



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 28, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Almighty/Step by Step"

Wayne Watson &
David (Beaker) Strasser

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 146)

Judy Antonson

Leader: Praise our Creator and Source!

People: Praise God for the heavens and the earth and all that is in them!

Leader: Praise our Provider and Shepherd!

People: Praise God who feeds the hungry and uplifts the downtrodden!

Leader: Praise our Great Physician and Liberator!

People: Praise God who gives sight to the blind and sets prisoners free!

Leader: Praise our Sovereign Love, the Alpha and Omega!

People: God will reign forever! Praise the Lord!

Lord of all creation,
Of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle,
Glory to the Lord on high
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth
Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness,
I will call Your name by night
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
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God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Judy Antonson

Leader: Perhaps we fear that if we admit the flaws of our lives, we will find ourselves too far away, unreachable by God's grace. But no chasm is too wide for God. Trusting that grace will reach us, let us confess our sin together:

All: Almighty God, you call us to lives of service, but we confess that we ignore our neighbors in need right outside our door. You call us to share our abundance, but we confess that we choose to hoard what we have rather than be generous to others. You call us to build community, but we confess that we are too often gatekeepers, letting in only those who make us comfortable. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to be content with enough and inspire us to share what we have – our prosperity, our power and our love – until all your children have life and dignity in beloved community.

silence

Leader: Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy. Friends, believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made ready to love and serve.

People: Alleluia. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“Salvation Belongs to Our God”

Adrian Howard & Pat Turner

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits upon the throne
And unto the Lamb, praise and glory,
Wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.
And we the redeemed shall be strong in purpose and unity
Declaring aloud praise and glory
Wisdom and thanks, honor and power and strength
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever
Be to our God forever and ever, amen.

INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

ANTHEM

“Poor Man Laz’rus”

African-American spiritual
arr. Ben Suerte

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.)

SCRIPTURE READING

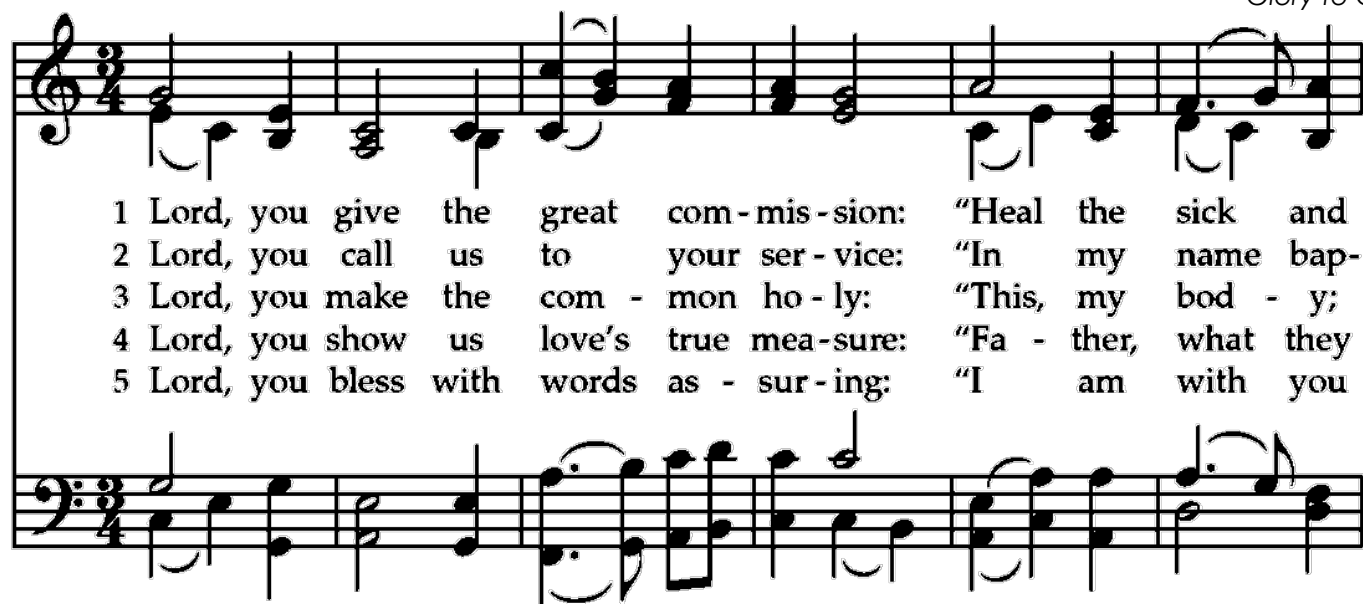
Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

