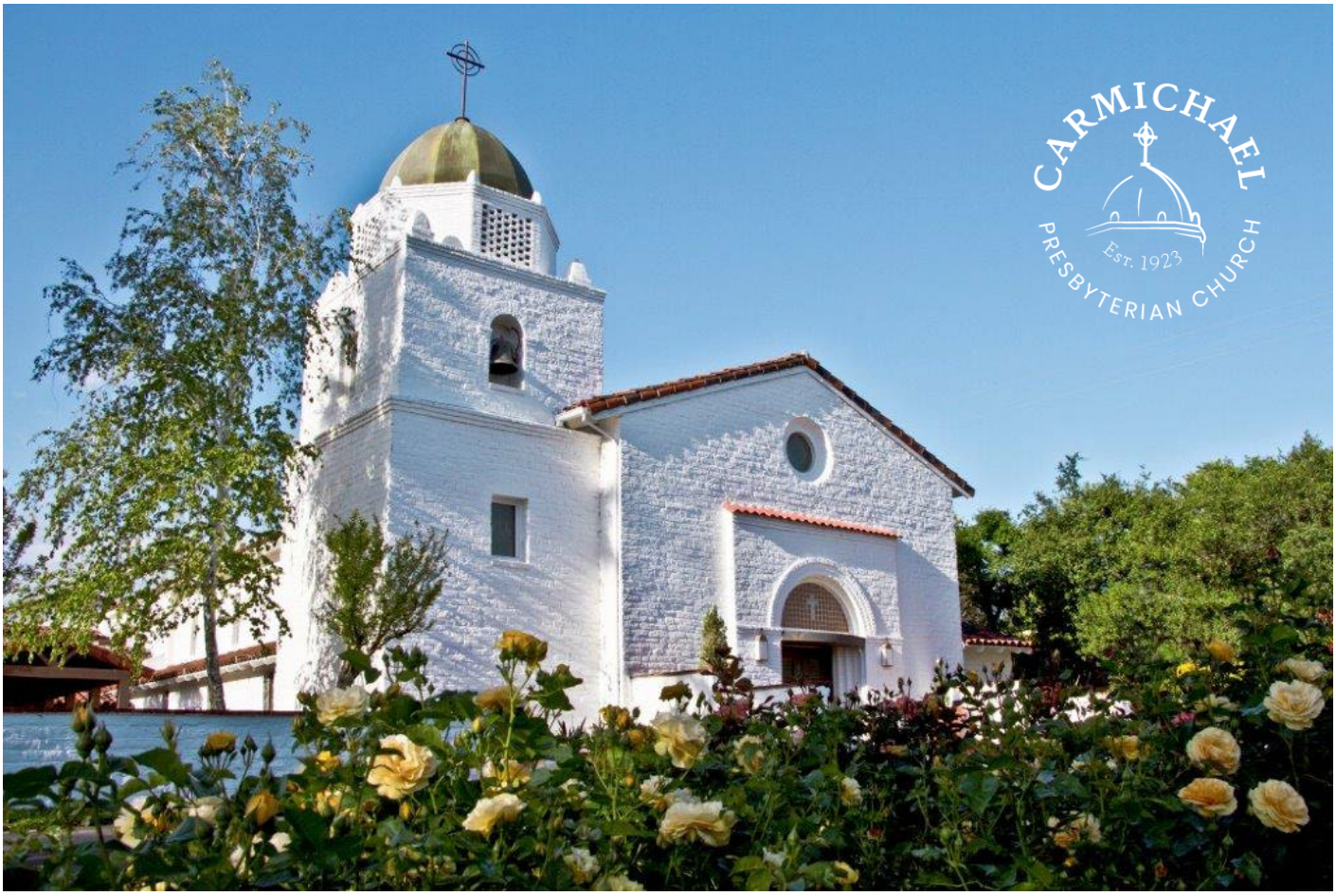

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 9, 2025 ***Livestream & In-Person*** **10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

MOMENT FOR CPC — **Mission Meets Ministries-Stewardship 2026** — ElizaBeth Phillips, Gannon Grace

