



THIRD SUNDAY
in
LENT

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 8, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

"Sing a Song of Thanks and Joy"

Hal H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

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In constant watch it speaks of God, unchanging, ever new.

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Sing songs of thanks, sing songs of joy! Sing with thanks and joy!

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 95:1-7)

Debbie Nordeen

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God and a great ruler above all gods. In God's hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

People: The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2 O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love:
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form;
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Debbie Nordeen

Leader: As we wander through the wilderness of Lent, we come closer and closer to confronting human sin, both our own sin and our collective sin. It is with honesty about how we have hurt others and hurt ourselves, that we can move closer to the healing that God wills for us. Confession allows us to exercise such honesty, knowing that the God who hears us is the God who already loves us. Therefore, we need not fear confession, but draw near to the love of God, in honesty and candor, first together, and then in silence.

All: **God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean into what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake.**

silence

Leader: Who is to condemn?

Romans 8:34

People: **It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised, who is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Remember Not, O God"

No. 430
Glory to God

O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, and glo - ri - fy your name;
de - liv - er us from all our sins and take a - way our shame.

ANTHEM

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

David Eddleman

Sanctuary Choir

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

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

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

No. 182
Glory to God

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 4:5-42

⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

SERMON

What's Your Story?

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"Only You Satisfy"

Jami Smith & Janet Hubbell

Living Water, Bread of Life

Satisfy us, satisfy us

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Satisfy us, satisfy us

Living Water, Bread of Life

Satisfy us, satisfy us

Jesus, open up my heart

Jesus, open up my mind

Jesus, open up my life

Jesus, 'cause only you satisfy

You are the Christ, You are the blood

You are the Holy Spirit living in us

You are the truth, You are the life

You are the bread; only you satisfy

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OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Prelude in E minor"

J.S. Bach

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Eternal God, you have reached out to us so often, so persistently, and we know of your love for us from so many sources, that we know as well that we may draw near to you with the needs of our hearts. And so we do, not as distant followers held at arms-length, but as beloved children, held close.

We come to you this morning with our concerns. For world affairs beyond our control, we pray for your mercy. For the people of Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Gaza, and the Middle East, we pray for peace, knowing that you alone are the source of Shalom, the peaceable kingdom. Where there are those in harm's way, we pray for protection. Where we harbor enmity and prejudice, we pray for awareness and grace for ourselves that we may learn forgiveness. Teach us how we may serve you more fully in ways we cannot even imagine.

We pray for needs closer to home, for our own community. Through this season of Lent, we ask that you would open our eyes to the needs that are on our very doorstep. May we see those and others whose names are known to you, and offer compassion and goodwill. We pray for victims of violence, and gun violence in particular. We pray for all who practice the healing arts, for their endurance and for their safety.

We pray as well for ourselves, our own material and spiritual needs. Where our members suffer from illness and affliction, grant your healing touch, bringing wholeness. For any in our midst who suffer from depression or addiction, give us understanding and compassion. For those who are lonely, may we be a place of friendship, a warm haven where love is shared.

We make this and all of our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, 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.

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

“Mighty to Save”

Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

Everyone needs compassion, a love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save, mighty to save

Forever, Author of salvation,

He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as you find me, all my fears and failures

And fill my life again

I give my life to follow, everything I believe in

Now I surrender, I surrender

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save, mighty to save

Forever, Author of salvation,

He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory of the risen King Jesus

Shine your light and let the whole world sing

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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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