



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 18, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"We Are One in the Bond of Love"

Otis Skillings
arr. Bruce Greer

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Benadom

Leader: God calls us here together — each of us, all of us, our whole selves.

People: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams, and our fears.

Leader: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.

People: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.

Leader: Within these walls and within our hearts, God is here.

People: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!

Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia! Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy
You are Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Holy
Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia, alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia! Holy, holy are you Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy
You are Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen

CONFESSION AND PARDON (based on Psalm 40)

Lisa Benadom

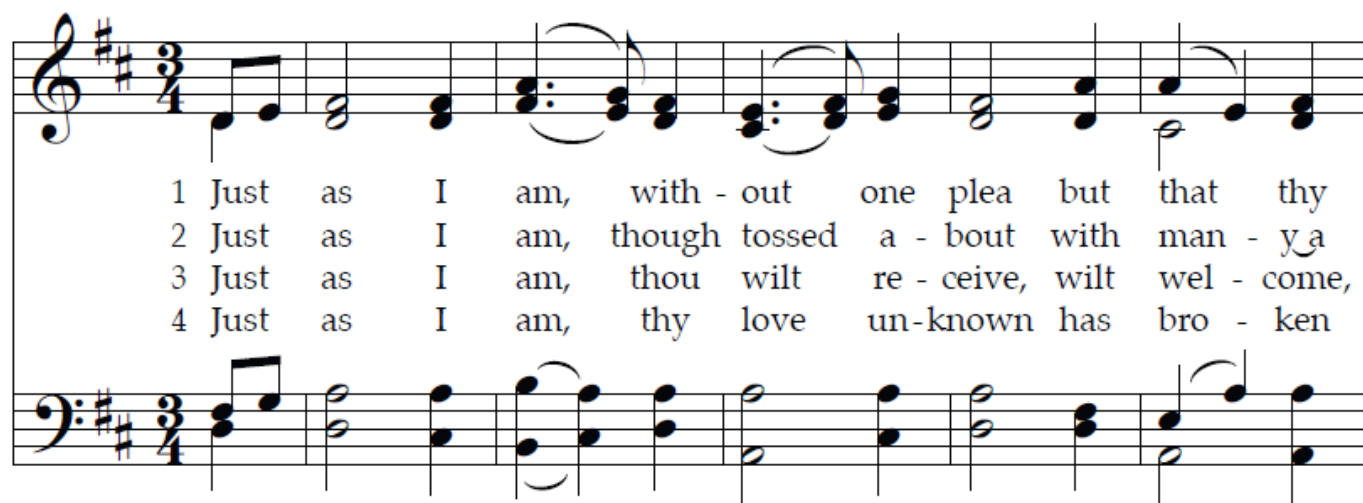
Leader: Jesus, the Lamb of God, came to redeem and reconcile, to take away the sin of the world. We are invited to tell the truth about the places in need of healing and wholeness. Let us join in the communal act of repentance:

All: Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions, and individual strength rather than trusting you. We keep quiet about the ways we have experienced your love and presence, and we fail to invite others to come and see you at work all around us. Forgive us, God. Abide in us until your new song of hope and redemption pours from our lips, and your love is shared in our words and deeds.

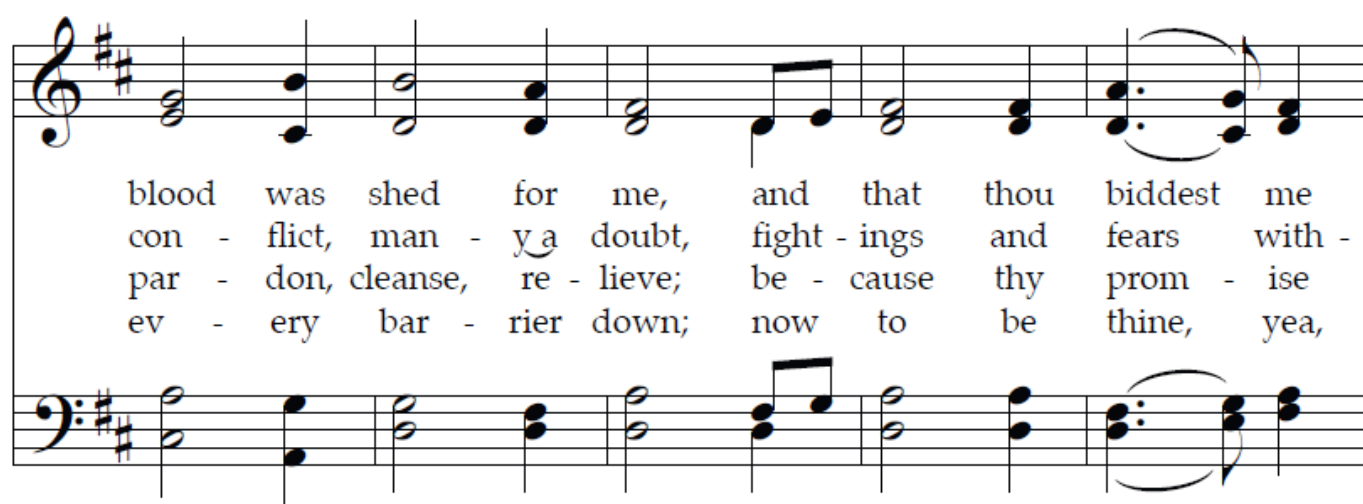
silence

Leader: God inclines to us, rescues us and sets us again on solid ground. God has not withheld mercy from us.

