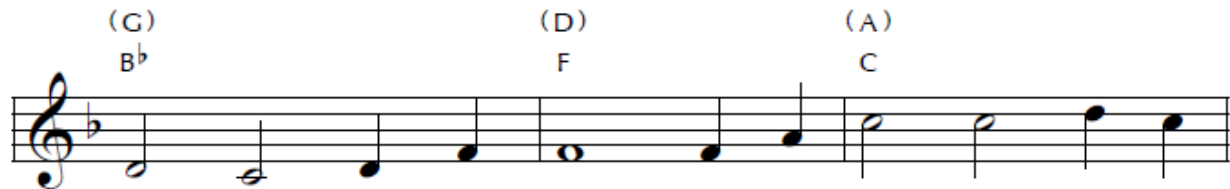
No. 716  
Glory to God



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



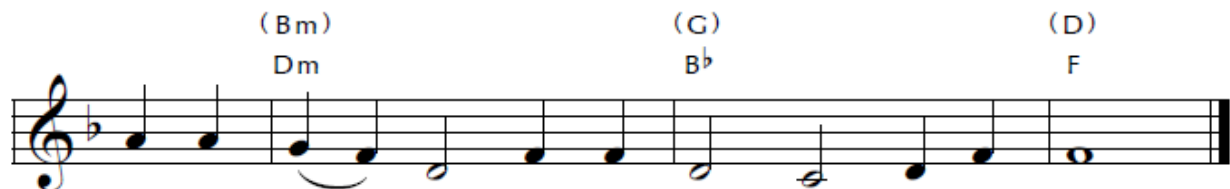
end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 12:13-21

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

## SERMON

### **Downsizing**

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

## \* SONG

### **"10,000 Reasons"**

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, Worship Your holy name.  
Sing like never before, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, 10,000 reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, Worship Your holy name.  
Sing like never before, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, Worship Your holy name.  
Sing like never before, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name, I worship Your holy name.

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

**Pastor:** We come to the Lord's Supper as a community of believers, renewed by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again.

**People:** **Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.**

**Pastor:** He offers his body for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People:** **We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours.**

**Pastor:** In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death.

**People:** **So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

## WORDS OF REMEMBERING:

**Pastor:** We remember that Jesus came to lead followers to feed those who are hungry, shelter those unhoused, clothe those naked, and comfort those afflicted.

We remember that Jesus came to lead followers to destroy injustices, lift up those who are oppressed, break the yokes of those victimized and, at the same time, stop pointing fingers of blame.

And we remember that Jesus sealed the covenant not in a fast of deprivation, but a feast of hope, as he sat at a Passover meal celebrating escape from oppression and claimed that the new Way is bread and fruit and love.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Pastor: Spirit of Christ, we thank you that your Bread is Body and your Cup is poured for all. Feed us now that we might shake into the world the seasoning of love. Shine on our lives today and give us enough for everyone's tomorrows.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*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.*

*Wherever you are, you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.*

*If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements. You can choose intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) from the servers nearest the center aisle or bread and individual cups from the servers nearest the outside aisles; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. All communion bread is gluten free.*

*Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.*

#### COMMUNION SONG

#### **"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

No. 525  
Glory to God

*Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)  
Let us break bread together on our knees.*

*Refrain:*

*When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)  
Let us praise God together on our knees. (Refrain)*

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND INVITATION TO OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

#### **"Give Thanks"**

Henry Smith, arr. Mark Hayes

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: O God, you have commanded us to reach across deep divides and challenged us to love our enemies. You have also called us to pursue justice, stand with the marginalized, and call out evil, especially when we have been complicit in it. We want to transform enemies into friends through these actions. You have called us not only to refrain from violence but also to restrain hurtful and unkind words. Indeed, you have called us to reflect on deep flourishing for all your children and for our planet. Empower us to live according to your way in the world.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy One, help us become embodiments of the peace we share with each other, so that we might be your peace in the world. We are all too aware of our divisions based on gender, race, sexuality and class, but help us witness a different reality. Guide us in beginning the process of healing and liberation. Help us create new ways of living in mutuality, love and justice with and through one another. Empower us to live out of your love in all we do, healing divisions, confronting enmity, and reaching out to those we see as enemies.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**


Pastor: God of all nations, we pray for every country around the world – for those entrusted with leadership to serve the common good. Guide them to wisely use resources to meet the needs of people suffering from social, economic and political injustice. Inspire us all to listen to the cries of the marginalized among us.

