



## **CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**April 26, 2026**

**Livestream & In-Person**

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

**"The Wonder of Creation"**

Jon Paige and Patricia Mock

Sanctuary Choir & St. Mark's Choir

arr. Patti Drennan

Tom Roehr, trumpet

O the wonder of creation, sacred gifts from God on high;  
All the glories of God's love, the miracle of life.

The ancient mountains rise in praise, cathedrals to God's amazing ways.  
In reverent awe, I stand amazed. How majestic is your name.

O the wonder of creation, nature wakes to celebrate.  
As the dew forms on the ground to water all God has made.

The sunshine offers morning light. The stars illumine evening skies.  
In rev'rent awe, I stand amazed. How majestic is your name.

Creator God, who made the earth, the air, the sky, the sea,  
who gave the night its distant light, for all the world to see.

O the wonder of creation, seasons changing by design.  
Summer blooms and winter snow all mark God's plan and time.  
For ev'ry creature, great and small, proclaims the glorious Lord of all.  
In reverent awe, I stand amazed. How majestic is your name.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Dunn

Leader: Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

**People: Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!**

Leader: Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

**People: Let us feel the presence of the God's grace and love!**

Leader: O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

**People: Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!**

\* OPENING SONG

**"Your Grace Is Enough"**

Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart  
So remember Your people, remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, Oh God  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.  
Great is your love and justice, God our maker  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of our salvation  
And all Your people sing along  
So remember Your people, remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, Oh God  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.  
So remember Your people, remember Your children  
Remember Your promise, Oh God  
Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us  
Your grace is enough for me. God, I see  
Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bill Dunn

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me." In confession, we trust God to know us fully: the good and the bad, the faithful and the sinful. But we also know God's faithfulness, God's mercy, and God's power to redeem us and lead us into new life. Trusting in this promise, let us confess our sins together. John 10:14

**All:** **Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ's redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore.**

*silence*

Leader: The proof God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

**People: Alleluia! Amen!**

\* 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.

ANTHEM

**"Come Home"** from Sufi chant *The Ocean Refuses No River & Like a Rock* by Keri Wehlander & Linnea Good  
arr. & additional music by Jim Strathdee

Sanctuary Choir and St. Mark's Choir  
Elena Bennett, violin

*The ocean refuses no river. —Sufi Chant*

Like a rock, God is under our feet.  
 Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.  
 Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.  
 Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God ever more.

The ocean refuses no river.

Like a rock, God is under our feet.  
 Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.  
 Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.  
 Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God ever more. Come home.

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

**“God of Wonders”**

Marc Byrd & Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty,  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night  
God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty,  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth  
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SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SERMON

***Authentically Church***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

"I Come with Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**“The Gift to Be Simple”**

Linda & Dale Wood

Sanctuary Choir & St. Mark's Choir

arr. Dale Wood

Bev Harris, clarinet; Jenny DeVries, Cathy Galvin, & Jane Magaw, handchimes

It's a gift to be simple, it's a gift to be kind,  
it's a gift to smile and to share a happy mind.

It's a gift from our God when we go on our way with a joyful song at the start of the day.

But the gift to be simple and the gift to be kind  
are the gifts which only open hearts will find.

Yet these gifts from our God can be found ev'ry day when we look around and we share joyful praise.

Love, Love! It's a gift to be kind.

It's a gift when we smile, when we share a happy mind.

Love, Love! We go on our way with a joyful song at the start of the day.

It's a gift to be simple, it's a gift to be kind,  
it's a gift to smile and to share a happy mind.

It's a gift from our God when we go on our way with a joyful song at the start of the day.

Love, Love! It's a gift to be kind.

It's a gift when we smile, when we share a happy mind.

Love, Love! We go on our way with a joyful song at the close of the day.

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious and Loving God, through your son and our savior Jesus Christ you have removed every barrier between our deep needs and your abundant providence. Fling wide heaven's gates, and allow the prayers and intentions of your people to be received.