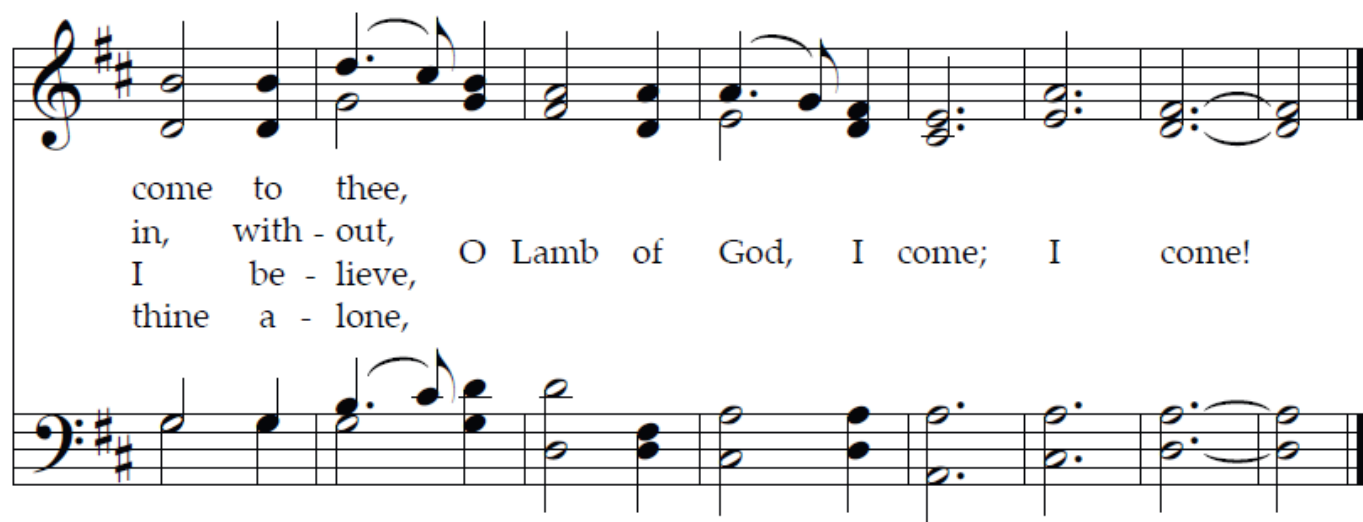
People: We trust in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God and know that we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



come to thee,
 in, with - out,
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 thine a - lone,

ANTHEM

"Great Day"

African American Spiritual

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Don Whitman

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching! Great day! God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.
Great day! Great day, the righteous marching! Great day! God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.

This is the year of jubilee. God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.

The Lord has set His people free. God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching! Great day! God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching! Great day! God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.

Gonna take my breastplate, sword, and shield, God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.

And march out boldly on the field. God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.

We want no cowards in our band, God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.

We call for freedom in our land, God's gonna raise up Zion's walls.

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching! Great day! Jesus is risen from the dead.

Great day! Great day, the righteous marching! Great day! Jesus is risen from the dead. Great day!

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 Sunday School in Rooms 206 & 207.)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

³⁵ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴² He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

SERMON

Losing Followers, Witnessing Christ

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* HYMN

“O God of Love, This is a Time of Turning”

(Tune: FINLANDIA)

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Jean Sibelius

O God of love, this is a time of turning —
a time of change, with conflict in the news.
For in our land, some mighty winds are churning;
There's much at stake that we could gain or lose.
Love sings out strong, yet fires of hate are burning;
O God of all, you call us all to choose.

O God of peace, we hear your gracious promise:
Your love can heal the hearts of humankind.
May we stand firm for truth and peace and justice;
May we leave fear and hatred far behind.
May we sing out, and — singing — be a witness,
and show resolve to work for what is kind.

O God of all, of immigrant and neighbor,
of those in power — and of the refugee,
You give us all our common life and labor —
our common hope, the peace we long to see.
God, may we turn and be made strong together.
May we seek justice, love and unity.

O God of love, have mercy on your churches;
Take from our hearts our paralyzing fear.
Give us new faith! Make us courageous workers.
Help us to labor on from year to year
When other voices call out to distract us,
May we choose well and seek your kingdom here.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Deacons' Fund

Laura Garwood

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

African American spiritual

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, we have come here looking for many things. You, who have shaped us and formed us, know our thoughts, desires, and needs before they reach our lips. You know what we are looking for, and you know what we need, and yet, you invite us to come and see, to come and share the prayers on our hearts.

We believe that your desire is for the healing of all nations, the reconciliation of all people, and the flourishing of all creation. It is our desire, too. We know that you are present in the places where there is more war than peace, more famine than feast, more death than life. Where we are complicit, forgive us. When we are indifferent, give us your eyes of compassion. If we are ignorant, help us see your truth and know how to live faithfully in such difficult times.

You have made each and every one of us in your image, unique testimonies to your love and creativity. Still, there are so many of your beloved children who are hated, judged, feared, and cast out from families, communities, and nations. We know that you are with them; make us ready to accompany as we are able.

As we remember the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we give thanks for his work and witness, and for the prophets throughout time and in every place who have reminded us of your call and desire for our life together. For all who have given their lives for the sake of your name, working for your justice and reconciliation, we give thanks. We give thanks for those members of our community and leaders far beyond who are seeking justice and dignity for all people.

We pray in the name of Jesus as he 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

“My Heart Your Home”

Nathan Nockels & Christy Nockels

Come and make my heart Your home
Come and be everything I am and all I know
Search me through and through
Till my heart becomes a home for You
A home for You, Lord. A home for You, Lord
A home for You, Lord.

Let everything I do
Open up the door for You to come through
And my heart will be a place where You want to be.

Come and make my heart Your home
Come and be everything I am and all I know
Search me through and through
Till my heart becomes a home for You
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Open up the door for You to come through
And my heart will be a place where You want to be.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Matt Maher

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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