



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 23, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT

"Where Two or Three Are Gathered"

Stan Pethel

Sanctuary Choir

Where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name,
He promised to be in their midst, so we gather in Jesus' name.
And we worship the God of the ages and praise Him, as Lord of today;
we exalt Him and lift up our voices, We gather in Jesus' name.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Studer

Leader: Here we come together to search for healing and hope:

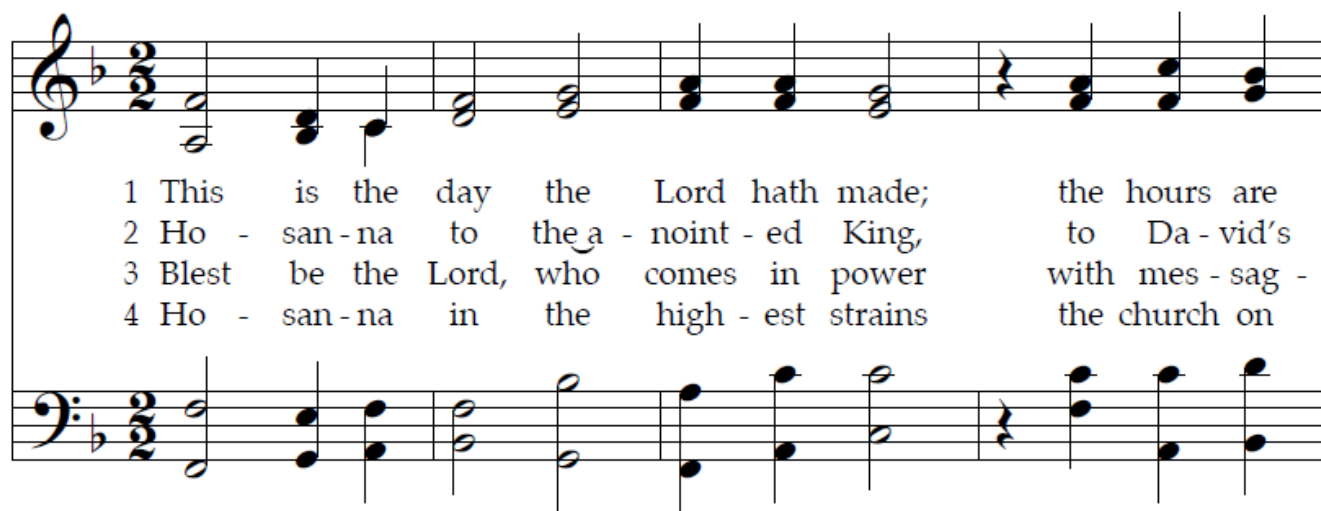
People: here we are met by the One who blesses us with abundant life.

Leader: Here we are called to gather as the family of God:

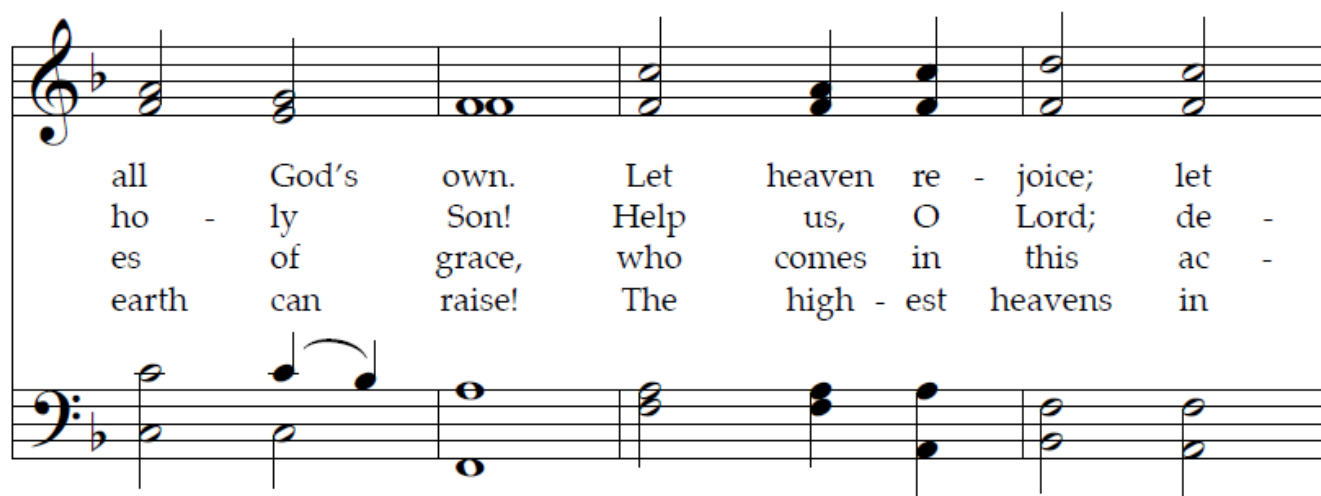
People: those who are strangers are also our beloved siblings.