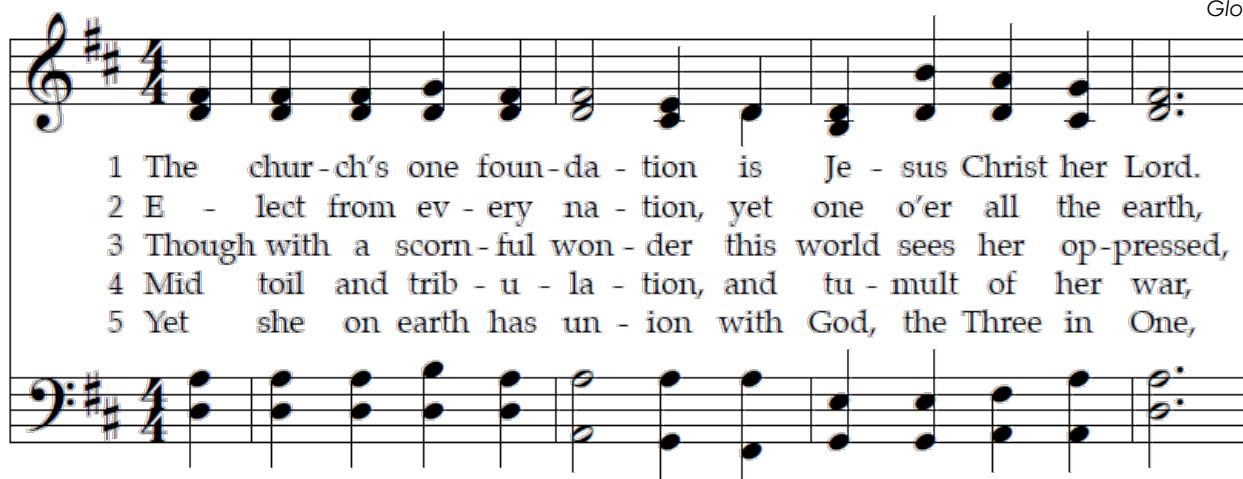
You have promised us steadfast love and abiding presence; make us more aware of this divine reality. As we journey through this life, walk along with us. Abide with us in every season, every place along the way. Protect us in the valleys when we are afraid, wounded or grieved. Join us in celebration and wonder in the mountaintop moments too.

Holy Jesus, you know us by name; hear us now as we lift up those who need your tender care.

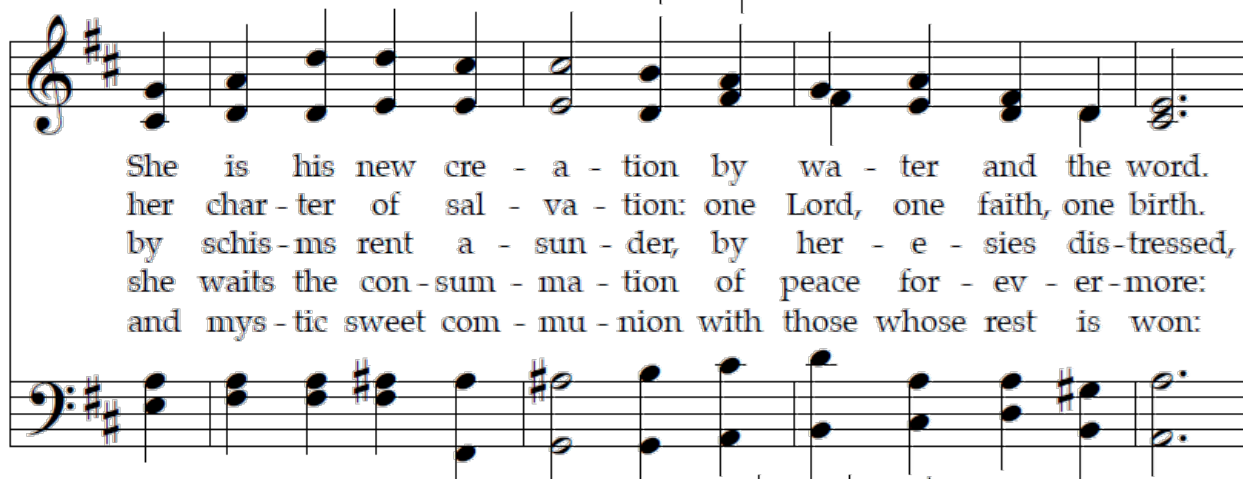
Even as we concentrate on the road you have laid before us, lift our eyes to see the sheep who are not of this fold. Teach us, like Christ, to look around, and see those on the margins whom you love. Help us to see your shared likeness in those across the table, whom we consider our enemies. Enable us to be repairers of the breach, opening gates, building bridges, and extending hospitality around Christ's table, so that all God's children may gather and be fed.