INTROIT — **"Praise We Sing to Thee"** — text: Jane Lewis McKnight; music: Franz Joseph Haydn, arr. Morten J. Luvaas

Sanctuary Choir

Praise we sing to Thee, Thou mighty Ruler King forever,
Praise we sing to Thee dear Father, we will fail Thee never.
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Praise we sing to Thee dear Father, we will fail Thee never.
All the joys of nature tell us ever of Thy wond'rous pow'r.
Still Thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour,
Praise we sing to Thee most Holy, praise forevermore!
Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts Thou dost ordain.
Lord of Hosts who o'er the wond'rous realm of heav'n doth reign.
Praise we sing to Thee most Holy, praise forevermore.
Praise forevermore. Praise forevermore! Praise for evermore, evermore!

* CALL TO WORSHIP — Alexis Davidson

Leader: Let us trust enough to open our ears and hearts.

People: We have heard of God's deeds in other times; our pioneers have kept the story alive for us.

Leader: Let us listen to God's word for today.

People: We long for a faith that makes sense today. We want to keep the story alive for new generations.

Leader: God's story is for all people.

People: It is ours to receive and share with grace and generosity.

* OPENING SONG — **"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"** — Brian Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
We gladly choose You now

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God, come.
Come, just as you are, come. Come.

CONFESSION AND PARDON — Alexis Davidson

Leader: Though we are prone to wander, the spirit of God abides among us. Trusting in God's persistent love and mercy, let us confess our sin.

All: Gracious Giver of all that we have and are, we confess that we are slow to give thanks and to share. Sometimes we deny our oneness with all your creatures, and seek only after our own salvation, our own needs, and our own hopes. Challenge us with a vision for all your people in this time and in times still to come, that we may recognize your presence, for you are always with us and for us.

silence

Leader: God accepts us as we are, forgives us, and loves us still.

People: It is through God's love that we have the confidence to let the Spirit grow and guide us in new ways of living.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE **"Spirit of the Living God"** No. 288

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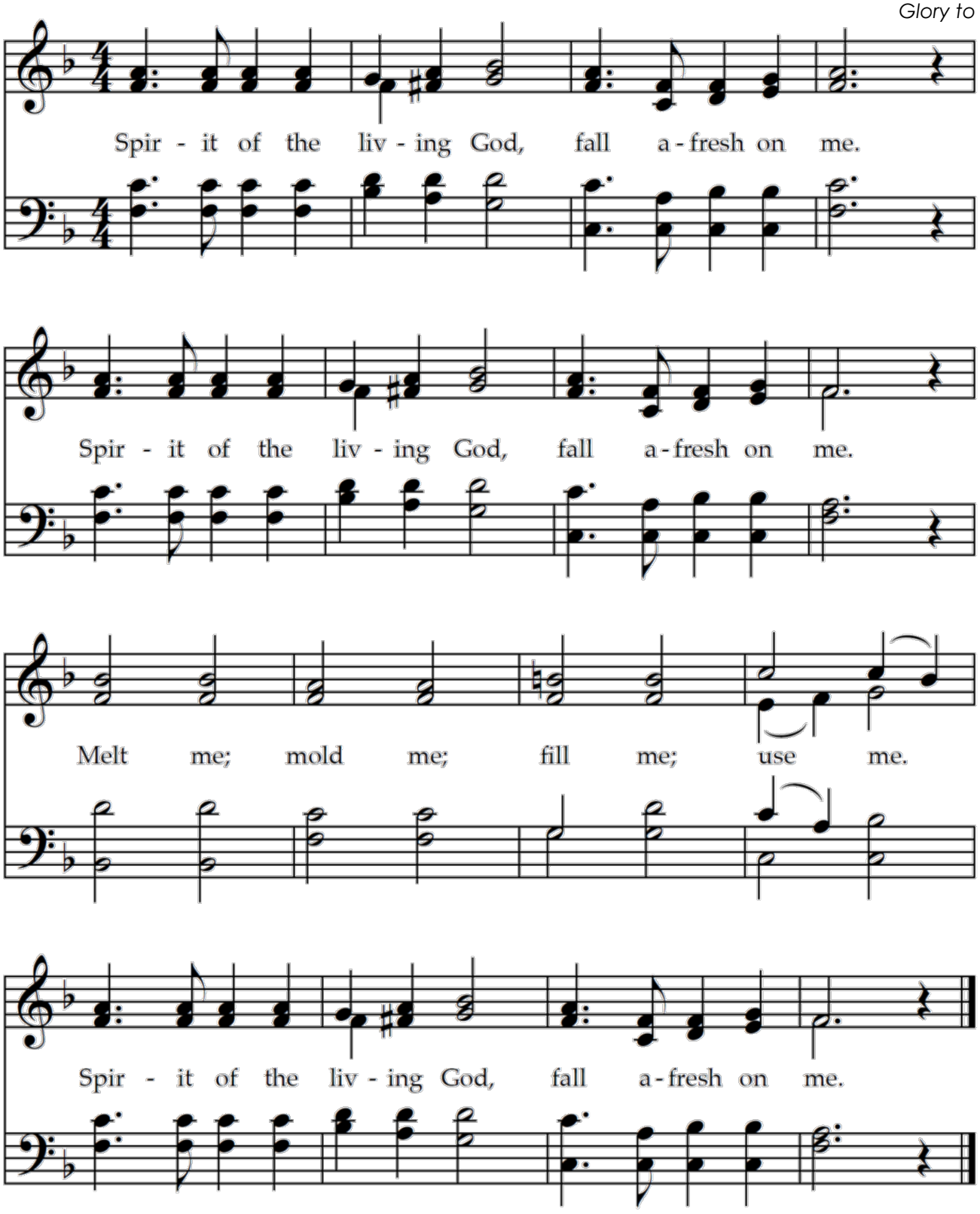
ANTHEM **"God Is My Strong Salvation"** text: James Montgomery