**People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

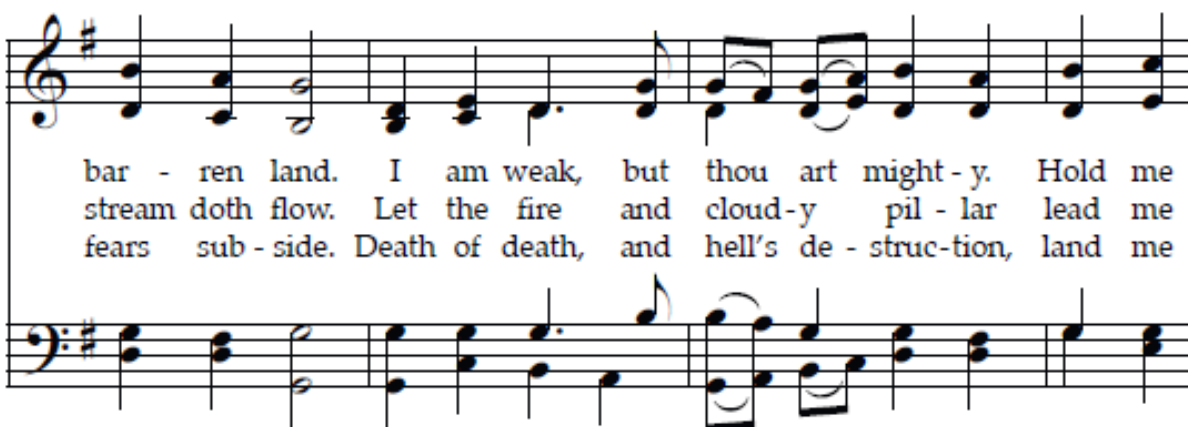
Pastor: We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,

**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.**

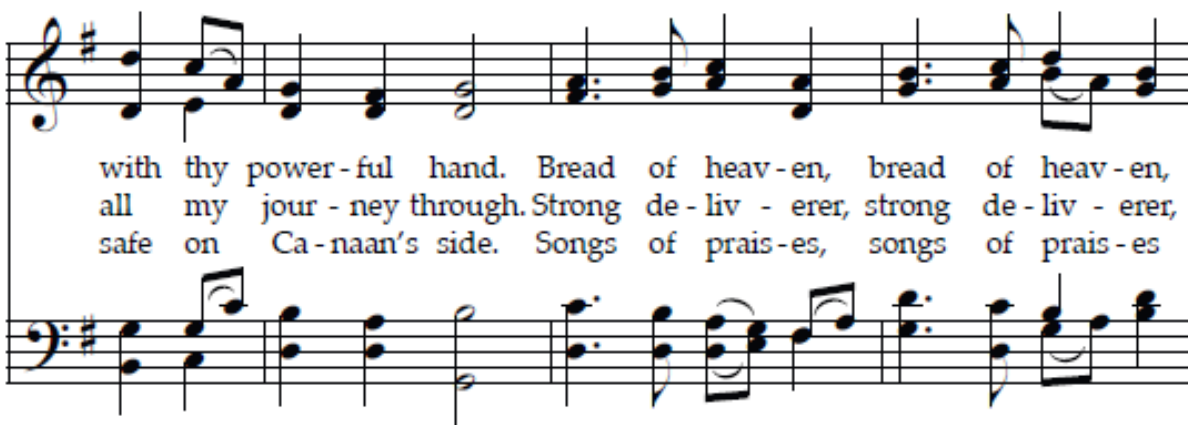
*If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.*



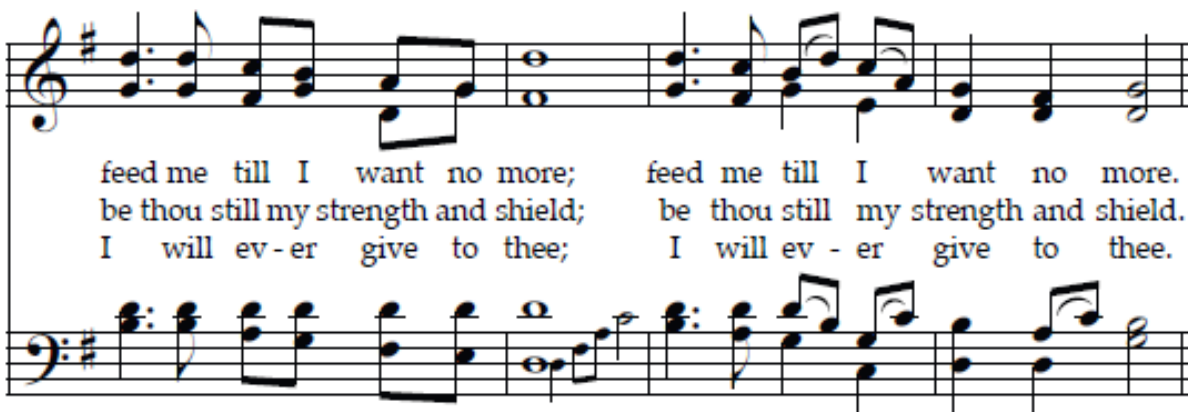
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **"The Lord Whom We Love"**  
*Congregation may join hands*

Kurt Kaiser

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

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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