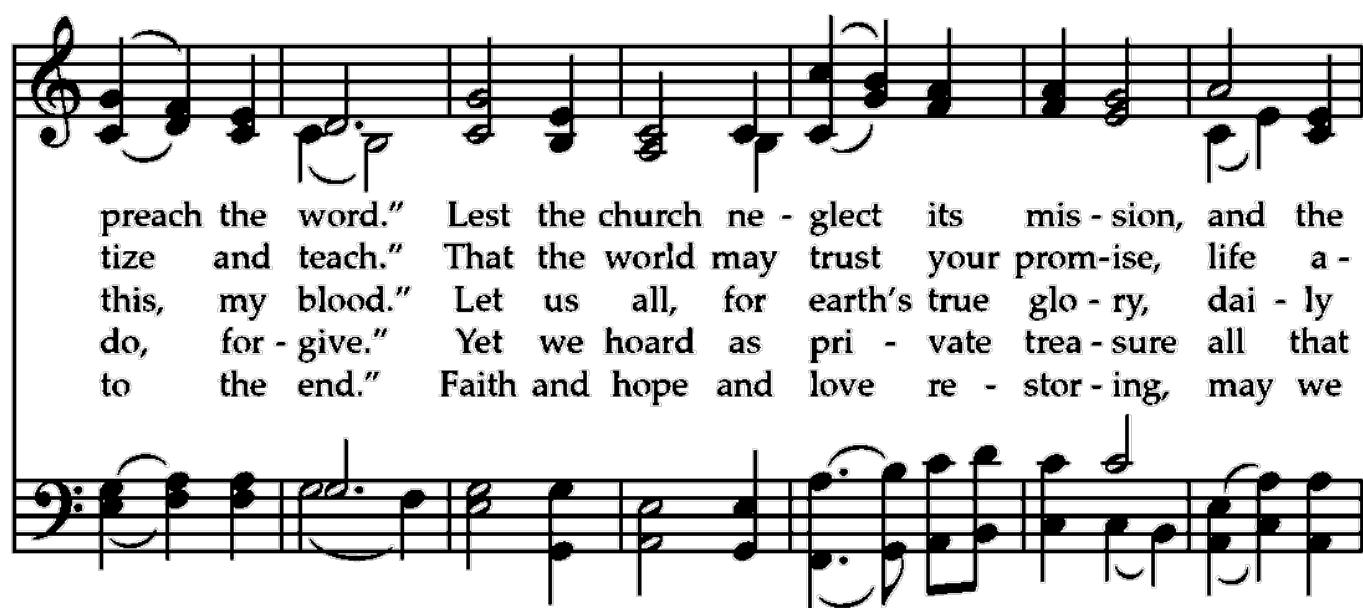
SERMON

Table Scrap Salvation

Pastor Ivan N. Herman



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-vate trea-sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-vor,
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Bob Curtis

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"In This Very Room"
Beth Lindley

Ron & Carol Harris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Generous God, for the blessings of this day, we thank you. We pray for those who, like Lazarus, are hungry and thirsty for the basic necessities of life, which often seem just out of reach. Lead those who have home and tables of plenty to share with those who are hungry and unhoused, and to tend those for whom health care is a luxury.

We pray for those who, like Lazarus, are overlooked and neglected in this world. Be with those who are rejected because of the color of their skin, the people they love, and the wounds they carry. Give us the courage to not look away, but to stand beside them until the world is made just.

Teach us to see the beauty in our diversity and the strength that comes with unity, not uniformity. We pray for those who, like the rich man, stand in positions of authority. Give them compassion that they would never forget the humanity of those they serve. Help them set aside their need for power and instead seek to hear the voices of those long silenced. Make them bridge builders, mending the divisions between your people, and bring peace once more.

Merciful God, hear our prayers. Move us out of idleness and into faithful service. May we be your hands and heart, tending to your children until at last this world is just the way you meant it to be for us. This we ask in the name of your Son, 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.

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Rondeau"

Friedrich Marburg

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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