



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 28, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

“This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Mark Hayes

* CALL TO WORSHIP

John Wallace

Leader: God calls us beyond fear and into faithful action.

People: We trust the One who guides courageous hearts.

Leader: Ruth spoke with clarity and confidence when the path ahead was uncertain.

People: We also dare to act, placing our trust in God's steadfast love.

Leader: God meets us with bold and unexpected grace.

People: Let us worship with courage, hope, and hearts ready to respond.

* OPENING SONG

“Today Is the Day”

Lincoln Brewster & Paul Baloche

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day!

I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day!

I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You
I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm giving You my fears and sorrow.
Where You lead me, I will follow. I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day! Today is the day! Today is the day!
Today is the day! Today is the day!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John Wallace

Leader: We have been called to love our God with all our heart, mind, strength and soul and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but our lives are constricted and self-consumed. We have failed to love God, our neighbor and ourselves as we should. Let us make the good confession before God and others.

All: God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. Yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety, and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. We have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children.

silence

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be your people.

People: Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Keith Green

Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me.

ANTHEM

“See the Brilliant Glow Before Us”

Diane Hannibal, arr. Roger Thornhill

Sanctuary Choir

See the brilliant glow before us. Jesus shines in bright array.
On the mountain in His glory Light of God in full display.
In a cloud of shining splendor, prophets standing by His side.
Come and see the holy wonder, Light of God the living Christ!
Hear the words of God the Father: “With my son I am well pleased.”
Come and hear His voice of calm assurance.
Come and know His perfect peace.
Jesus lead us with your wisdom. Spirit help us to obey.
Guide us to a life of service, blessing others in your name.
Jesus shine Your light upon us.
Bathe us in Your dazzling light. Let us all reflect your glory.
Learning, burning, beaming bright, beaming bright!
See the brilliant glow before us, light and love of perfect grace.
Jesus shines in perfect glory, light of God upon His face.
In a cloud of shining splendor, prophets standing by His side.
Praise His name in holy splendor, Light of God the Living Christ!
Light of God the Living Christ! Behold the living Christ!

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 Room 206.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 3:1-18

¹Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, shouldn’t I seek security for you, so that things might go well for you? ²Now isn’t Boaz, whose young women you were with, our relative? Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. ³You should bathe, put on some perfume, wear nice clothes, and then go down to the threshing floor. Don’t make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down, notice the place where he is lying. Then go, uncover his feet, and lie down. And he will tell you what to do.”

⁵Ruth replied to her, “I’ll do everything you are telling me.”

⁶So she went down to the threshing floor, and she did everything just as her mother-in-law had ordered.

⁷Boaz ate and drank, and he was in a good mood. He went over to lie down by the edge of the grain pile. Then she quietly approached, uncovered his legs, and lay down. ⁸During the middle of the night, the man shuddered and turned over—and there was a woman lying at his feet. ⁹“Who are you?” he asked.

She replied, “I’m Ruth your servant. Spread out your robe over your servant, because you are a redeemer.”

¹⁰He said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter! You have acted even more faithfully than you did at first. You haven’t gone after rich or poor young men. ¹¹And now, my daughter, don’t be afraid. I’ll do for you everything you are asking. Indeed, my people—all who are at the gate—know that you are a woman of worth. ¹²Now, although it’s certainly true that I’m a redeemer, there’s a redeemer who is a closer relative than I am. ¹³Stay the night. And in the morning, if he’ll redeem you—good, let him redeem. But if he doesn’t want to redeem you, then—as the Lord lives—I myself will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.”

¹⁴So she lay at his feet until morning. Then she got up before one person could recognize another, for he had said, “No one should know that the woman came to the threshing floor.” ¹⁵He said, “Bring the cloak that you have on and hold it out.” She held it out, and he measured out six measures of barley and placed it upon her. Then she went into town.

¹⁶She came to her mother-in-law, who said, “How are you, my daughter?”

So Ruth told her everything the man had done for her. ¹⁷She said, “He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said to me, ‘Don’t go away empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’”

¹⁸“Sit tight, my daughter,” Naomi replied, “until you know how it turns out. The man won’t rest until he resolves the matter today.”

SERMON

Daring to Act

Pastor Ivan N. Herman



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the



days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Offertory (Micah 6:6-8)”

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you

But to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: O God, you have commanded us to reach across deep divides and challenged us to love our enemies. You have also called us to pursue justice, stand with the marginalized, and call out evil, especially when we have been complicit in it. You have called us not only to refrain from violence but also to refrain from hurtful and unkind words. Indeed, you have called us to ponder deep flourishing for all your children and for our planet. Empower us to live by your way in the world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy one, help us embody your peace in the world. We know too well our divisions based on gender, race, sexuality and class, but help us bear witness to a different reality. Help us begin the process of healing and deliverance. Help us form new ways of being in mutuality, love and justice with and through one another. Empower us to live out of your love in all that we do, healing divisions, addressing enmity and reaching out to those we perceive as enemies. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of all nations, we pray for all countries around the globe — for those entrusted with leadership on behalf of the common good. Help them discern how to use resources wisely to address the needs of citizens suffering from social, economic and political oppression. Move us all to attend to the cries of the marginalized in our midst. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, 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.

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op - pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Please be seated for a brief congregational meeting.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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