



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 16, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Lombrano

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Jesus, Thy Church, With Longing Eyes"

Paul Manz

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67)

Bill Dunn

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

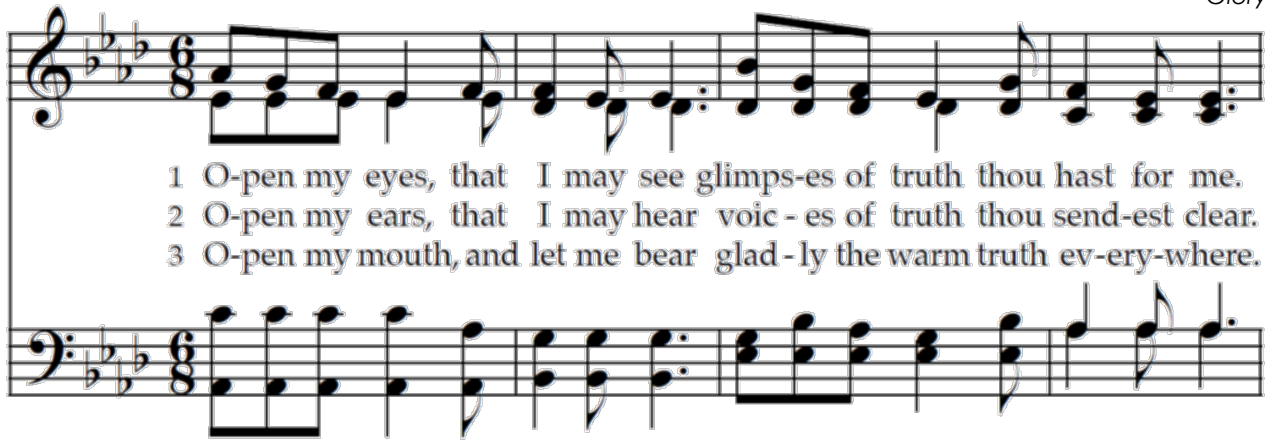
People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

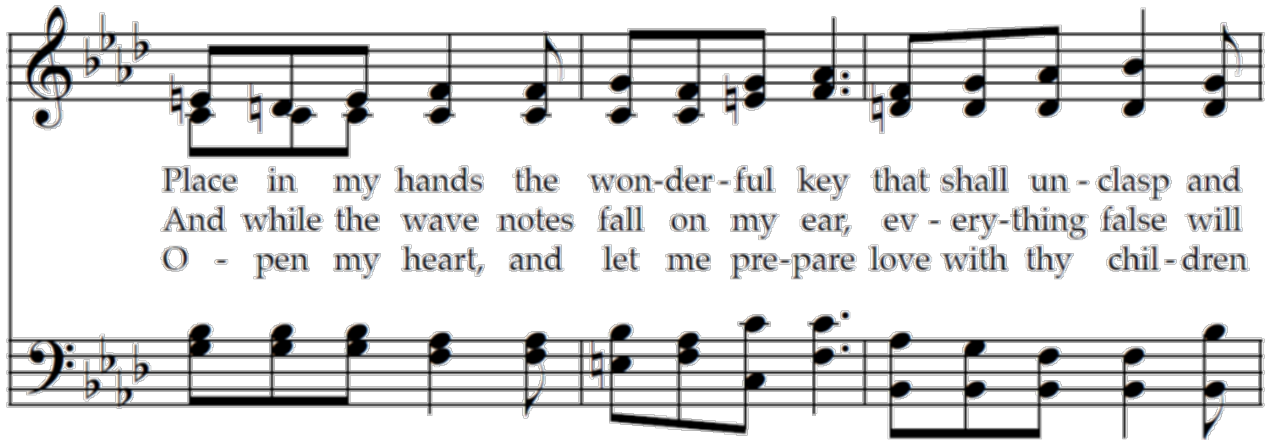
People: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

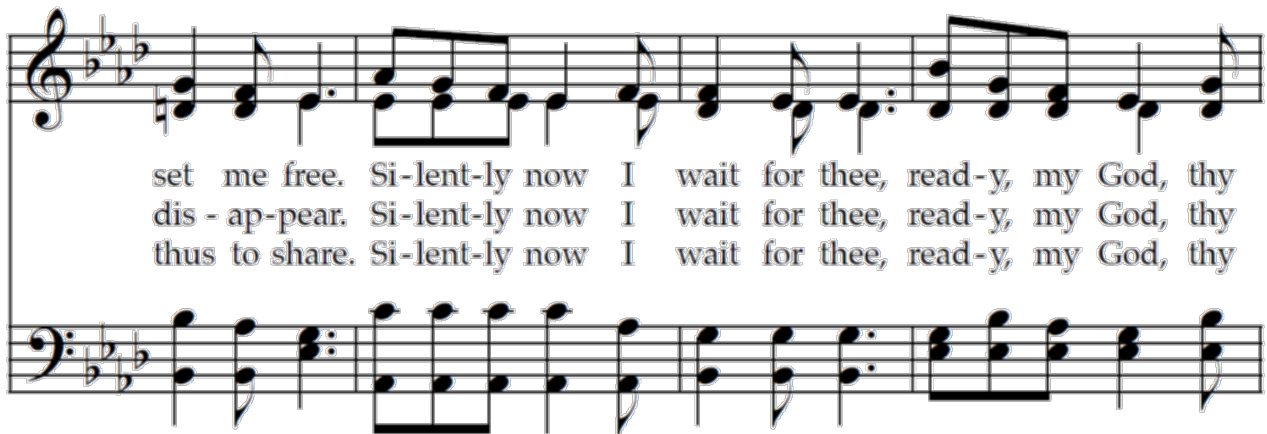
People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.



