

# **CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

November 16, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

Click **HERE** to register your attendance

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE "Before the Throne of God Above"

Vikki Cook

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Ernie Chard

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

**People:** And also with you. Leader: Let us worship God!





Leader: Let us not hide our sins from God, but confess before God and one another,

assured of God's gracious forgiveness in Jesus Christ.

All:

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### silence

Leader: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love

toward those who fear him."

People: "As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from

**US."** (Psalm 103:11-12)

Leader: Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!



SPECIAL MUSIC

"Let Us Walk in the Light of the Lord"
"Praise the Lord"

Waterfall Singers
Nancy Studer, Director
Marianne Lowenthal, Accompanist

Vikki Hancock Wright Natalie Sleeth

### 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 Room 207.

SONG "Forever" Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King God's love endures forever For God is good and is above all things God's love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm God's love endures forever For the life that's been reborn God's love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong Forever God is with us, forever. Forever God is faithful: Forever God is strong Forever God is with us, forever. From the rising to the setting sun God's love endures forever By the grace of God we will carry on God's love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong Forever God is with us, forever. Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong Forever God is with us, forever.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:1-4

<sup>1</sup>He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; <sup>2</sup>he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. <sup>3</sup>He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, <sup>4</sup> for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

SERMON ALL IN Pastor Keith L. DeVries



### DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERING AND OUR 2026 PLEDGES

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Pastor: We make our financial commitments today and every day as a tangible

expression of our priorities. Acknowledging that all we are and all we have come from our Creator God, we testify to God's justice and love for all people. On this commitment Sunday we bear witness to the importance of God's work in this congregation, where <u>mission meets ministries</u> and we dedicate ourselves to the

work of Jeus Christ through the stewardship of our financial gifts.

People: Thankful for all of God's good gifts, we worship God with all that we are and all

that we have. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Send Me" Brian Sirchio

The scriptures say God knows us all by name
Don't be afraid when the Spirit calls
There's a whisper now
Listen way deep down
Once we hear it then every bush is ablaze!
God is listening
Hoping we'll respond
Hoping we will say...

Yes, God I'll go where you lead me I hear your Spirit calling my name As long as I know you're with me I know you'll give me the grace that I need So here I am, send me Holy One

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So many needs-- I see the people's pain O God, send me--I will share your love I will feed your sheep, comfort those who weep I will work for your justice and for your peace When I make mistakes--wash me with your Grace Then again, I'll say

Yes, God I'll go where you lead me I hear your Spirit calling my name As long as I know you're with me I know you'll give me the grace that I need

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

Pastor:

Almighty and everlasting God, we pray today as people of faith who are deeply troubled by events in our lives and the world. We hope in you but are anxious because of the uncertainties of life. We want to put our trust in you but find ourselves trying to control outcomes in the future. Like Jesus's disciples, we want to know the answers to when and how you will call us to follow and trust. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief.

God of our lives, in a world full of challenges, you call us to be doers of your Word, to love you with everything we have and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. May we always live lives worthy of our calling as your beloved children. When we despair, give us the comfort and courage that come from your Holy Spirit. Let us never tire of doing good in the name of and with the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Eternal God, we pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," yet we do not always act as if we really mean it. Forgive us when our lives and actions are shaped more by the ways of this world than by the values of your kingdom. As individual believers and as a church, may we seek your kingdom first and heed your call to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

We love you, Lord. Show us how to love others with the same grace and love you have given us in Jesus Christ. And now, as your beloved children, we are bold to pray together:

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.

### "Streets of the City"

Lord, we stand in the shallows of all You have given
Grateful for mercy yet hungry for more
For the power of grace to go out from this place
To the ends of the earth

We have praised You with passion and worshipped in wonder
Thrilled by Your Spirit and fed by Your Word
Now to fully delight in the riches of Christ
We must go to the world

For You live in the streets of the city
You stand with the weak and the needy
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor
And Your hands are the hands I am lifting
Your voice is the life I am living
Your love longs to meet them but how will they know
Unless I am willing to go

Lord, where are you hungry and where are you thirsty Naked, imprisoned, with no one to care To give our best to the poor and oppressed Is to give back to you

So cause us to see with the eyes of the Savior Give us a heart that will love as you love Courageous compassion in words and in action Brings hope to the world

That you live in the streets of the city
You stand with the weak and the needy
You walk with the homeless and hungry and poor
And your hands are the hands I am lifting
Your voice is the life I am living
Without us, there's no other way they will know
So send me, I'm ready to go

#### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## "Passacaglia in G minor"

Georg Friedrich Handel

<sup>•</sup> Please rise in body or in spirit.

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> Piano: Gabe Bisho Drums: Will Condrey

Bass: Merlyn Van Regenmorter

Vocals: Tara Calderon, Beth Lindley, and Julie Ueltzen

