



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 10, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Chorale and Variation"

Ovid Young

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Sharleen Millering

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Leader: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.

People: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ous of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Harmony

with sil-ver gleam, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sharleen Millering

Leader: As we continue our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are called to repent, remembering that the promise of Jesus Christ is for us, and for all of creation. Confident in God's grace, let's pray together.

All: **Creator of the earth and all living things, maker of the sky and the air and the breath of life, we are your servant people, created out of the earth itself. We forget that we are your creatures and we play at being gods. We neglect the work of stewardship that you have provided for our occupation and our joy. We have used, abused, and abandoned those things that you have created for your delight. You have created a fragile world in a perfect and delicate balance. Thinking too much of our own importance we have upset the balance. We ask your forgiveness and yearn to join with the mountains and valleys, the rocks and the birds of the wild ocean waters in singing your praises.**

silence

Leader: Despite everything we do, God loves us. This grace is why we can dare to hope.

People: **We will witness to this hope in every word we speak to every person we meet. Great is God's faithfulness! We are forgiven!**

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 39
Glory to God

3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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

"Goodness of God"

Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram,
Ben Fielding and Brian Johnson

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

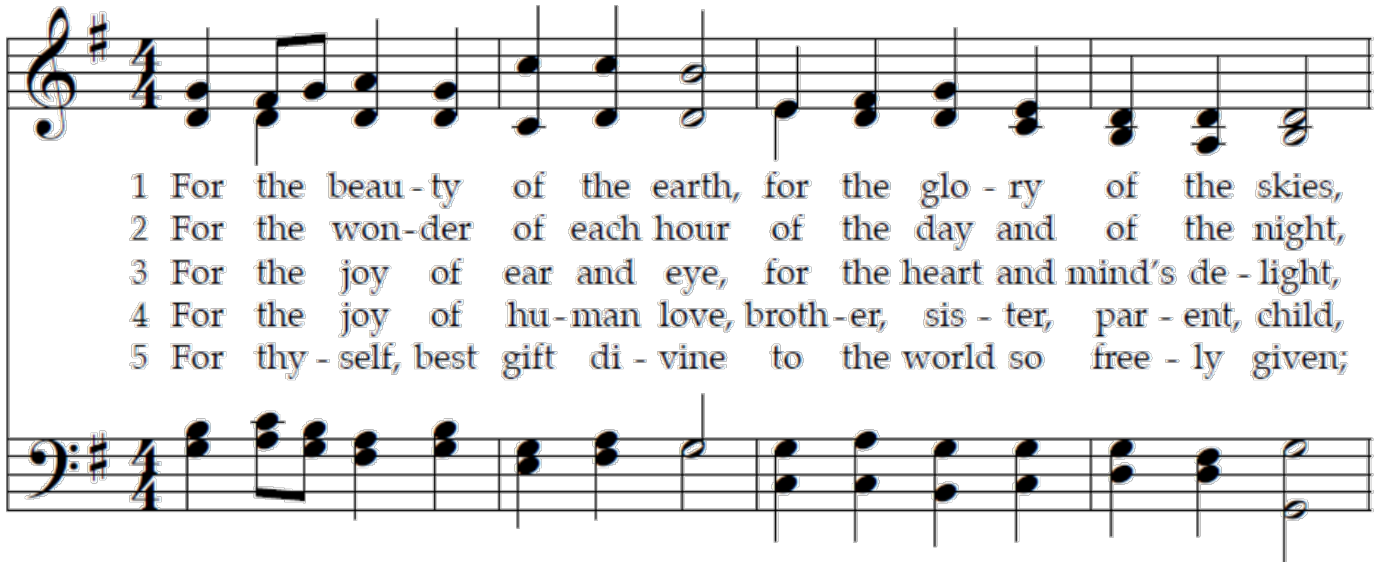
'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

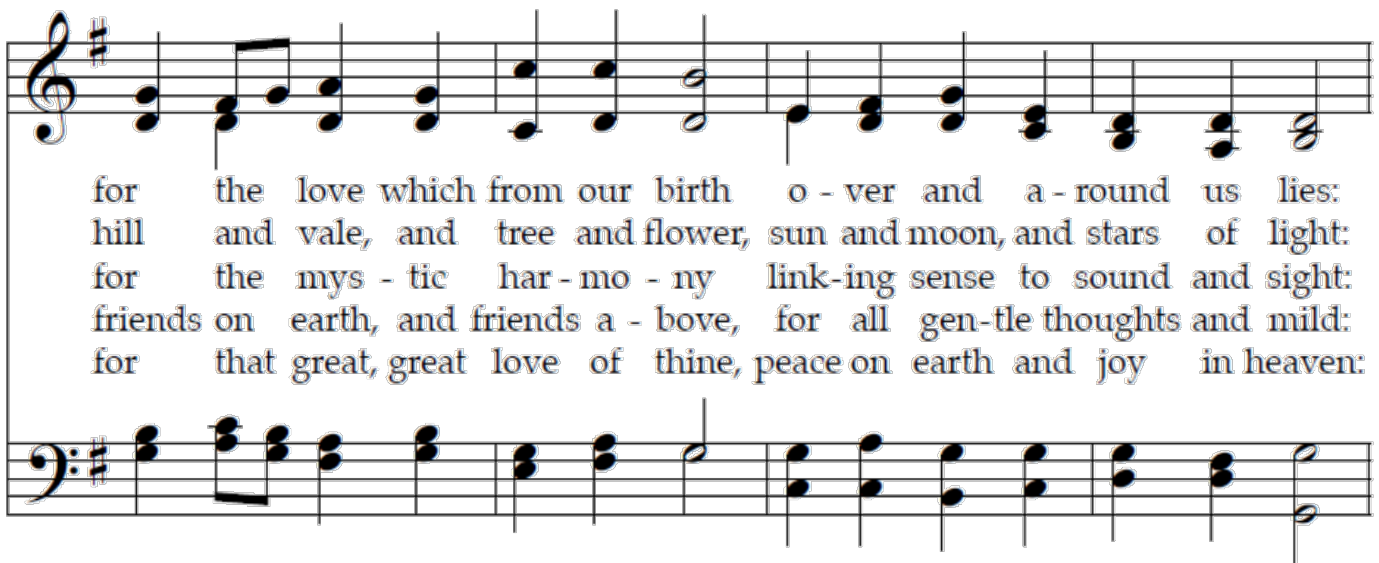
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The Engineering and Art of Offspring

