



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**February 1, 2026**

**Livestream & In-Person**

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**"Morning Has Broken"**

Traditional Gaelic melody  
arr. Marilyn Ham

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 15)

Len Tozier

Leader: Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

**People: May we hear your call and speak your truth.**

Leader: Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

**People: Gather us in honest and faithful community.**

Leader: Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

**People: Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.**

Leader: Let us worship our God together in this holy place.

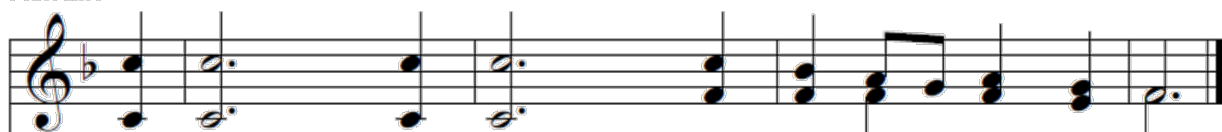
**People: Alleluia. Amen.**



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,  
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;  
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:  
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

## CALL TO CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Len Tozier

**Leader:** With what shall I come before the Lord? We come, knowing we've lived imperfectly, knowing we need forgiveness, and we ask what we could possibly offer for such a gift. But when we come in honesty and repentance, we find a God who is ready to love, ready to forgive, and ready to renew us as children of God. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sin, first together and then in silent prayer.

**All:** **Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Lord, hear our prayers.**

***silence***

**Leader:** The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed, and made whole.

**People:** **Alleluia. Amen.**

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
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## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)*

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,  
 teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,  
 Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:  
 we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON

***Put On Your Walking Shoes***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

\* SONG

**"Your Love, O Lord"**

Mac Powell, Brad Avery,  
David Carr, Mark D. Lee, & Tai Anderson

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the sky  
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain and Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice to worship You, my King a  
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the sky  
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I will lift my voice to worship You, my King  
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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: We come to the Lord's Supper as a community of believers, renewed by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again.

**People: Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.**

Pastor: He offers his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People: We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours.**

Pastor: In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death.

**People: So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

## WORDS OF REMEMBERING

Pastor: We remember that Jesus came to lead followers to feed those who are hungry, shelter those unhoused, clothe those naked, and comfort those afflicted.  
We remember that Jesus came to lead followers to destroy injustices, lift up those who are oppressed, break the yokes of those victimized and, at the same time, stop pointing fingers of blame.  
And we remember that Jesus sealed the covenant not in a fast of deprivation, but a feast of hope, as he sat at a Passover meal celebrating escape from oppression and claimed that the new Way is bread and fruit and love.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Spirit of Christ, we thank you that your Bread is Body and your Cup is poured for all.  
Feed us now that we might shake into the world the seasoning of love. Shine on our lives today and give us enough for everyone's tomorrows.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers and a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home worship space.  
Wherever you are, you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.*

*If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements. You can choose intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) from the servers nearest the center aisle or bread and individual cups from the servers nearest the outside aisles; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. All communion bread is gluten free.  
Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.*

### COMMUNION SONG

#### **"Remembrance"**

Chris Davenport & Benjamin Hastings

I take the bread of life, broken for all my sin. Your body crucified to make me whole again  
I will recall the cup poured out in sacrifice to trade this sinner's end for Your new covenant  
Hallelujah! I'll live my life in remembrance. Hallelujah! Your promise I won't forget  
I'll walk salvation's road with fear and trembling.  
Your way borne as my own as Christ is formed in me  
Hallelujah! I'll live my life in remembrance. Hallelujah! Your promise I won't forget  
If ever I should lose my way, if ever I deny Your grace  
Remind me of the price You paid. Hallelujah! I'll live in remembrance  
You've been so, so good to me. You've been so, so good to me,  
Oh, to think where I would be if not for You, if not for You  
As far as heights reach from the depths, as far as east is from the west,  
So far Your grace has carried me  
Until I see You face to face, until at last I've won my race remind me You're not finished yet.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I'll live in remembrance

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Faithful God, now that we are fed, we recognize how many there are who need a lighted lamp to be lifted high, and it may take several hands to hold it. Now that we are fed, we recognize how many there are who need a taste of hope for tomorrow and who need a sip of courage to face it. Let us not hide the brightness of hope or intensity of courage, for we are your light that shines in the world, revealing your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## OFFERING AND PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

### “Intermezzo in B-flat minor Op. 117 No. 2”

Johannes Brahms

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

Pastor: Holy God, what a world you have made! Everywhere we look, we see evidence of your grace, we give thanks for friends and family, hearth and home, talents and treasures. What blessings you bestow upon us. Yet, amid the blessings, we see the hurt and pain of our world. We can't turn away, for so many are hurting, so we turn to you, God of blessings, hear our prayer.

#### ***silence***

We pray for the church, for this church, the pastors, leaders, and congregation, and the church universal, all those who hear and believe in a great diversity of voices the whole world round. Open our hearts and whisper words of your truth within us. Open our ears so we can hear even those truths that bewilder and challenge us. Strengthen our spirits to hear your call to stand up for justice and break open visions of the kin-dom among us here and now. God of blessings, hear our prayer. God of blessings, hear our prayer.

#### ***silence***

We pray for those who are suffering. Comfort those who mourn, who have lost the ones they love, who have been forced to give up on the future they hoped would be, who grieve frayed relationships. Clothe them with your love and fill them with your hope. Set your healing hand upon those whose bodies ache, whose minds cannot find peace, who are awaiting hard diagnoses. Wrap them in your strong arms and fill them with your shalom. God of blessings, hear our prayer.

#### ***silence***

We pray for those who are hungry, in body and spirit. For those whose tables are bare, whose stomachs growl, and whose bodies hunger for warmth, give shelter. Lead them to places of plenty. Teach those who have much to share without fear until all are fed and nourished. For those who hunger for justice, send your spirit. Give us a holy imagination to dream about what could be and the courage to make this world more like you want it to be for us. God of blessings, hear our prayer.

#### ***silence***

We pray for peace, in our homes, in our communities, in our country, and in our world. Wrest the weapons of war out of our hands and silence the words that cut and destroy. Fill our leaders with wisdom and mercy. Give them eyes to see each person in their care as you see them, beloved children of God. Make us peacemakers and community builders in every place we go. Fill us with grace and wonder that we might see the beauty of diversity and seek unity instead of uniformity. God of blessings, hear our prayer.

#### ***silence***

Holy God, you are the giver of blessings. Give us eyes to see you at work among us. Move our hands and feet to be a blessing in our community. Open our hearts and mouths to hear your word and speak your truth so all can know of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray boldly, 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.**

\* CLOSING SONG

**"Blessed Be Your Name"**

Matt Redman & Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be your glorious name  
Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be,  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be your glorious name  
You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name  
Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be Your name, Jesus  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be your glorious name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord;  
Blessed be your glorious name  
You give and take away, You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE    **"The Lord Whom We Love"**  
Congregation may join hands

Kurt Kaiser

The Lord whom we love, whom we wor-ship and a -  
dore, we will serve through - out this com-ing week. He it  
is who binds us to - geth - er, and he it is who sends us a -  
part, to be God's peo-ple, be God's peo-ple. A - men.

***Please remain in the Sanctuary for the annual congregational meeting.***

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Piano: Gabe Bisho

Drums: Will Condrey

Vocals: Karen Gray, Anita Lawson, & Laura Leek



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