



FIRST SUNDAY
in
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CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 22, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"My Hope Is in You"

April Geesbreght

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Terry Sakuda

Leader: Welcome, travelers, to the journey of faith.

People: The faith journey is the best path through the wilderness called life.

Leader: Then come and continue the quest, acting out your faith by living to the fullest.

People: We will let our spirits soar, stretching our arms wide.

Leader: With hope and welcome we embrace companions on the journey.

People: This is the way we worship God together.

* OPENING 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

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Terry Sakuda

Leader: In a time of testing, let us pause to examine our own hearts, looking for how we have failed to live up to that which God has commanded. Let us pray together:

All: **Merciful God, you know all about our troubles. Your Son was tested in the wilderness, tempted by the powers and principalities of the age. We confess how easily and often we give in to them. Yet, you continue to forgive us, reminding us there is nothing we can do to lose your love. By such grace, turn us from the evil powers in high places, that we may return to you and the path to which you have called us.**

silence

Leader: Hear and receive the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are being forgiven!

People: **Because we are forgiven, let us be examples of God's love and grace to the world.**

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"

No. 175
Glory to God

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
and its righ - teous - ness,
and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/2 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Seek ye first the king - dom of God'. The second staff contains 'and its righ - teous - ness,'. The third staff contains 'and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.'. The fourth staff contains 'Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!'. The music features a mix of single notes, dyads, and triads, with some notes beamed together. The final note of the fourth staff is a whole note chord.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"This Little Light of Mine"

arr. Mark Patterson

Waterfall Singers

Nancy Studer, Director; Marianne Lowenthal, Accompanist

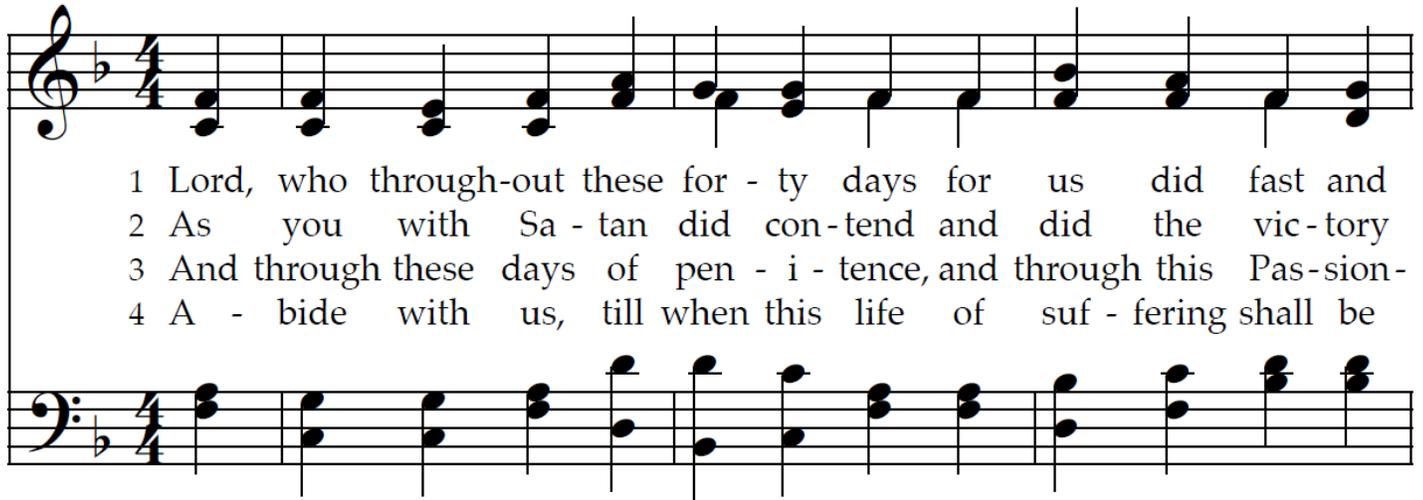
TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(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.)