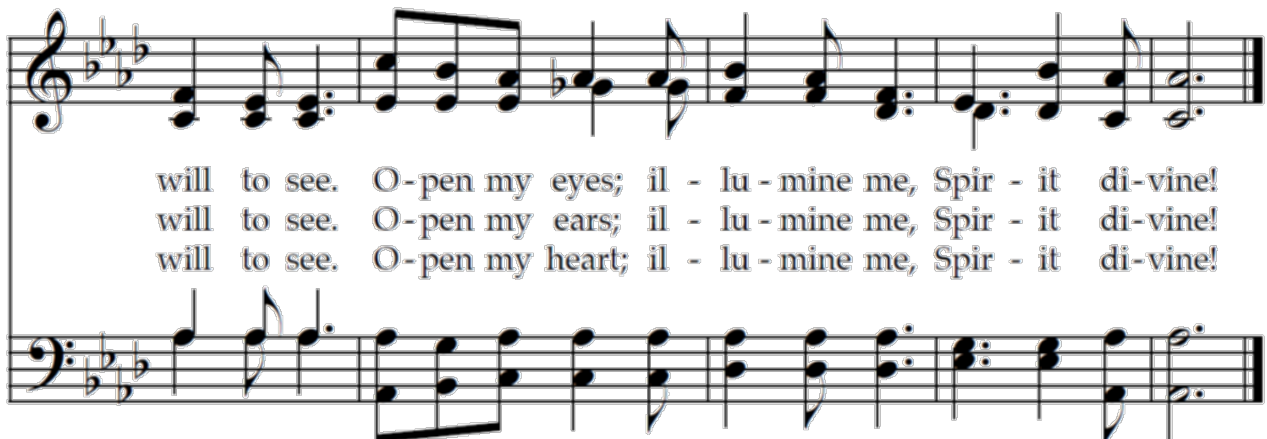
1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bill Dunn

Leader: The apostle Paul says that we are "imprisoned in disobedience," but that God is merciful to all. We live amid the tension of knowing that the Lord is quick to forgive and recognizing that we need to be forgiven. We also live amid the tension of knowing that, through Christ, all things are being made new and recognizing that our broken world needs to be transformed. From the discomfort of this tension, let us offer a prayer of confession.

All: Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom.