Sanctuary Choir music: Austin C. Lovelace

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation my light, my help, is near.
Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance; my soul, with courage wait;
God's truth be thine affiance, when faint and desolate.
God's might thy heart shall strengthen, God's love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen; the Lord will give thee peace

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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.

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 20:27-40

27 Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him 28 and asked him a
question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no
children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. 29 Now there
were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; 30 then the second 31
and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. 32 Finally the
woman also died. 33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the
seven had married her."

34 Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, 35 but
those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the
dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 Indeed, they cannot die anymore,
because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. 37
And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush,
where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of
Jacob. 38 Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are
alive." 39 Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." 40 For they
no longer dared to ask him another question.

SERMON ***I'm Not Dead Yet!*** Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* HYMN

"When We Are Living"

No. 822

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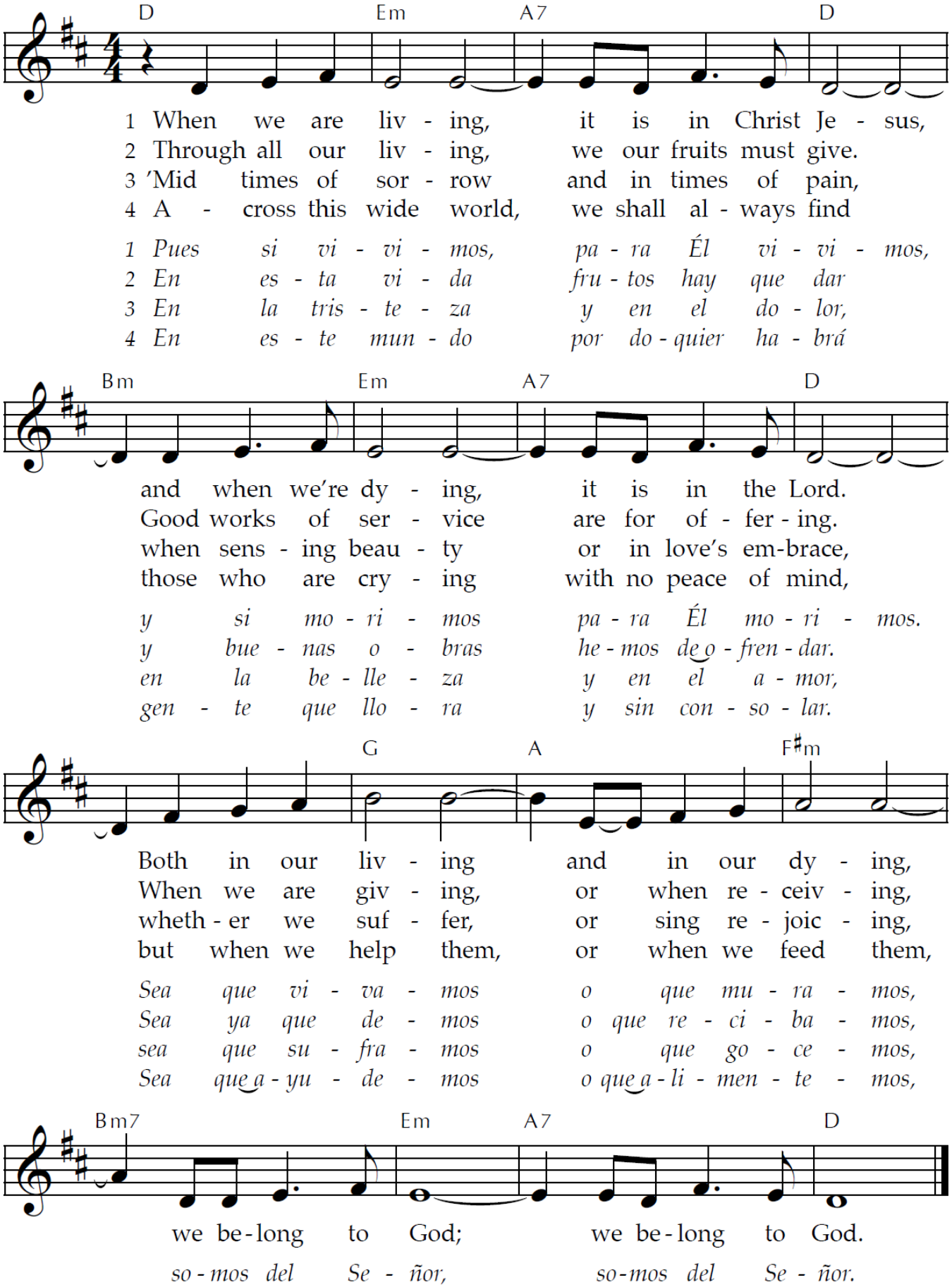
OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY **"Libestraum/Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** arr. Dino Kartsonakis

FAITH STORY Cathy Wride

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, we breathe in your goodness. In the quiet of this moment, we rest in your presence. As our bodies still, our hearts turn to you in gratitude. Every part of us, every one of us, every bit of who we are is precious to you, our Beloved Creator.

