



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 20, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Trio"

Josef Rheinberger

* CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)

Ernie Chard

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

People: God's greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing Your song again
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
 Let me be singing when the evening comes.
 Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship Your holy name.
 Sing like never before, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.
 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind
 For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
 10,000 reasons for my heart to find.
 Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship Your holy name.
 Sing like never before, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.
 Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul, worship Your holy name.
 Sing like never before, oh my soul, I worship Your holy name.
 I worship Your holy name.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ernie Chard

Leader: God loves us and calls us by name. Too frequently, we stake our claim on that tenderness and use it as a weapon against others, forgetting that God's love does not build walls but knocks them down. Let us set down our burdens and our defenses as we confess our sin in front of God and one another.

All: Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love, and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways.

silence

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Restore in Us, O God"

No. 434
Glory to God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen-dor of your love;
 re - new your im-age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

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.)

* HYMN

"Let Us with a Gladsome Mind"

No. 31
Glory to God

1 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the
2 God, with all - com - mand - ing might, filled the
3 All things liv - ing God does feed; with full
4 Let us with a glad - some mind praise the

Lord who is so kind:
new - made world with light: for God's mer - cies
mea - sure, meets their need:
Lord who is so kind:

shall en - dure, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er sure.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next four lines. The third system contains the final line. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1-4 corresponding to the four parts of the choir.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 20:1-16

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

SERMON

Such As These

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
 Where Your streams of abundance flow
 Blessed be Your name
 Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
 Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name
 Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
 When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
 Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name
 Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be your glorious name
 Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
 When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
 Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
 Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name
 Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
 When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
 Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name
 Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be your glorious name
 You and take away, You give and take away
 My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name
 Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
 When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
 Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name, Jesus
 Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be your glorious name
 Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be Your name
 Blessed be the name of the Lord; blessed be your glorious name
 You give and take away, You give and take away
 My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be Your name

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"I Must Tell Jesus"

arr. Larry Shackley

Though today's offertory is instrumental, the lyrics are provided for you to consider while you listen and prepare to enter a time of prayer.

I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone;
 In my distress He kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for His own.

Refrain: I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
 I cannot bear my burdens alone;
 I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
 Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

I must tell Jesus all of my troubles; He is a kind, compassionate friend;
 If I but ask Him, He will deliver, Make of my troubles quickly an end. (Refrain)

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior, One who can help my burdens to bear;
 I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus; He all my cares and sorrows will share. (Refrain)

O how the world to evil allures me! O how my heart is tempted to sin!
 I must tell Jesus, and He will help me over the world the vict'ry to win. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Creator, your love is beyond our knowledge and understanding. We are full of wonder at your boundless mercy. We put our faith in this love as we come to you today to express our communal prayers for the world, knowing that you hear us.

God of all peoples, we pray for the world. Please be at work in places that are full of violence and suffering. We pray, in particular, for the people of Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Iran. Please show us a pathway to peace. Put the right people in the right places to make decisions not just for themselves but also for others.

We pray for those affected by natural disasters, including the flash flood and landslide in Nepal and Tibet. In rooms full of raw anger and grief, we ask that those who are hurting might feel your presence. Bless those who are working to rebuild. And help us as a human race to make the appropriate changes to stop such climate-based disasters from happening in the future. Forgive us for the destruction we have caused.