Assure us, once again, that your goodness and your mercy go ahead of us, move with us, and follow behind us, urging us onwards in the path of righteousness to greener pastures, still waters, and the restoration of all creation. In the name of the Good Shepherd, we pray, and join our voices in the prayer he taught his sheep:

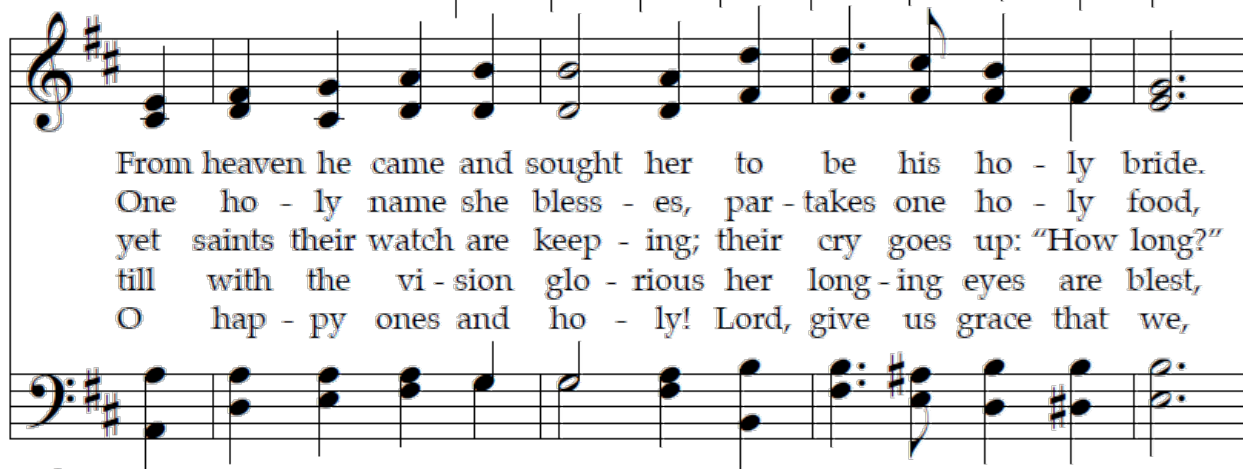
**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



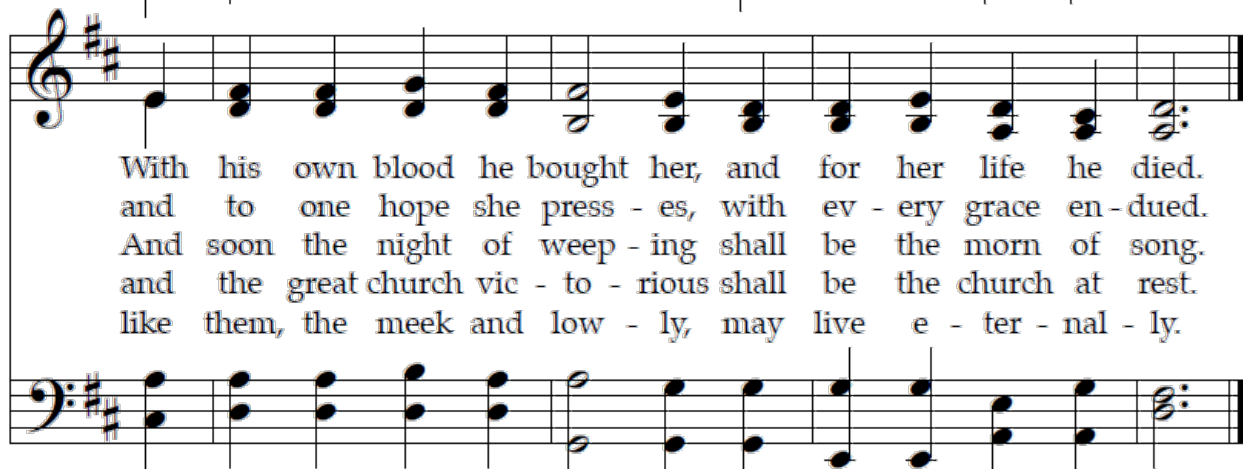
1 The chur - ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,



She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.  
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,



With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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