



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 26, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Gift Ministry

Sharleen Millering

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Lead Me Lord"

Samuel Wesley, arr. Laura Bergquist

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jami McCray

Leader: Come and worship, proclaim God's ways of faithfulness and steadfast love.

People: We will tell of God's love, which unfolds in our lives.

Leader: Come and worship, for we are God's people, rejoicing in God's grace.

People: God is always with us, there is nothing which can keep us apart.

Leader: Come to the One who tells stories; worship our God who keeps promises.

People: We rejoice with God who is with us always.

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

Jami McCray

Leader: If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sin and cleanse us of all unrighteousness.

Confident in God's grace let us confess our sins together:

All: God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace.

silence

Leader: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Sing Ye Joyfully"

Don Besig

Summer Choir Ensemble

Sing ye joyfully unto the Lord! Sing all ye nations! Sing all ye people!
Sing ye joyfully unto the Lord and praise His holy name singing Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sing a joyful alleluia, sing ye joyfully unto the Lord!
Sing ye joyfully unto the Lord! Sing of His power, sing of His glory, sing!
Sing ye joyfully, praise His holy name singing Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sing a joyful alleluia, sing ye joyfully unto the Lord!
Sing of the beauty of the earth and the glory of His creation!
Sing of the power of His word and the wonder of His love!
Sing ye joyfully unto the Lord! Sing all ye nations! Sing all ye people!
Sing ye joyfully unto the Lord and praise His holy name singing Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sing a joyful alleluia, sing ye joyfully, sing ye joyfully unto the Lord!

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.)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

^{7:1} So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ² On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." ³ Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace, but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." ⁵ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" ⁶ Esther said, "A foe and an enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

^{7:9} Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very pole that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." ¹⁰ So they hung Haman on the pole that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

^{9:20} Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹ enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²² as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday, that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

"Canticle of the Turning"

No. 100
Glory to God



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



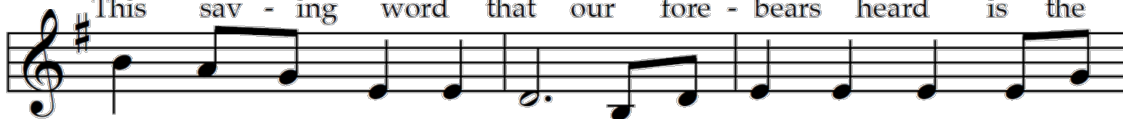
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



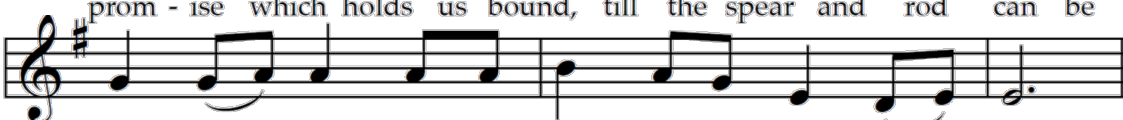
won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



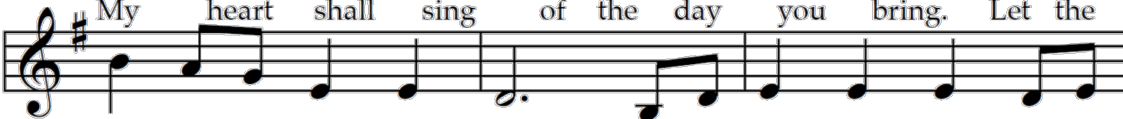
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



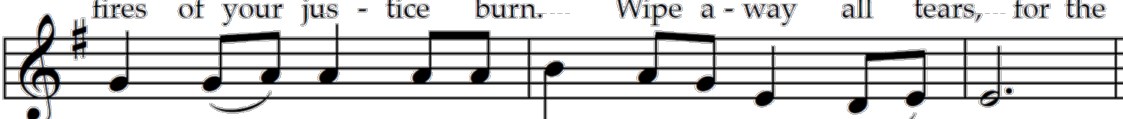
name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn.--- Wipe a - way all tears,--- for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above"

Foundery Collection, 1742,
arr. Dan Forrest

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, it is with humble hearts and audacious hope that we come before you in prayer.

