



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**September 21, 2025**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Mission & Ministry Fair

Kathy Lewin

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Paul Manz

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

John Wallace

Leader: Turn us, O God,

**People: away from the world's temptations and distractions.**

Leader: Return us, O God,

**People: to the quiet calm of your presence.**

Leader: Restore us, O God,

**People: to the path you call us to follow.**

Leader: Orient us, O God,

**People: to the hope of all that is possible through you.**

\* OPENING SONG

**"My Hope Is in You"**

April Geesbreght

I meet with You and my soul sings out  
As Your word cries out, "Follow Me."

I sing to You and my heart cries  
"Holy! Hallelujah, Father, You're near!"

My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long,  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord

I wait for You and my soul finds rest  
In my selfishness, You show me grace  
I worship You and my heart cries "Glory  
Hallelujah, Jesus, You're here!"

My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long,  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord

I will wait on You. You are my refuge.  
I will wait on You. You are my refuge.  
I will wait on You. You are my refuge.  
I will wait on You. You are my refuge.

My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long,  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
My hope is in You, Lord, all the day long,  
I won't be shaken by drought or storm  
A peace that passes understanding is my song  
And I sing my hope is in You, Lord  
My hope is in You, Lord. My hope is in You, Lord

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

John Wallace

**Leader:** Let us honestly acknowledge how we have gone astray and confess our sins to God. Let us pray:

**All:** **God, our refuge, you lift up the lowly and hold out hope to the hopeless. We receive your grace so freely, yet we do not follow your example. We are quick to judge, eager to criticize, and slow to show mercy. We gather and keep for ourselves what is meant to be shared. We diminish and dehumanize those around us, valuing in them only what they can give to us. God of all, hear this confession and lead us to the healing of salvation.**

**silence**

**Leader:** Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### \* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"

No. 71  
Glory to God



The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, ending with a double bar line and repeat signs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

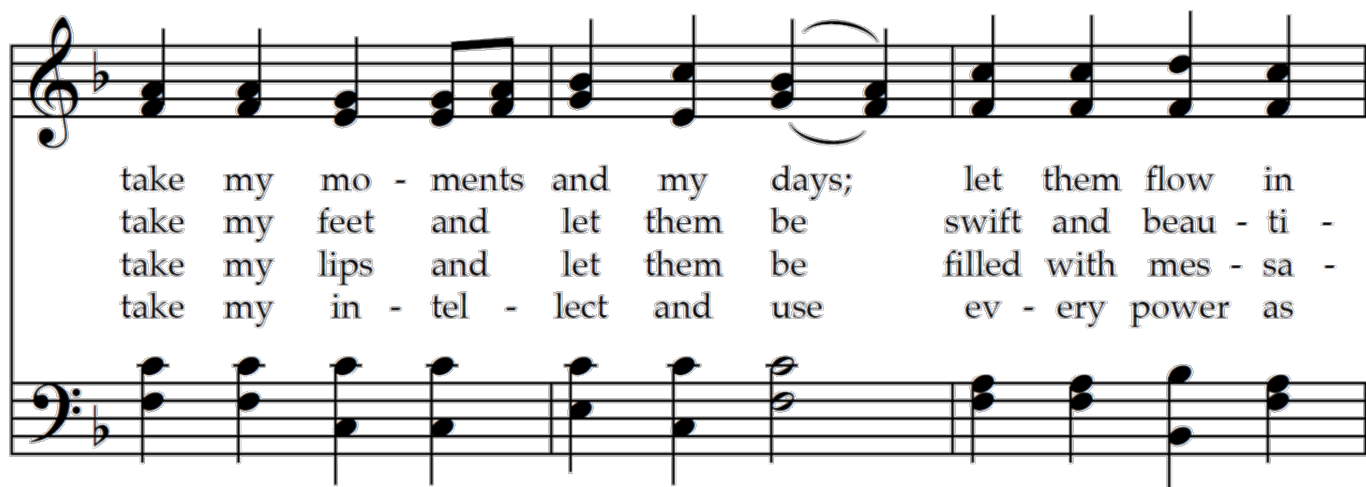
Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -  
fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -  
fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

### TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

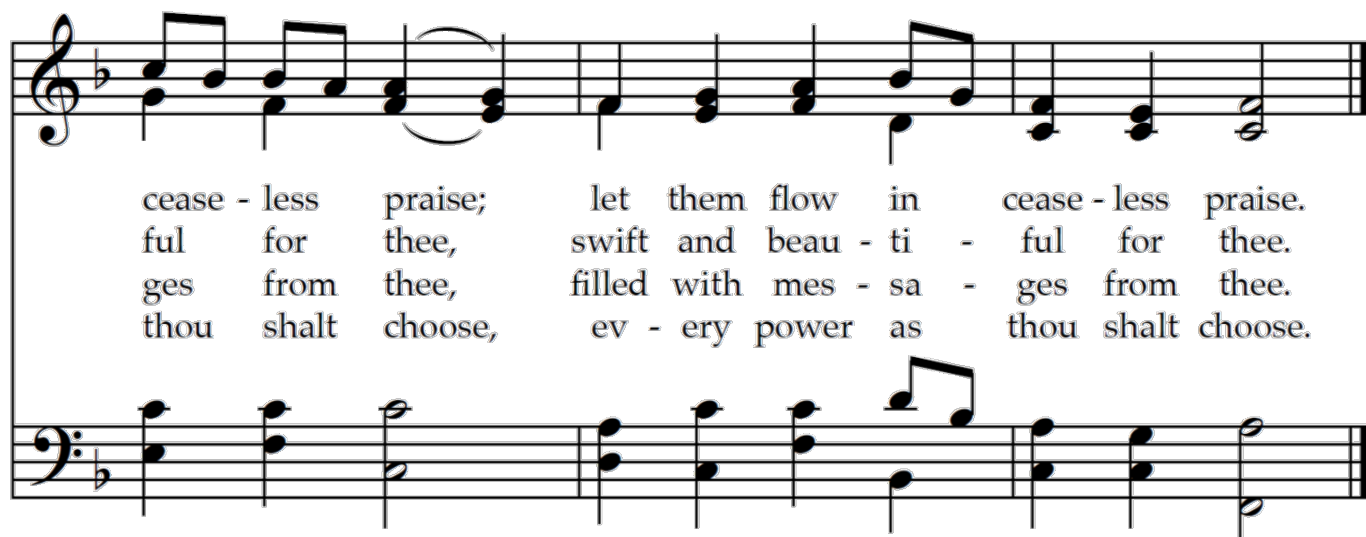
*(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 205 and 207.)*



1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.  
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

# SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup> "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

## SERMON

## Shrewd Investments

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

## \* HYMN

## "Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me"

No. 71

Glory to God

*Refrain*

*C All* *G* *Am* *F* *Dm7*

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -

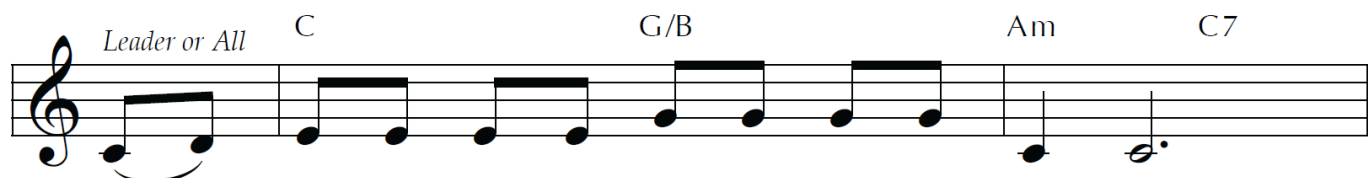
*Gsus* *G7* *Em7* *Am* *C7* *F* *G7*

fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -

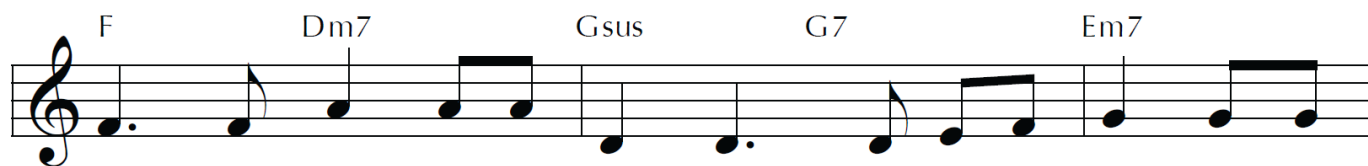
*Em7* *Am* *Dm* *Gsus* *C* *F* *C* *(F) Fine*

fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

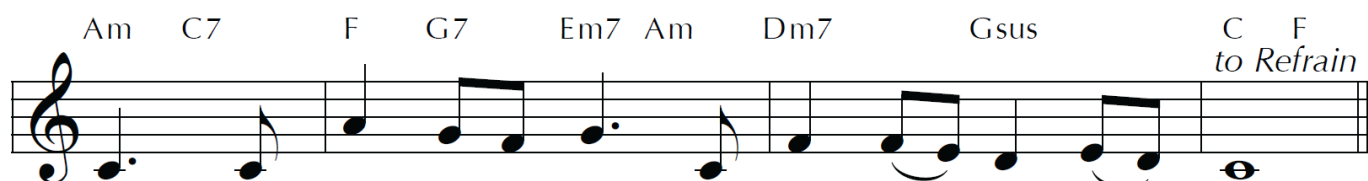




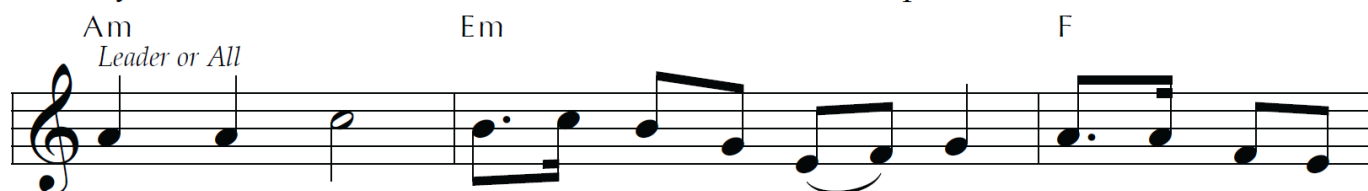
1 There - fore you shall draw wa - ter with re - joic - ing



