



SECOND SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT  
& COMMUNION

**CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**March 1, 2026**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”**

arr. Mark Hayes

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jami McCray

Leader: We gather here to worship,

**People: Grateful for the presence of God’s Holy Spirit.**

Leader: May we be led in the way of Christ

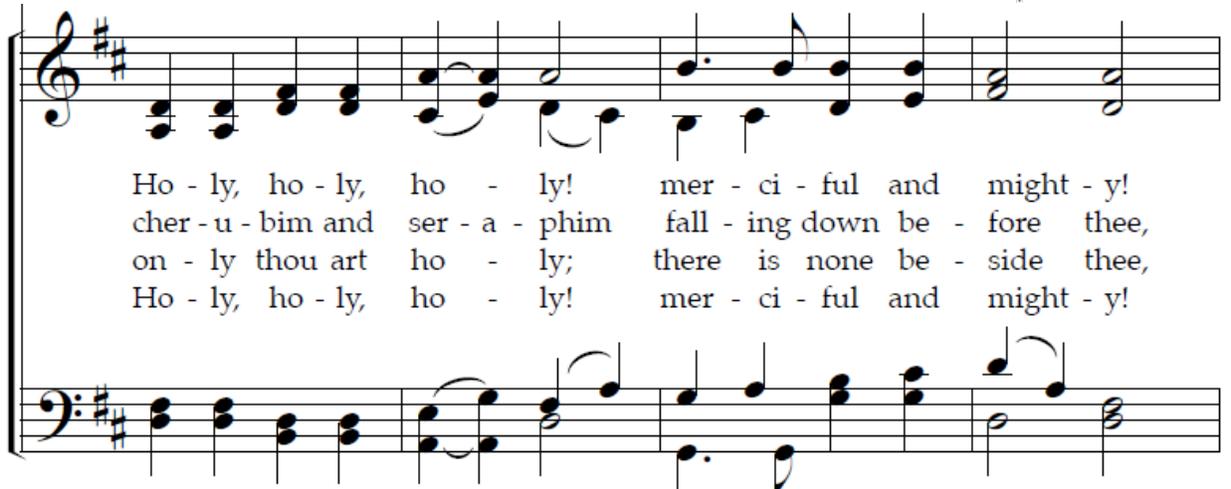
**People: This day and always.**



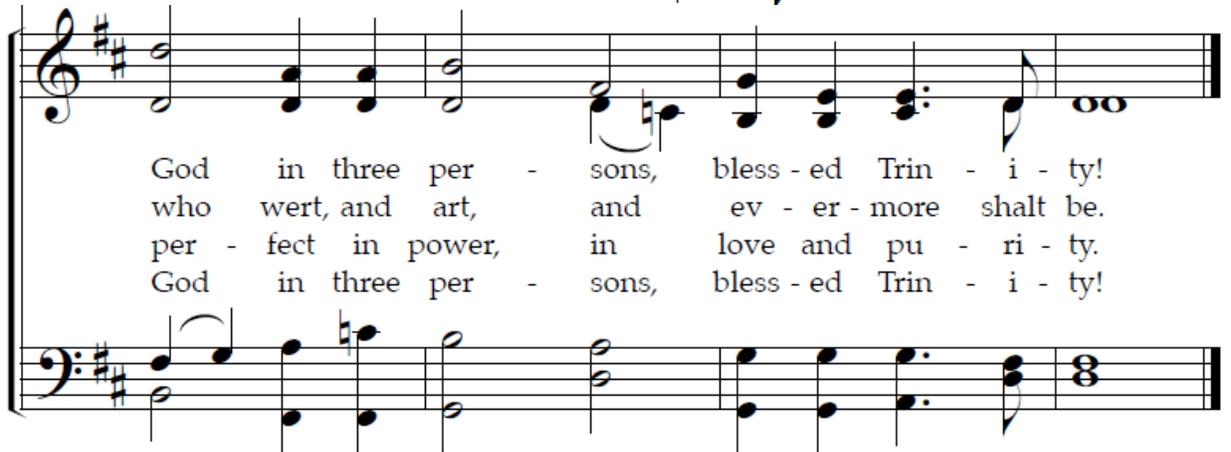
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jami McCray

Leader: We all need God's help. Therefore, let us approach God's throne of grace and honestly confess all that keeps us from right relationship. Let us pray:

All: **Gracious God, as we journey through the wilderness this Lent, we are aware of our need for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's path. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't bring true joy and that lull us into complacency. Keep our lives, our coming out and our going in from this time on and forevermore.**

*silence*

Leader: "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

People: **Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 607  
Glory to God

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple

here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;

praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

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.)*

\* SONG

**"I Am New"**

Jason Gray and Joel Hanson

Now I won't deny the worst you could say about me  
But I'm not defined by mistakes that I've made  
Because God says of me

I am not who I was, I'm being remade  
I am new, I am new  
I'm chosen and holy and I'm dearly loved  
I am new, I am new

Who I thought I was and who I thought I had to be  
I had to give them both up because neither  
Were willing to ever believe

I am not who I was, I'm being remade  
I am new, I am new  
I'm chosen and holy and I'm dearly loved  
I am new, I am new

Too long have I lived in the shadow of shame  
Believing that there was no way I could change

But the one who is making everything new  
Doesn't see me the way that I do  
He doesn't see me the way that I do

I am not who I was, I'm being remade  
I am new, I am new  
Dead to my sin, I'm coming alive  
I am new, I am new

Forgiven, beloved, hidden in Christ  
Made in the image of the Giver of Life  
Righteous and holy, reborn and remade,  
Accepted and worthy, this is our new name

This is who we are now

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

SERMON

**For Keeps**

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the works of Your hand  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### WORDS OF REMEMBERING

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O God, you so loved the world that you sent your beloved One, Jesus, into our midst. Jesus, also loving the world and seeing how hungry we are for hope and love and peace, set this table to sustain and save us in the midst of all things. Grateful for all who have told us this story and shared food and Holy Spirit with us, we pray:

**People: May the Bread of our mouths and the Cup upon which our hearts meditate, be acceptable to you, O God, at this ordinary table and in all places and ways we feed one another. Amen.**

#### 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 INTERLUDE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: In thanksgiving for this sustenance on our Lenten journey, we claim all stories of Jesus Christ as our own, a path of healing and love toward the cross and the ever-present truth of the resurrection. Let us pray ...

**People: O Holy One, we come to you with our weariness and hope. We thank you for the rest and strength of this Communion so that we may re-turn our tables to service in the world and hear your words of guidance every day and every night. Amen.**

### OFFERING AND PRAYER

#### OFFERTORY

#### “Rushing Wind”

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

Pastor: God of glory, we thirst for your presence in our desert of loneliness and despair, for your spirit of love poured into our hearts, for Christ's living water that quenches eternally. May all your children know that they belong, that they are loved, that they are wonderfully made.

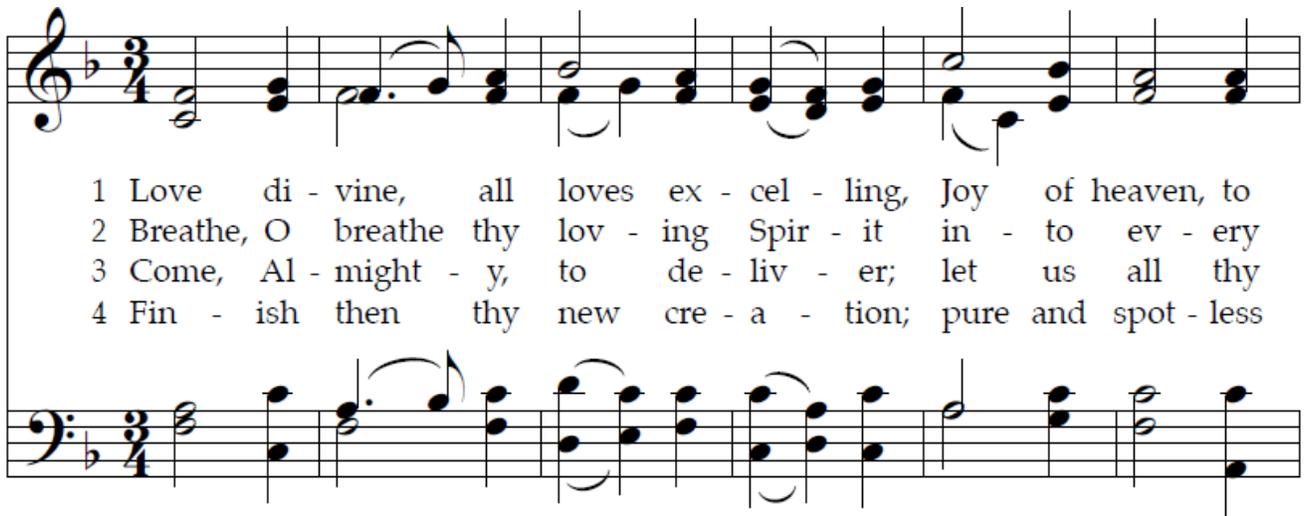
God of life, we thirst for knowledge of you at work in our world, dispelling our doubt and uncertainty. We pray for you to right what is wrong, banish evil, and restore order amid chaos. Turn our world towards peace.