silence

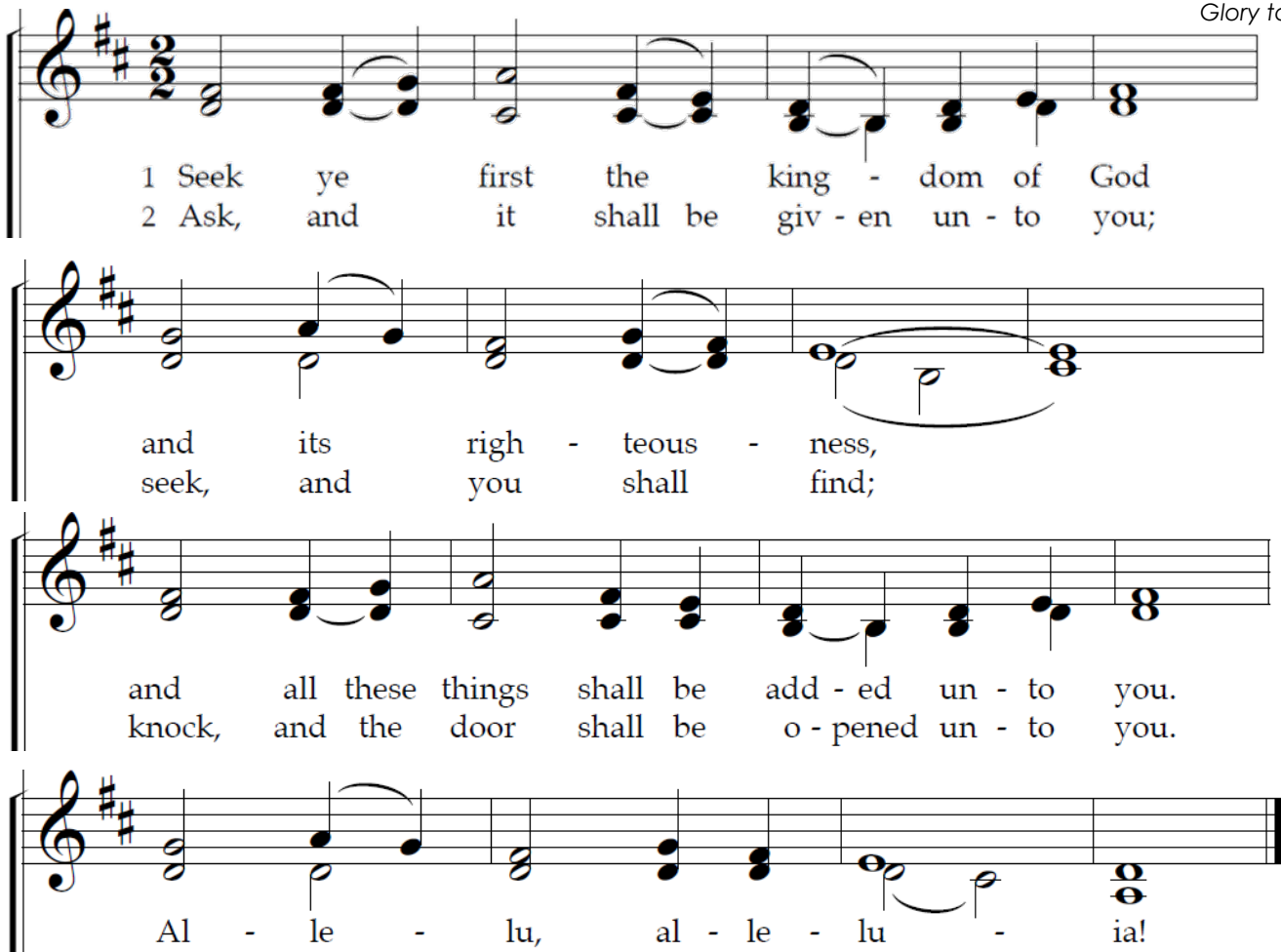
Leader: Paul writes: "I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." God has shown us mercy and God will be merciful to all. Hear and believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Amen.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Seek Ye First"

No. 175
Glory to God



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;

and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Summer Sunday School.)

* SONG

"Refuge"

Jon Smith, Casey Brown, & Blake Neesmith

Though the earth should change
And the mountains slip away
You will keep me safe
Who You are will still remain
You're the place, you're the place that I call home
You're the fire that I feel inside my
You're the One, you're the One that won't let go
My soul it sings to you
Oh God, you are my refuge
I will cling, I will cling to You
My shelter through the storm
My peace when waves of troubles roll
I will cling, I will cling to You
I could search the stars
I could sail across the seas
Never find a love
That's as strong as Yours for me
I could search the stars
I could sail across the seas
Never find a love
That's as strong as Yours for me
You're the place, you're the place that I call home
You're the fire that I feel inside my bones
You're the One, you're the One that won't let go
My soul it sings to you
Oh God, you are my refuge
I will cling, I will cling to You
My shelter through the storm
My peace when waves of troubles roll
I will cling, I will cling to You
You are my refuge. You are my refuge.
You're the place, you're the place that I call home
You're the fire that I feel inside my bones
You're the One, you're the One that won't let go
My soul it sings to you
Oh God, you are my refuge
I will cling, I will cling to You
My shelter through the storm
My peace when waves of troubles roll
I will cling, I will cling to You
You are my refuge. You are my refuge.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 28:10-16

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!"

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 7:7-8

⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

SERMON

An Invitation to Prayer

Rev. Carrie Lane

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Day by Day”

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God who is present in every time and every place, we come before you with many different things upon our hearts.

Some of us come with gratitude and joy.

Some come carrying people we love.

Some come worried about what tomorrow will bring.

Some come tired, grieving, angry, or afraid.

And some of us come not even knowing what to pray.

We give thanks that your Spirit meets us there - that when we do not know how to pray, you receive even the sighs that are too deep for words.

So we pray for those who are hurting, that they may know your comfort; for those who are afraid, that they may know your peace; for those who are lonely, that they may know they are not forgotten; and for those facing decisions or uncertain futures, that they may know your presence beside them.

We pray for our communities and for our world. Give wisdom to those who lead, compassion to those who serve, courage to those who work for peace, and open our own eyes to the ways you are calling us to love our neighbors.

And in these moments of silence, O God, we bring before you those prayers that perhaps only you can hear...

silence

Surely, Lord, you are in this place. Help us to recognize you.

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together, 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.

* CLOSING SONG

“Cry of My Heart”

Terry Butler

It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life
Teach me Your holy ways, Oh Lord,
So I can walk in Your truth
Teach me Your holy ways, Oh Lord,
And make me wholly devoted to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life
Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do
Open my heart up more and more
And make it wholly devoted to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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