



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 31, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

arr. Don Hustad

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharlene St. Clair

Leader: Gathered to worship God,

People: we are all right where we belong.

Leader: Called to this celebration of worship by God's Spirit,

People: we approach God with joy in our hearts.

Leader: Nourished by the love of Jesus, God's Son,

People: we gladly feast at this banquet of grace.

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me
Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan and son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings
This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Sharlene St. Clair

Leader: Our God is a generous God, bestowing grace immeasurably, loving us beyond what we can imagine, and forgiving us before we know to ask. To this God of generosity, love, and forgiveness we now turn as we confess our sins.

All: Holy God, we compare ourselves with others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our superiority by assuming positions of honor. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to see ourselves truthfully and to love one another with humble, gracious spirits.

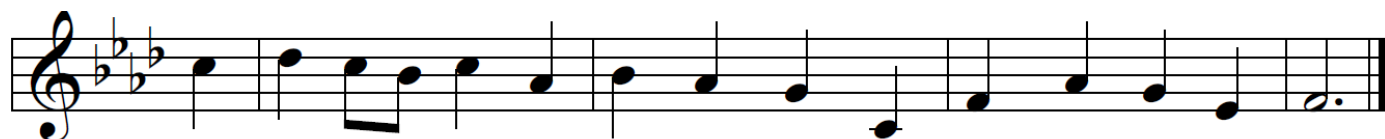
silence

Leader: God alone has the authority to judge, and by the grace of Jesus Christ, God has declared that we are forgiven of all our sin.

People: Thanks be to God!



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your power;



re - new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
from fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flower.

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.)

* SONG

"Love's Not Done with You"

Ben Glover, David Garcia,
and Jason Gray

They say nothing really shuts you down quite like shame
It kicks you when you're on the ground.
Even with your good intentions, you always seem to lose against it
But love is taking it away now.

It's not what you've done; it's what His love is doing
It's not who you were; it's who you are becoming
Have you heard that He makes all things new?
I believe His love's not done with you.

They say people never really change;
But I, I don't really feel that way
Everything's redeemable; the God I know is capable. This is a new day

It's not what you've done; it's what His love is doing
It's not who you were; it's who you are becoming
Have you heard that He makes all things new?
I believe His love's not done with you.

Hey, love has conquered all your shame
I know you got things that you regret, but your story isn't over yet
It doesn't matter where you've been, don't forget

It's not what you've done; it's what His love is doing
It's not who you were; it's who you are becoming
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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1,7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

SERMON

People Watching

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"The Old Rugged Cross"

arr. Larry Shackley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, we praise you for your goodness in our lives: for our creation, preservation, and for all the blessings of this life. In these waning days of summer, we thank you for the gifts of warm days, children playing, time with family and friends, and all the other gifts of your love and grace. We especially thank you for the gift of this day, a new day to worship and serve you in spirit and in truth. You have called us to draw close to you, honoring us with this privilege of worship.

God, even as we acknowledge your gifts, our hearts ache when we see war in our world, fear in our country, and the hate and violence that is sometimes perpetrated in your name. We grieve with you the way power is abused to perpetuate injustice; the way those who have positions of privilege use them to their own advantage rather than for helping those in need; the way doors of access to prosperity in this country are opened to so few. Amid our own fear, confusion, and anger, give us wisdom, that we might become fearless beacons of your justice, peace, and truth.

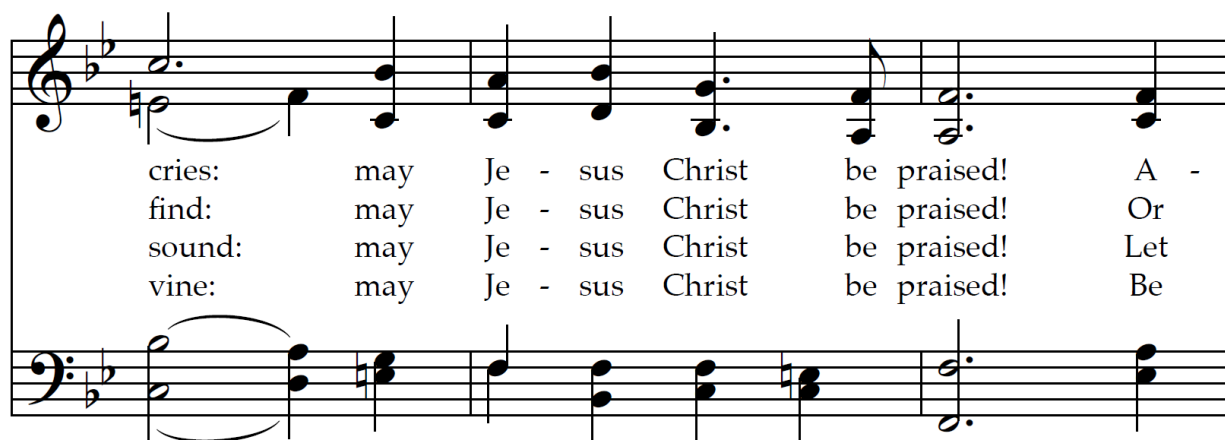
Keep us faithful to our calling and fill our lives with your love to overflowing. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

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 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -



cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be



like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges



pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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