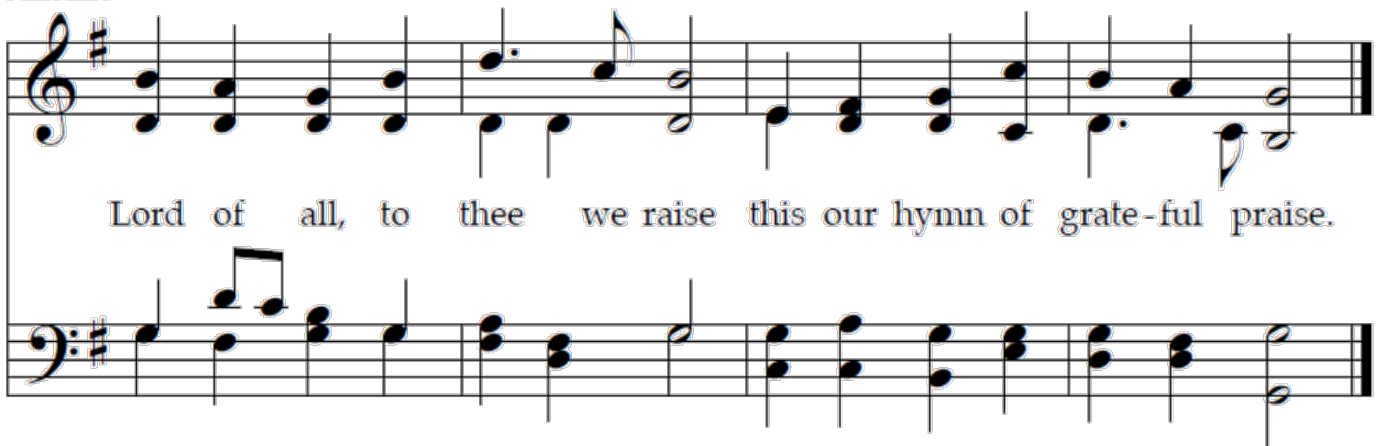
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1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain


Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Mark Hayes

LAP ROBE BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, on this Mother's Day, we are mindful of the tremendous calling of being a mother, and we thank you for our mothers: biological, adoptive, and in community, who have nurtured and cared for us, fed us and led us, selflessly served us and rooted us on. What a gift they have been, and we thank you for those faithful women you have placed in our lives. For those whose mothers have passed from this life, we ask your compassion and comfort and look forward to that glad reunion to come. We pray for mothers who are struggling right now with all the demands of motherhood: on sleepless nights with uncomforted newborns, with exploring toddlers and shy preschoolers, with curious elementary students and youth wrestling with identity and independence. Give these mothers wisdom and patience, perseverance and strength, along with much-needed rest. We pray for mothers of adult children that they will know how to best share experience without being bossy, how to support and encourage without inhibiting growth.

We pray for those women who wanted children but did not or could not bear them, that you would remind them of their great value and purpose when judged by the world. We pray for women undergoing infertility treatments, that you would make procedures successful and bless their homes with the laughter of children, as is their great hope. And lastly, mothering God, we pray for all those who did not have a great relationship with their own mother and for all needing tender, loving care this morning: the sick, the outcast, the dying, and the grieving. Remind us of your unconditional love for us, your desire to gather us as a mother hen gathers her chicks, and your stubborn refusal, like any nursing mother, to forget her own.

We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus, who cared for his mother and whose mother stayed with him to the very end on the cross, and we pray as he taught 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.

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

“All You Works of God”

Marty Haugen

All you works of God, every mountain, star, and tree
Bless the One who shapes your beauty, who has caused you all to be
One great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever new
Raise your voices, all you works of God
Sun and moon, bless your maker
Stars of heaven, chant your praise
Showers and dew, raise up your joyful song
All you works of God, every mountain, star, and tree
Bless the One who shapes your beauty, who has caused you all to be
One great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever new
Raise your voices, all you works of God
All the earth, bless your maker
Hills and mountains, chant your praise
Green things that grow, raise up your joyful song
All you works of God, every mountain, star, and tree
Bless the One who shapes your beauty, who has caused you all to be
One great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever new
Raise your voices, all you works of God
Flying birds, bless your maker
Beasts and cattle, chant your praise
Children at play, raise up your joyful song
All you works of God, every mountain, star, and tree
Bless the One who shapes your beauty, who has caused you all to be
One great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever new
Raise your voices, all you works of God
Raise your voices, all you works of God

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Please be seated following the postlude for a brief congregational meeting.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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