



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 17, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

“Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In”

Traditional Spiritual

Waterfall Singers

Nancy Studer, director; Marianne Lowenthal, accompanist

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

Maya Calderon

Leader: Question 1. Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Leader: Question 2. What does it mean to be a child of God?

People: That I belong to God, who loves me.

Leader: Question 3. What makes you a child of God?

People: Grace - God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Leader: Question 4. Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

People: No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

Leader: Question 5. How do you thank God for this gift of love?

People: I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.

Leader: Question 6. How do you love God?

People: By worshipping God, by loving others, and by respecting what God has created.



1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the
 2 Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence, from the
 3 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our



midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the
 shad - ows in - to your ra - diance; by the blood I may
 fac - es dis - play your like - ness; ev - er chang - ing from



World, shine up - on us; set us free by the truth you now
 en - ter your bright-ness. Search me; try me; con - sume all my
 glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our lives tell your



bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.
 dark - ness. Shine on me; shine on me.
 sto - ry. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine; fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry.



Blaze, Spir - it, blaze; set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow; flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy.



Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

CONFESSION AND PARDON (from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

Zora Leslie

Leader: Question 7. What did God create?

People: God created all that is, seen and unseen.

Leader: Question 8. What is special about human beings?

People: God made us, male and female, in the image of God.

Leader: Question 9. What does it mean that we are made in God's image?

People: It means we are made to reflect God's goodness, wisdom and love.

Leader: Question 10. Why, then, do we human beings often act in destructive and hateful ways?

People: Because we have turned away from God and fallen into sin.

Leader: Question 11. What is sin?

People: Sin is closing our hearts to God and disobeying God's law.

Leader: Question 12. What are the results of sin?

People: Our relationship with God is broken. All our relations with others are confused.

Leader: Question 13. How does God deal with us as sinners?

People: God hates our sin, but never stops loving us.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be My Guide"

Betty Ann Ramseth

Waterfall Singers

Every day I travel the unknown road of life,
Meeting crossroads all along the way.
Every day I wonder where the road may turn,
What surprises wait for me today?
Life's a great adventure and everywhere I roam
I pray that God will be my guide
And lead me safely home.

Life's a great adventure with sometimes sunny skies,
Daisies swaying gently in the breeze.
Life's a great adventure with sudden thunder storms
Lashing out with rain that bends the trees.
Life's a great adventure and everywhere I roam
I pray that God will be my guide
And lead me safely home.

Every day is special, every day brand new.
There's so much to see and learn and do.
Lots of friends around me. Won't you come along?
Won't you share my journey and my song?
Life's a great adventure and everywhere I roam
I pray that God will be my guide
And lead me safely home.

I pray that God will stand by my side
And lead me safely home. Be my guide.

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

STEPPING STONES QUILT PRESENTATION

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still You're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side.
I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Gabe Calderon
Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

MESSAGE

Reflecting the Light

Michael Lombrano

VIDEO PRESENTATION

* SONG

“Words”

Seth Mosley, John Steingard,
and Matthew Hammitt

They've made me feel like a prisoner,
They've made me feel set free.
They've made me feel like a criminal,
Made me feel like a king.
They've lifted my heart to places I've never been,
And they've dragged me down back to where I began,
Words can build you up, words can break you down,
Start a fire in your heart or put it out.
Let my words be life. Let my words be truth.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You
You can heal the heartache,
Speak over the fear
God, Your voice is the only thing we need to hear
Words can build us up, words can break us down,
Start a fire in our hearts or put it out.
Let my words be life. Let my words be truth.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You
Let the words I say be the sound of Your grace.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You
I want to speak Your love, not just another noise.
I want to be Your light, I want to be Your voice
Let my words be life. Let my words be truth.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You
Let the words I say be the sound of Your grace.
I don't want to say a word
Unless it points the world back to You

OFFERING AND PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Holy God, you have blessed us so we can share those blessings with others. We are your beloved children and you want to hear us pray. Even if our words fail, you hear and know our hearts.

We pray for the world and all that are in it. You made universe from the overflowing of your love. There is not a blade of grass, not a bird or animal that is not precious to you. All of it is precious in your eyes. Make us mindful of what it means to be stewards of the earth.

We pray for the people of the world, particularly for those who live under threat of violence and war. You call us to lives of wholeness. We pray for this nation. Whatever our differences, we pray for honesty and integrity in our leaders.

We pray for this city and county, for all who are poor, hungry, or live without shelter. Show us the ways that make for harmony and wellbeing. Open our hearts to serve our community. Hear our prayers for those who are lonely.

Be with those who suffer violence in our communities, particularly the victims of gun violence. Teach us to be a voice of peace, always. We pray for our neighborhoods and schools and homes. May your countless gifts of love enable us to love each other.

We pray for the church. May we be fed, and in being fed, may we feed others. This is why you have made us. Now, with the confidence of children of God, we pray as Jesus 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.

* CLOSING SONG

"Go Now in Peace"

Natalie Sleeth

Waterfall Singers

(Congregation, please join in)

Go now in peace, go now in peace
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Call to Worship, Confession and Pardon from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*. Approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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FOR NOTES, DOODLES, AND OTHER CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS

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