



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 29, 2026**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Dunn

Leader: "Hosanna!" They shouted. "Save us!"

**People: "Hosanna!" We're shouting. "Save us!"**

Leader: Savior, ride into our hearts again.

**People: wash us with excitement and hope,**

Leader: give us a reason to praise

**People: and to shout again, "Hosanna! Hosanna!"**

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.  
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bill Dunn

Leader: When we say, "We don't sin," we deny who we are. But when we say, "There's no way out," we deny who God is. Trusting that God's grace is more powerful than our sin, let us confess our sins together.

**All: Holy Christ, we confess that amidst all the Palm Sunday crowds, we find ourselves in more turmoil than triumph. Our faith is unsteady. Our wisdom is eroding. Our resolve is shaken. Our mercy is hardening. Our hope is weakening. Come again and save us from these sins. Give us strength to follow you, our humble Savior, our wise fool, our all in all.**

*silence*

Leader: Hear this promise: Jesus has set his face toward the cross.

**People: Nothing we can do can deter him.**

Leader: He has determined that we are worth saving.

**People: By the power of the cross, by the power of wondrous love, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Restore in Us, O God"

No. 434  
Glory to God

1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;  
re - new your im-age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

ANTHEM

"Lift Your Voice"

Susan Boersma & David Lantz III

Sanctuary Choir

Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet! Clap your hands, sing for joy, shout with the people of God!  
Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet! Clap your hands, sing for joy, shout with the people of God!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

See, He comes! See, He comes, riding on a donkey, Israel's king,  
Jesus Christ, comes in the name of the Lord, comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet! Blessed be the King! Praise the living God! Glory in the highest!  
Praise the living God, Glory in the highest! Stand and shout! Stand and shout "Hosanna!"

Lift your voice! Lift it like a trumpet! Clap your hands, sing for joy, shout with the people of God!  
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the King! Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Lo, He Comes"

John Horman

Waterfall Singers - Nancy Studer, Director; Marianne Lowenthal, Accompanist

Lo, he comes! Sing we "Hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!  
Lo, he comes! Sing we "Hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Enter his gates with shouts of thanksgiving, into his courts with songs of praise.  
Come let us march in glad procession, loud Hosannas now we raise.

Lo, he comes! Sing we "Hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!  
Lo, he comes! Sing we "Hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Open your heart and welcome the Savior. Join with the song that has no end.  
This is the day for which we have waited, the coming of our Lord is surely at hand.

Lo, he comes! Sing we "Hosanna!" Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!  
Lo, he comes! Let us sing to the, sing to the Lord!

## 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.)*

\* SONG

### **"More Than Amazing"**

Lincoln Brewster & Mia Fieldes

You're the One who walked on water and you calmed the raging seas  
You command the highest mountains to fall upon their knees.  
You're the One who welcomed sinners and you opened blinded eyes  
You restored the brokenhearted and you brought the dead to life  
Forgetting all our sins, You remember all Your promises  
You are amazing, more than amazing  
Forever our God, You're more than enough. You are amazing  
With authority You've spoken and You've set the captive free  
You're the King who came to serve and You're the God who washed our feet  
You're the One who took our burdens and you bled upon the cross  
In Your kindness and Your mercy You became the way for us  
Forgetting all our sins, You remember all Your promises  
You are amazing, more than amazing  
Forever our God, You're more than enough  
You are amazing, more than amazing  
Forever our God, You're more than enough  
Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful!  
Oh, how glorious! You are amazing  
Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful!  
Oh, how glorious You are!  
You are amazing, more than amazing  
Forever our God, You're more than enough

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: <sup>5</sup>"Tell the daughter of Zion, look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; <sup>7</sup>they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>10</sup>When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

\* HYMN

**“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!”**

No. 198  
*Glory to God*

1 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the  
 2 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly  
 3 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of  
 4 Ride on! ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; thy hum - ble beast pur -  
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, thy tri - umphs  
 an - gels in the sky look down with sad and  
 pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to

sues its road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.  
 won - dering eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 mor - tal pain; then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

arr. Larry Shackley

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

Pastor: Holy Lord, Holy Friend, we lift our hearts to you. We remember that prayer is not merely our privilege but a necessity, that we need to reach out to you and be centered in your love and peace. Hold us gently as we pray, and speak to us in turn, that we may answer prayer in your name.