Leader: Here we discover the truth that God makes no distinctions among us:

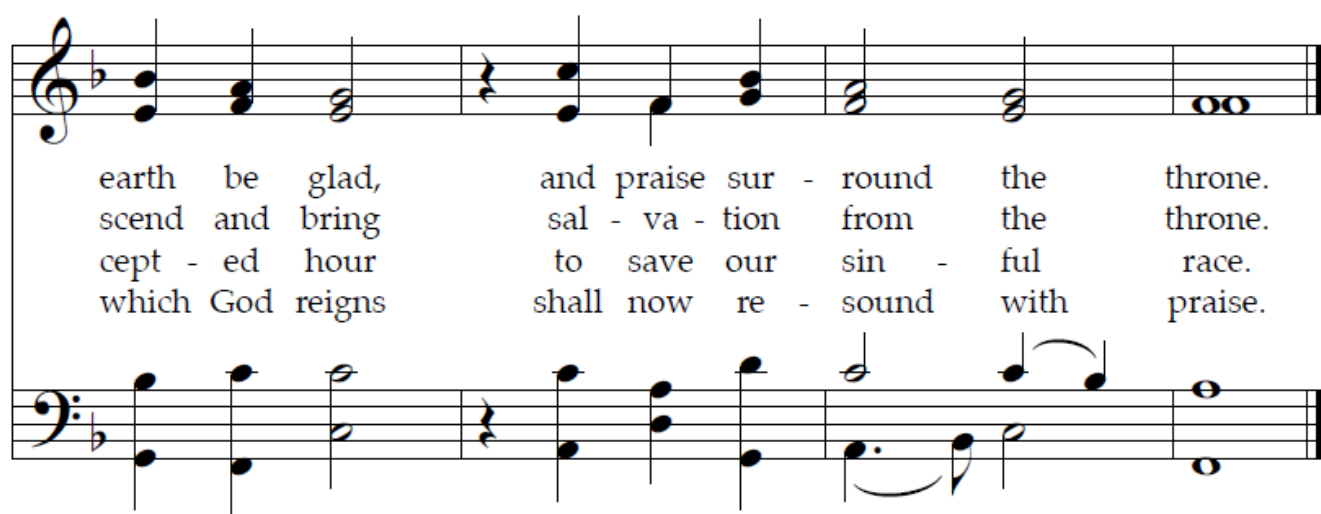
People: here we are welcomed and embraced by the One whose arms are open to all.



1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on



all God's own. Let heaven re - joice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in



earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dave Studer

Leader: You call out to us, Lord, but we struggle to listen. As we come before you with our hearts open, quiet the noise of the world, of our pressing thoughts and fears, so that we may hear your Spirit fully. Let us pray:

All: **God of truth, like a moth that gnaws at wool, our brokenness eats away at our souls. We allow the cacophony of greed, selfishness, apathy, and ignorance to drown out your voice as you call us to see the suffering in our world and respond to the needs of your children.**

In our busy lives, we convince ourselves that there is no time to help, no space for prayer, and no need for justice. Forgive us. Remind us that only when we slow down and breathe deeply of your Holy Spirit and holy Word can our ears hear your voice. Inspire us to greater love for you and for one another.

silence

Leader: We know love and forgiveness because God first loved us and has been calling out to us forever, "You are my beloved!"

People: **We respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God's unending forgiveness. God loves me, heals me, strengthens me, and calls me by name. Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God!**

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"The Lord Is God"

No. 63
Glory to God

1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,

to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final two lines. The fourth system contains the final two lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a clear melody and harmonic support.

Sanctuary Choir

Susan Herman and Caron Treon, flute;

Bev Harris, clarinet; Dave Mathews, saxophone

Who shall ascend to the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul unto vanity.

Who shall ascend to the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul unto vanity.

They shall receive the blessing of the Lord, They shall receive the blessing of the Lord.

And righteousness from the God of their salvation, Salvation. They shall receive the blessing of the Lord.

Who shall ascend to the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not lifted up their soul unto vanity.

