



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 12, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andraé Crouch
arr. Jack Schrader

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 119:105-112)

Sharleen Millering

Leader: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

People: God's Word lights the way for us.

Leader: God has promised to abide with us.

People: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

Leader: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

People: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, come
One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now
Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, come
Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
We gladly choose You now
Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God, come
Come, just as you are, come. Come.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sharleen Millering

Leader: God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship but we often complicate our lives unnecessarily. Yet the grace of God is that the sorrows we inflict upon ourselves cannot last forever. Let us unburden ourselves, confessing the ways in which we struggle against God so that we may receive that grace anew.

All: Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. We have been called “Beloved” by you but often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, and our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living.

silence

Leader: For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation.

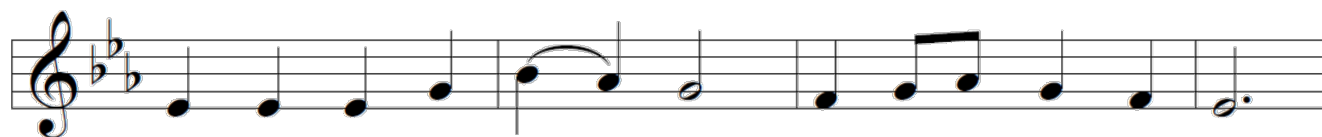
People: God has done what we could not do ourselves. The Holy Spirit has breathed new life into the world, turning it upside down.

Leader: Believe this scandalous, joyous good news:

People: through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored to new life. Alleluia! Amen!



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



praise to God the Spir - it; praise to the Three - in - One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

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 McMillen Hall.)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4:1-17

¹When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; ²he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. ⁵Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. ⁶Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people.

⁹Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: ¹¹"All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." ¹²When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." ¹⁵Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." ¹⁷Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

SERMON

For Such a Time as This

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time! (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, (my Lord,) an - y - time! (an - y - time!)

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"The Power to Love"

text: St. Francis of Assisi

music: Mark Studer

Where there is hatred, I will love
Where there is injury, I will forgive
Where there is doubt, I will have faith
Where there is darkness, I will be light
God, grant me the power to love
To be an instrument of Your peace
God, grant me the power of love
To be an instrument of Your peace
Where there is suffering, I will bring hope
Where there is division, I will seek unity
Where there is prejudice, I will live tolerance
In a world so lost, I will follow Jesus Christ
I will seek to understand over being understood
I will seek to love over being loved
I will seek to console over being consoled
I will seek to love God with all my heart, mind, and soul
For it is in giving that we receive
For it is in forgiving that we are forgiven
For it is in dying that we're born to eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, you are a mystery hidden beyond all sense and understanding, yet you are as near to us as our very breath. As we breathe this word of prayer together, allow your Holy Spirit to enter into the deepest ground of our being, and bind us as one body with you and the communion of the faithful in every time and place.

We live in a time of great struggle: of nation against nation, of faction against faction, party against party, neighbor against neighbor. So many struggle to put food on the table, keep a roof over their head, or provide care to those they love. Meet us and comfort us with your quiet courage to struggle on.

God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, and your ways are not our ways, yet we abide in your peace for you have given it freely to us. Loosen our anxiously tightened hearts; open our fearfully clenched hands; shake us out of our screen-induced reveries. Let us see the world with a new vision: through the eyes of faith, let us perceive your way of justice in places of injustice. Let us recognize the humanity in those who are treated inhumanely. Let us know that you are God alone, and that in serving you, we are made stronger.

Bless these prayers, and those offered in the silence of our hearts, and receive them with grace, as we pray the prayer 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

"Carry Your Love"

Aaron Senseman & Cliff Young

We are called out; we are ransomed
We are not of the world we are in
We are chosen; we are blessed
To bring light to all God's children
So Father, sow Your seed, give us life in community
Wake us from our sleep
This is Your time; this is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking
Under Your grace, we are led by Your Spirit
You have redeemed us by the blood of Your Son
Give us Your Word, we are eager to hear it
Ready our hearts to carry Your love
You are sunlight, You are morning
You're the hope of a brand new day
You are comfort, You are blessing
And You wipe all our tears away
So change us from within, render miracles from our sin
Remind us once again
This is Your time; this is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking
Under Your grace, we are led by Your Spirit
You have redeemed us by the blood of Your Son
Give us Your Word, we are eager to hear it
Ready our hearts to carry Your love

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Carry Your Love"

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* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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