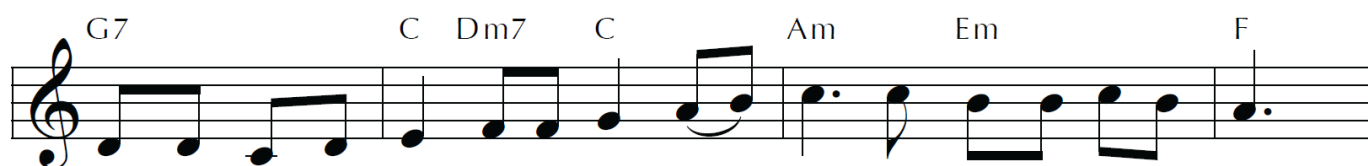
from the springs of sal - va - tion and on that day you shall



say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call up - on God's name."



2 Make God's deeds known a-mong the peo - ples; see that they re -



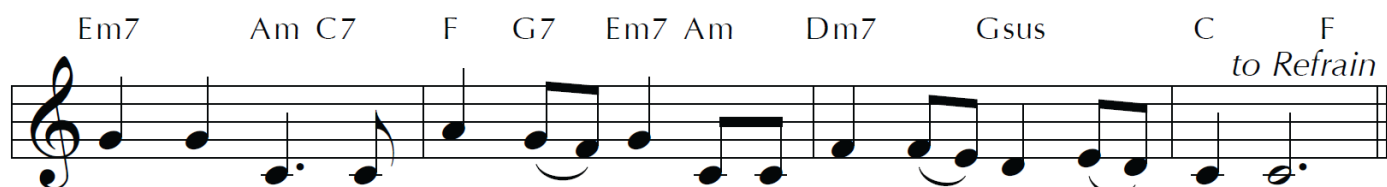
mem-ber that the Lord is ex-alt - ed. Sing the prais-es of the Lord,



for God has done great things and this is known in all the world.



3 Cry a - loud, in-hab - i - tants of Zi - on; ring out your joy, for the



great one in the midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - rael.

## OFFERING AND PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

### **“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”**

arr. Larry Shackley

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

Pastor: God our Rock, we question what we once assumed to be sturdy and stable. Our economy feels fragile. Our democracy, vulnerable. Our nation, angrily divided. Change is accelerating; our options seem few. We confess we do not know what to do, or how to help. Life is overwhelming. We, your people, need your help.

Creator God, the world you created by love is now hurting. Temperatures rise. Wildfires rage. Natural disasters threaten and destroy lives. We pray for those who lack the resources to rebuild after disaster. For the sick, whose lungs are vulnerable to polluted air. For the evacuated, the refugee, the desperate, the destitute. We pray for the renewal of your earth.

Prince of Peace, save us from ourselves. From violence of words and deeds. From the madness of war and genocide. Defeat dictators intent on hoarding power. Protect the innocent from injustice. Strengthen the honorable. Give us the courage to follow Christ's way of love. Restore peace. Shield the persecuted. Stabilize unstable governments. Hear the cries of your people.

Merciful God, we are not without help or hope. Acts of compassion persist, even in the face of all that is hard and harsh. Communities are collaborating, meeting needs in new ways. People long silenced are finding their voices. We are newly aware of what we can accomplish, together, for the flourishing of your kin-dom. Holy God, the greatest threats are those that lock us down, close our minds, build barriers. May your Spirit encourage our faith. Keep us open-hearted, praying, believing in your endless mercy.

Now, as the Body of Christ and your covenant community, we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, 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.*

\* CLOSING SONG

**"Prince of Peace"**

Marc Imboden & Tammi Rhoton

You are holy. You are mighty.  
You are worthy, worthy of praise.  
I will follow. I will listen.  
I will love You all of my days.

Group 1:

I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
I will love and adore Him  
I will bow down before Him  
I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
I will love and adore Him  
I will bow down before Him

Group 2:

You're the Lord of Lords, You're the King of Kings  
You're the Mighty God, Lord of everything  
You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I Am  
You're my Prince of Peace who is the Lamb  
You're the Living God, You're the Saving Grace  
You will reign forever; You're the Ancient of Days  
You're the Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End  
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You.

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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