Jesus, we believe that all things are created in you, and that you are in everything, what we can see and what we can't. And yet creation is wounded today, just as you were wounded on the cross. We pray for those suffering from violence across the globe and in our own communities. We pray that those wounds, like your wounds, would not go to waste, but would be a turning point towards healing. May we respond to suffering, not with the ridicule and sarcasm of the Roman soldiers who taunted you on the cross, but with compassion and love so great that all people become reconciled. We long to see a world resurrected from its pain — to see people gather without fear, trusting that they will hold each other in respect and love.

We pray also today — and this is hard to do, but it was your commandment — for those who have killed and wounded others this week. We pray that we might work to heal their wounds as well, and the wounds of the communities they come from, that they might not fester with such hatred and cruelty. Help us not to return evil with evil but to look at even the person whose actions horrify us as one whom you have placed in our care. Help us do this; it is more than what we can do alone.

Jesus, as we remember that you have reconciled the whole world to yourself through the cross, help us also remember that you touched so many individual lives in your ministry. As we pray and work for peace between nations and cultures, we also pray for peace between every individual person. Teach us to gently call out behavior that demeans or bullies another; teach us to ask lovingly for what we need; teach us to share each other's load. If we are overwhelmed by the hatred in the world, teach us to be kind to the people in our reach. If we are overwhelmed by the fear in the world, teach us to be brave in following you. If we are overwhelmed by all that needs to be done, teach us to tackle one piece at a time. In the midst of so much hard news, we pray our gratitude for the flashes of joy, peace and freedom that you bestow on us — for time with family and friends, for lengthening spring days and life springing up all around us, for the dedication of the members of this church to its mission, and most of all, for your presence among us. In the week ahead, we ask that you help us focus on you. Hold us together when we begin to spin apart, just as you keep the world spinning on its axis. Teach us not to blind ourselves to either suffering or salvation. Give us courage to see this life of faith through.

And now we offer the prayer that your people have prayed for millennia, which has carried us through all the violence and fear and peace and healing of the years, the prayer Jesus himself offered to us:

**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.**

**“Only King Forever”**

Steven Furtick, Chris Brown,  
Wade Joye and Mack Brock

Our God a firm foundation  
Our rock, the only solid ground  
As nations rise and fall  
Kingdoms once strong now shaken  
But we trust forever in Your Name  
The Name of Jesus  
We trust the Name of Jesus

You are the only King forever. Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever. Forevermore, You are victorious  
You are the only King forever. Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever. Forevermore, You are victorious

Unmatched in all Your wisdom  
In love and justice You will reign  
And every knee will bow  
We bring our expectations  
Our hope is anchored in Your Name  
The Name of Jesus  
We trust the Name of Jesus

You are the only King forever.  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever.  
Forevermore, You are victorious  
You are the only King forever.  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever.  
Forevermore, You are victorious

We lift our banner high  
We lift the Name of Jesus  
From age to age You reign  
Your kingdom has no end  
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From age to age You reign  
Your kingdom has no end

You are the only King forever.  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever.  
Forevermore, You are victorious  
You are the only King forever.  
Almighty God we lift You higher  
You are the only King forever.  
Forevermore, You are victorious

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Today we have hailed you as our champion.

**People: Tomorrow distractions will overtake us, and our enthusiasm may fade.**

Pastor: Help us keep our eyes on you this week:

**People: on Monday, when you clear the temple of greed and deceit;**

Pastor: on Tuesday, when you challenge our comfort and ease;

**People: on Wednesday, the last day before the world tilts;**

Pastor: on Thursday, when you wash your disciples' feet, and promise us a new covenant of your own body and blood, and are betrayed and arrested while you pray;

**People: on Friday, when you are examined, found guilty, executed, and plead with your last breath for our forgiveness;**

Pastor: on Saturday, when you lie dead in the tomb, and it seems all is lost.

**People: The story is ancient but the promises are fresh. So keep our eyes on you this week, and bring us back together on Sunday, when we will see what God has done.**

Pastor: And now, may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of God's Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

\* POSTLUDE

**"Processional on 'Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven'"**

arr. Don Hustad

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Music Director: Keith Atwater

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Bass: Merlyn Van Regenmorter

Vocals: Karen Gray, Beth Lindley, and Julie Ueltzen