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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

"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 to love, to be an instrument of Your peace

God, grant me the power to love, to be an instrument of Your peace

God, grant me the power to 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.

God, grant me the power to love, to be an instrument of Your peace

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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.

God, grant me the power to love, to be an instrument of Your peace

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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.

God, grant me the power to love, to be an instrument of Your peace

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^{19:1} On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai. ² They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

^{20:1} Then God spoke all these words,

² "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

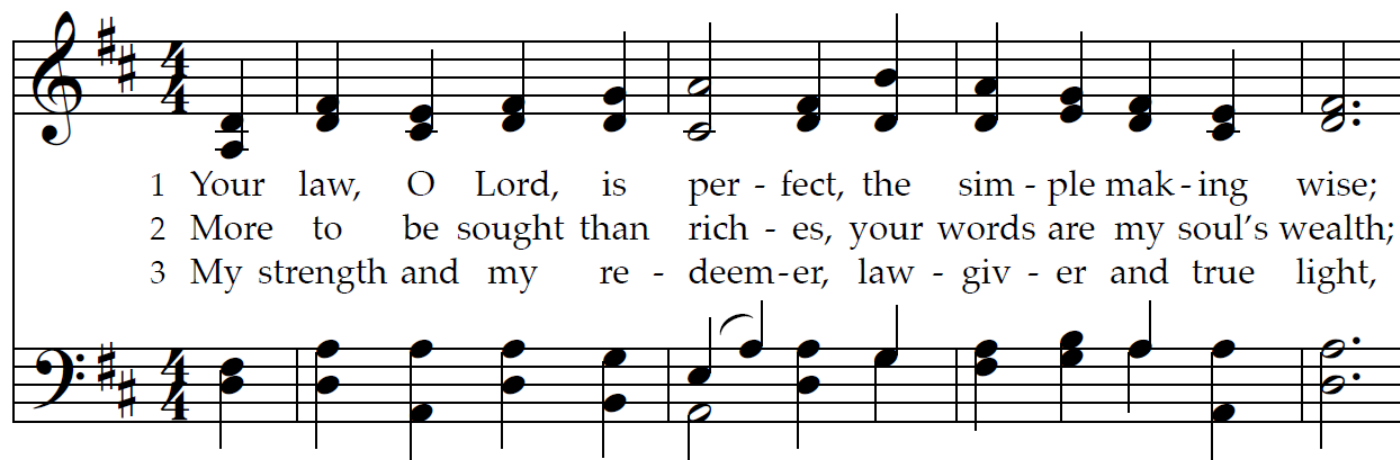
¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

* HYMN

"Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect"

No. 61
Glory to God



1 Your law, O Lord, is per - fect, the sim - ple mak - ing wise;
2 More to be sought than rich - es, your words are my soul's wealth;
3 My strength and my re - deem - er, law - giv - er and true light,



how pure are your com - mand - ments, en - light - en - ing my eyes!
their taste is sweet like hon - ey, im - part - ing life and health.
my words and med - i - ta - tions make wor - thy in your sight.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God of Wisdom, you continually call out to us because you love us and desire what is best for us. You ask us to be your hands and feet so that each of your children is held, nourished and supported within a caring community. We are grateful for the community of friends surrounding us today. Your tender whispers have brought us into your house, and you rejoice in our connection and companionship.

Although you reach out to each of us, we know it can be difficult to feel your love when we are suffering. You ache at the sound of our cries, and your comforting assurances surround us. Help us to hear the cries of our neighbors, especially those who cry alone. May we be a blessing to those whose tears have run dry from hunger, hopelessness and fear.

We pray for communities wounded by violence, division, and injustice. Grant wisdom to those entrusted with leadership. Give courage to those working for peace. Open our eyes to the needs around us and keep us from turning away when compassion requires something of us. Remind us that no act of mercy is too small, and no person is beyond the reach of your love.

Through Jesus, you have shown us the way of love: to feed, heal, welcome and serve. Grant us the courage to lean on you as we answer your call to come alongside those who are hurting, offer comfort and pray without ceasing. Guide us in your ways as we pray the prayer you 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.

If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.

* CLOSING SONG

“Good to Me”

Craig Musseau

I cry out for Your hand of mercy to heal me
I am weak and I need Your love to free me
Oh Lord, my rock, my strength in weakness
Come rescue me, Oh Lord
You are my hope, Your promise never fails me
And my desire is to follow You forever
For You are good, for You are good, for You are good to me
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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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