We pray for beginnings, so often as small as a mustard seed, planted where life has grown dry and weary. It is hard to wait for what we cannot see to sprout and to grow. We rush ahead with our own visions of what the kingdom must be. And yet, in time, new life begins and will one day give shelter to many who flock to it. Give us patience, O Lord.

We pray for spirit and breath like leaven that creates space and rises toward something new. We need that new life in your church. Where things feel flat and tasteless, may we be leaven. Enable us to see the transformation your Spirit brings, even when others question its worth. Give us courage, O Lord.

We pray for unsettled economies and those who wonder where their next meal will come from. We hear that the kingdom is like a hidden treasure, and we quickly start adding up the cost so that we might hoard it all for ourselves. Inspire us to share the abundance that you have provided for us. Help us to treasure each and every one of your children as beloved. Give us faith, O Lord.

We pray for those who feel they have no value. We pray for the sick and those who grieve. Like a merchant who searches and searches for a pearl, may we open our lives and our churches to those who need your grace and love. Let us not be too impressed with ourselves and yet not dismissive of all you have created us to be. Give us humility and care, O Lord.

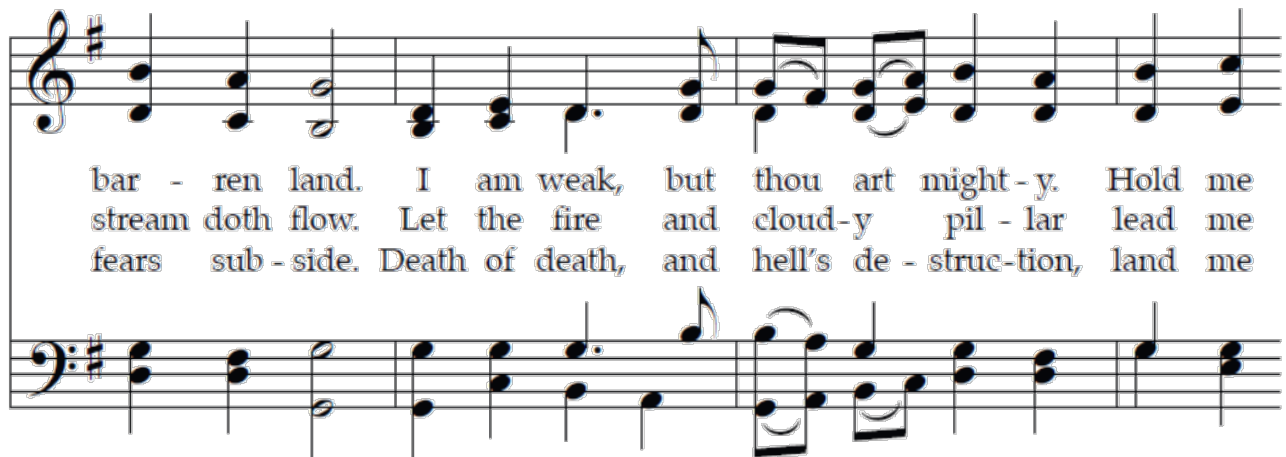
We pray for the amazing diversity of the world, for the net that gathers all into a web of care and concern. May we speak the truth to those who try to diminish or divide. May we work for peace in places of violence and despair. Open our minds to learn from those most different from us. Give us wisdom, O Lord.