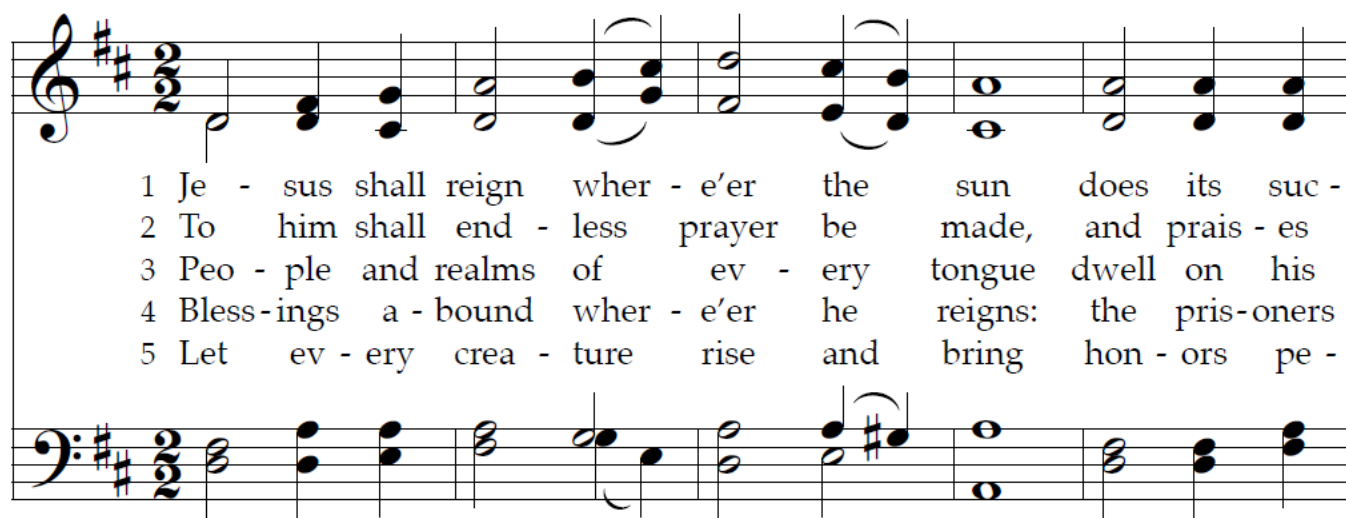
We pray for our own country, God. Help us to balance your desire for justice and equality with your call to love our neighbor. May our churches be spaces of welcome where we can have faithful conversations that push all of our understanding. Please be with our political leaders.

Almighty, you tell us time and again in your Word that you care for the poor, for the abused, for the cast out. We pray for those people now. We pray for those who are houseless. We pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet. We pray for new immigrants to this country seeking asylum. We pray for the lonely. We pray for the sick. We pray for grieving. If we are to play a role in providing these needs, Heavenly Parent, spark our hearts toward action.

Lastly, God, we lift up our community. We know that you see us and hear us, and so it is in the name of Jesus Christ that we pray together,

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.

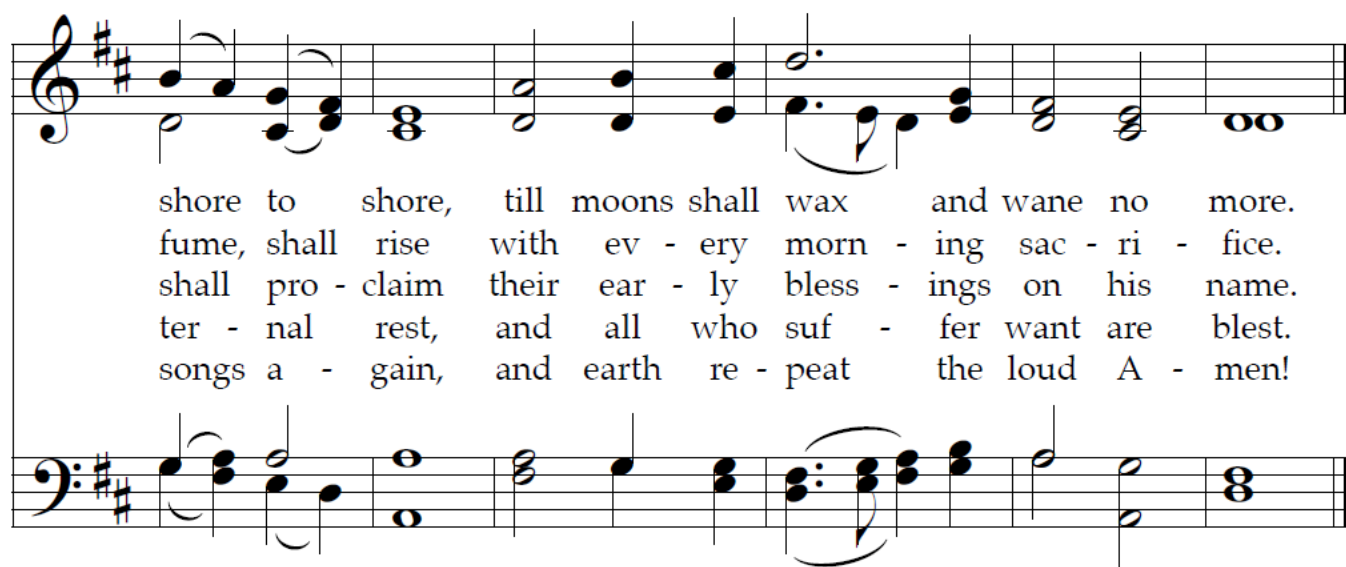
If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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