God of hope, we thirst for healing and harmony, for an end to violence and living in fear. We pray for an end to bipartisan fighting, legislative meltdowns, and political turmoil that serves no citizen well. Fashion our world, our nation, our communities into places that reflect your peaceable kin-dom, where every life is valued, everyone's dignity respected.

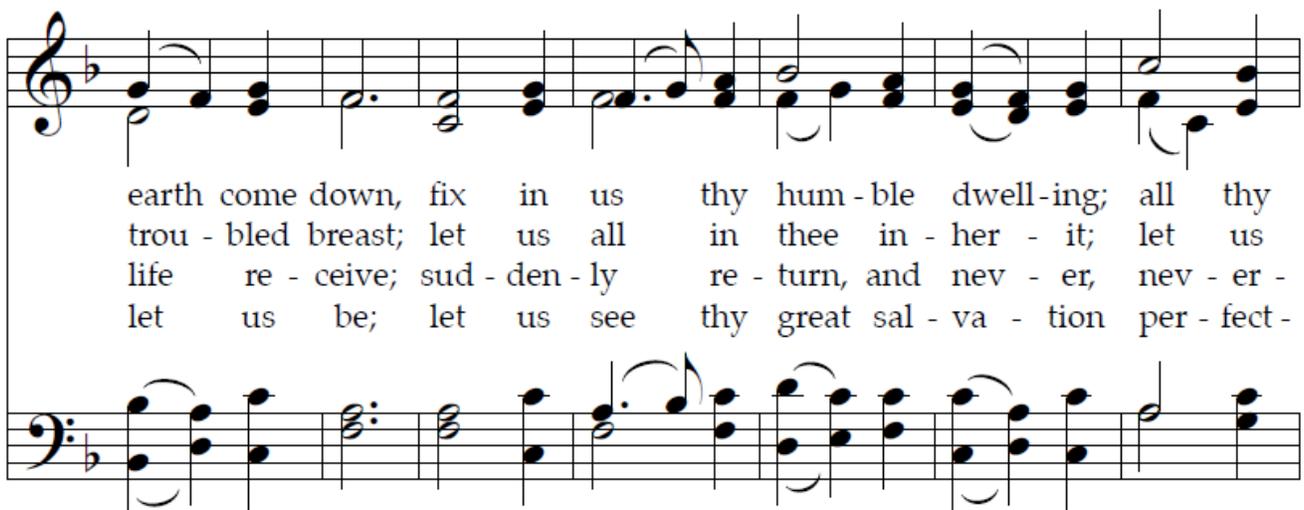
In your mercy, O God, hear the prayers of your people. Help us walk with you during this Lenten season, so we can learn and grow in your embrace. Help us follow in the footsteps of our Savior, who calls on us to pray as he prayed,