We acknowledge that this space contains both joy and distress, pain and contentment, burden and ease. Your grace is wide enough to cover the fullness of our needs, our dreams, and our experiences, varied as they are, and for that we give you thanks.

We lift up the ones who are laid low in sorrow and grief, O Lord. May your peace provide an anchor in the chaos. May community gather near to them, reminding them that they are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

We lift up the ones who are suffering under oppression and state-sanctioned violence. Hear their cries for help and rescue, we pray. May we, too, hear their cries and choose not turn away from their pain. Show us how we can do our part to bring about the justice and righteousness of your peaceable kingdom.

We lift up the ones whose hearts are full of joy today. What a gift to bear witness to the fruits of your Spirit ripening around us: love between dear friends, the joy of a child's laughter, peace being rebuilt where violence was once the norm. We give you thanks for these signs of your goodness and grace.

We pray for your Church, that we may be one in spirit and in truth. May we see the face of Christ in the faces of our siblings, cherishing the diversity and variety of gifts each one brings. Shape and refine us, that we might walk together in your ways.

Finally, we lift up all of these prayers to you, O God, knowing that you listen with love and care. We join our voices together in praying the prayer you taught us,

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

"Goodness of God" Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram, Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson

I love You Lord
Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
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All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Please be seated following the postlude for a brief congregational meeting.

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* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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