



FIFTH SUNDAY
in
LENT

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"I Just Want to Be Where You Are"

arr. Mark Hayes

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 130)

Linda Franke

Leader: Out of the depths, we call to you, O Lord.

People: Let your ears hear our supplication.

Leader: We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

People: We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

* OPENING SONG

“Cry of My Heart”

Terry Butler

It is the cry of my heart to follow You
 It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
 It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life
 Teach me Your holy ways, Oh Lord, so I can walk in Your truth
 Teach my Your holy ways, Oh Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You

It is the cry of my heart to follow You
 It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
 It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life
 Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do
 Open my heart up more and more and make it wholly devoted to You

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 It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
 It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Linda Franke

Leader: Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then silently, to confess our sin:

All: God, we are a busy people. We become preoccupied with the demands of our work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.

silence

Leader: “If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that’s why you’re worshiped.” Psalm 130 Friends, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“We Are Forgiven”

No. 447
Glory to God

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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.)

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

SERMON

Looking in All the Right (or Wrong) Places

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

“Breathe on Us”

Kari Jobe & Ed Cash

There is a shaking, let hearts awaken.
Our God is moving, forever changing us.
There is a trembling, there is revival.
The sound of worship so great and glorious.
Holy Spirit, hear us now

Breathe on us, Holy Fire fall
Come and fill this place with Your presence
Like a rushing wind, send Your Spirit here
Breath of Heaven, breathe on us.
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Come breathe on us. Come breathe on us. Come breathe on us.

Lift up your hands and shout, the Lord is with us now.
Lift up your voice and sing, He is holy
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MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Bob Curtis

OFFERING AND PRAYER

“Prayer for Guidance (Psalm 25)”

Beth Lindley and Keith Atwater

Teach me Your ways, make them known unto me.
 Teach me to live according to Your truth.
 Because You are my Savior, all day long I trust in You.

O remember your kindness and constant love
 Which You have shown from long ago.
 Forgive the sins and errors of my youth.
 Remember me O Lord.

Teach me Your ways, make them known unto me.
 Teach me to live according to Your truth.
 Because You are my Savior, all day long,
 All day long, all day long I trust in You.
 Teach me Your ways.
 Teach me Your ways, O Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: As we join together in prayer, take a moment now to slow down and center. Let go of the stresses and distractions that stand between you and God. Take a few deep breaths. Let your body and mind relax; feel the warm embrace of God. Let us pray.

Almighty God, we live in troubled times. There are conflicts amongst people within the borders of our country, within other nations, and between nations. As opinions differ, the way forward becomes blurred. Many fear for their safety and even for their survival of body, mind, and soul. Peace for many appears distant and unattainable. Wars continue to rage resulting in death and trauma.

Newspapers are full of troubling news. We are bombarded daily with news of the struggles of many in our communities. Many aspects of our lives that once seemed stable are now in turmoil. Much of this is frightening as we try to understand the future. Even the present time feels unpredictable.

God, hear us now as we lay before you our worries and our fear, confident in the healing and guiding presence of your Holy Spirit.

Lord, guide our minds and open our eyes to see your presence among us.

We pray that you be with those who are suffering – from wars, from natural disasters, from economic unpredictability. Be with those who endure social injustice, political turmoil, and violence. May they find comfort, strength, and guidance in your presence.

Be with the leaders of our cities, our states, our country, and the nations of the world. Guide their thoughts and actions towards peaceful solutions to problems that are tearing us apart. May they find strength and courage in your presence. Open our eyes to be faithful stewards of your creation. May we see the needs of those around us and the ways in which we can work towards peace and justice. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, with whom we entrust all our prayers and who taught us to pray by 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.

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

Fine

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

to Refrain

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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