**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.**

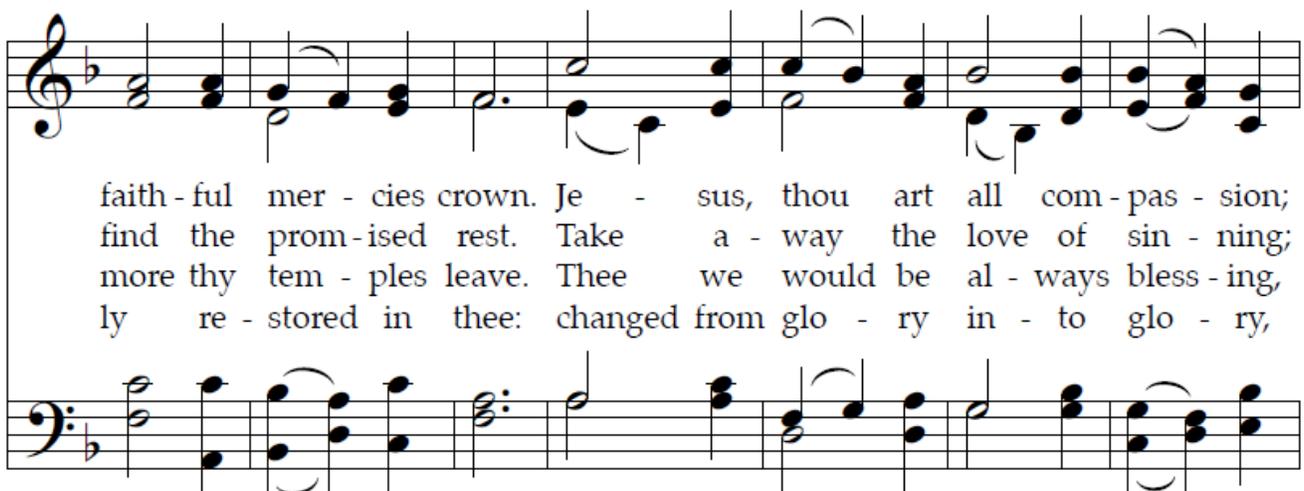
*If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

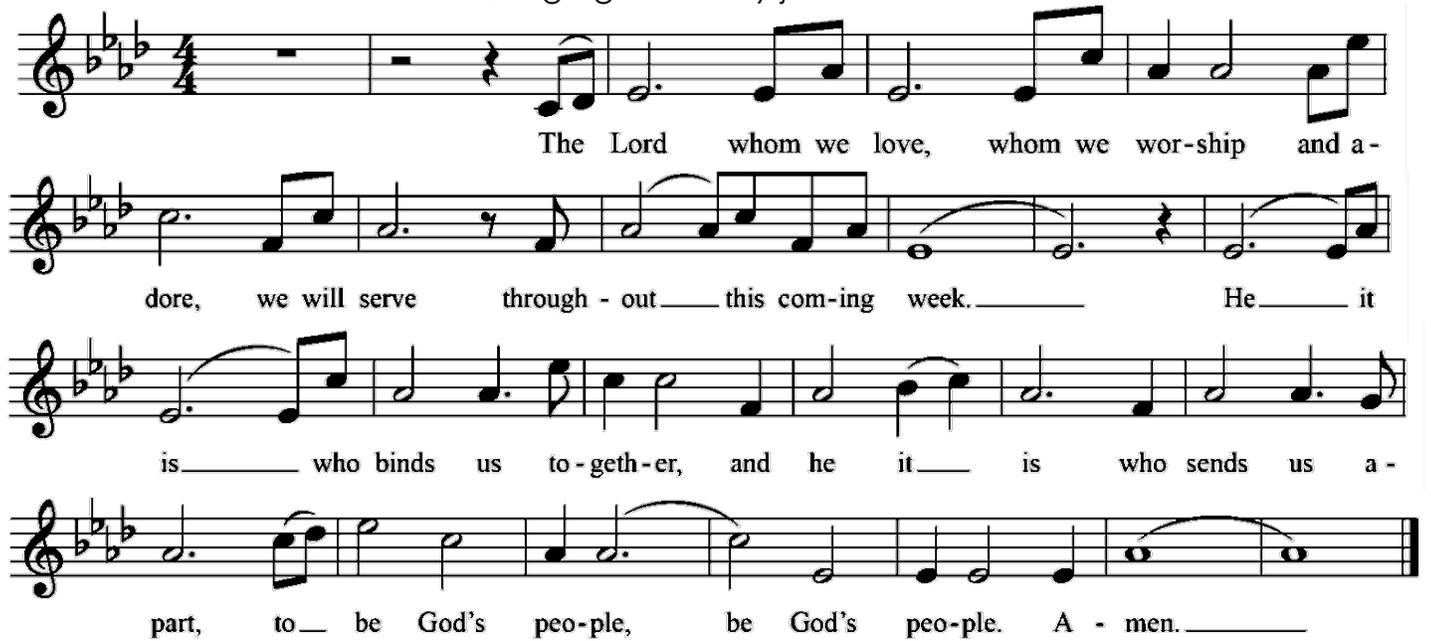


faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

\* 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  
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.

\* POSTLUDE

**"Scherzo"**

Felix Mendelssohn

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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