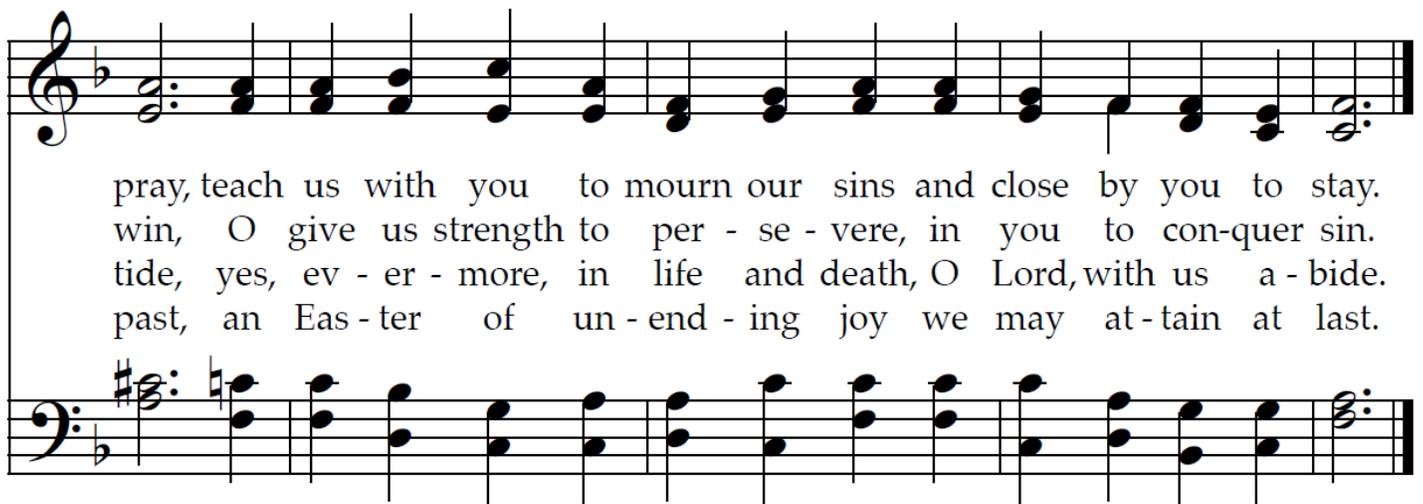
* HYMN

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

No. 166
Glory to God



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

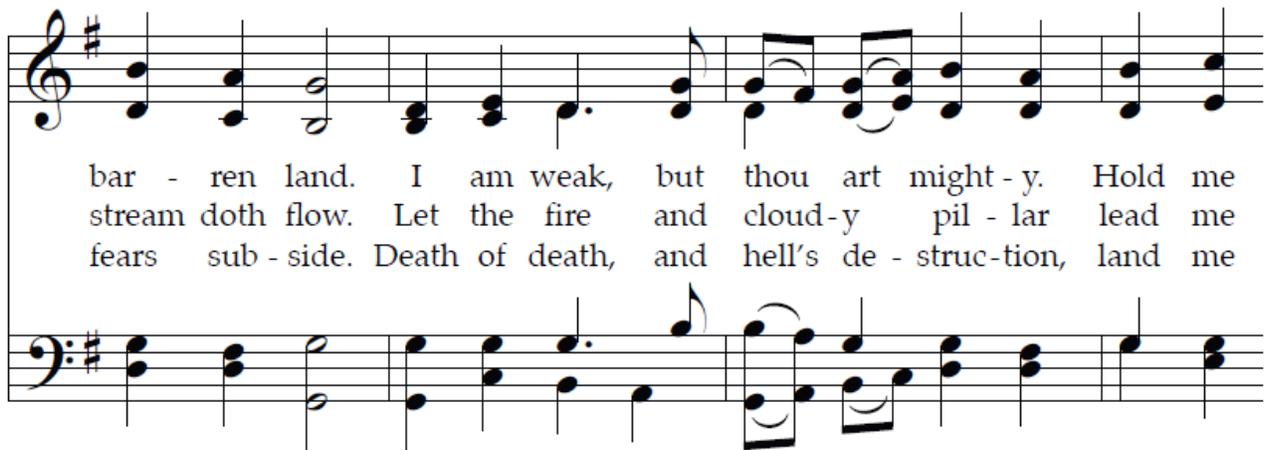
SERMON

Displays of Power

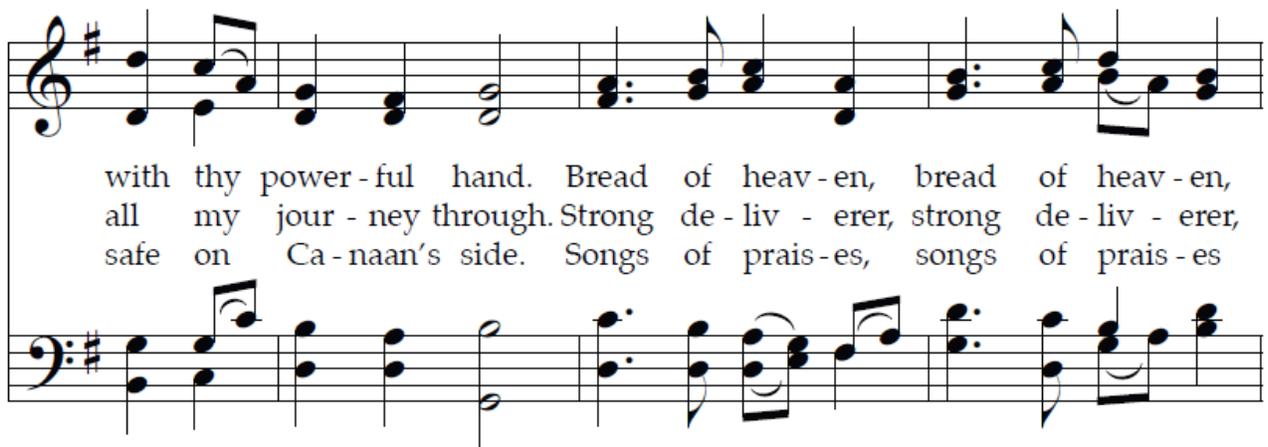
Pastor Ivan N. Herman



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Wondrous Love”

arr. Larry Shackley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, in Jesus, you came to show us the way to a full life because you so loved the cosmos. Therefore, we are bold to pray in Christ's name, seeking your will in our lives and in the lives of all your children.

God, our ever-present help, we pray for our world. Where there is war, we pray for peace. Move among us through your Spirit. Break down the barriers and borders constructed by fear, paranoia, violence and hatred. Heal the divisions in our human family that diminish and harm your good creation. Unite us in bonds of love and service, that we may pursue what is right and good and just for all.

God, our hope, we pray for our country. We pray specifically for our elected leaders in our cities, states, and nation. May they do what is right, not just what they have the power to do. Let us be people who speak the truth, even when it is unpopular; who stand on the side of the oppressed, the downcast, and forgotten, even when it is inconvenient; who love our neighbors and enemies, even when it is costly. Through it all, O God, remind us of our true allegiance to your way. We welcome your kin-dom on earth as it is in heaven.

God, our healer, we pray for those who suffer: The sick, the lonely, the grieving, the houseless, the overworked, and those without employment. Surround them with your love; Support them with your strength; Console them with your comfort; And give us all hope and courage beyond ourselves.

Finally, O God, our Redeemer, we pray for the church. Keep us true to the gospel, the good news to the poor. Shake and stir us into response-ability in these trying times. Make known your saving power in Jesus Christ, through the witness of our faith, our worship, and our life.

Fill us with your strength to resist the seductions of our selfish desires and the tempter's power, that we may walk in your ways, rejoicing in you with all our hearts. We lift these prayers to you with the prayer Christ taught us, saying 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.

* CLOSING SONG

“In the Secret”

Andy Park

In the secret, in the quiet place
In the stillness You are there
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You
‘Cause I want to know You more
I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face
I want to know You more
I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside
Out of my way, ‘cause I want to know You more
I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face
I want to know You more

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Prelude in G minor”

J.S. Bach

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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