God of grace, continue to puzzle and confound us by your word, for in our questions you lead us to grow and change. Draw us ever closer to you, that we might be a glimpse of your kingdom here and now, even as join our voices to pray that your kingdom might come with the words Jesus taught his disciples to pray:

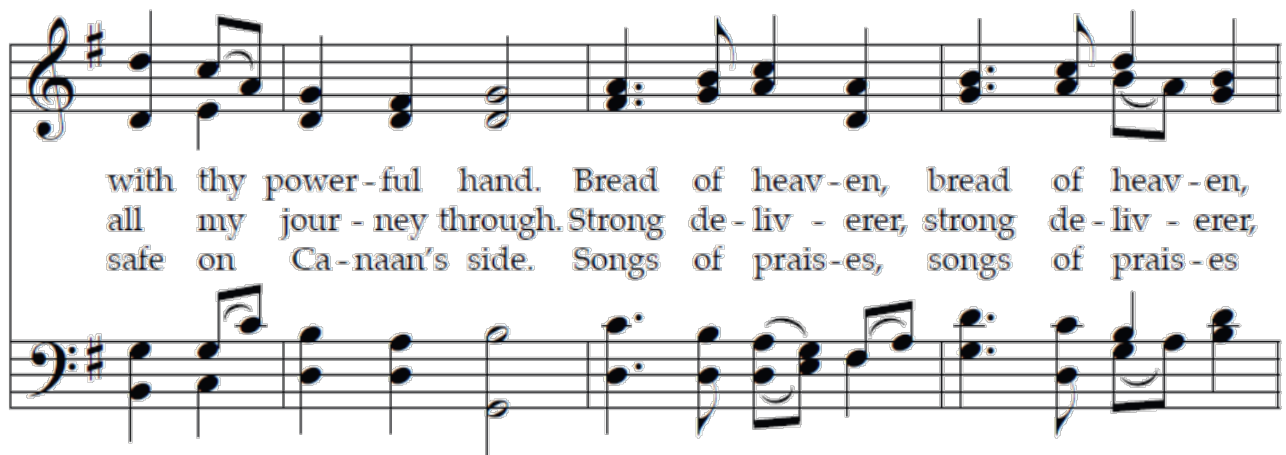
All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power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



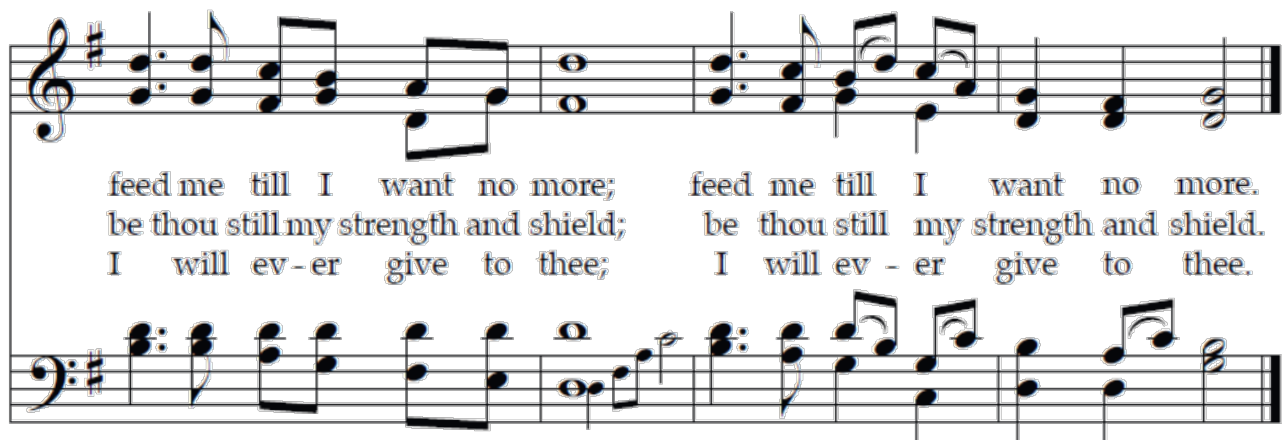
1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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