



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Harvest Festival

Anita Lawson

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Minuet"

George Frideric Handel

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 96)

John Wallace

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song! Everyone, even the rocks and trees, sing!

People: Let us shout out in praise!

Leader: God does great things for us. See God's amazing work all around us.

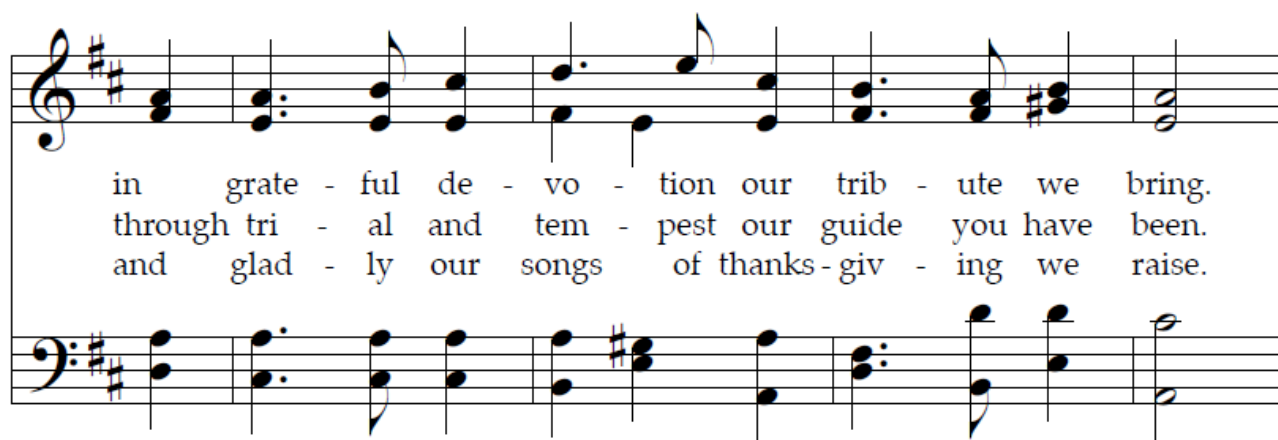
People: Great is the Lord!

Leader: Tell of God's wonders! Share stories of God's glory.

People: Let us worship the Lord!



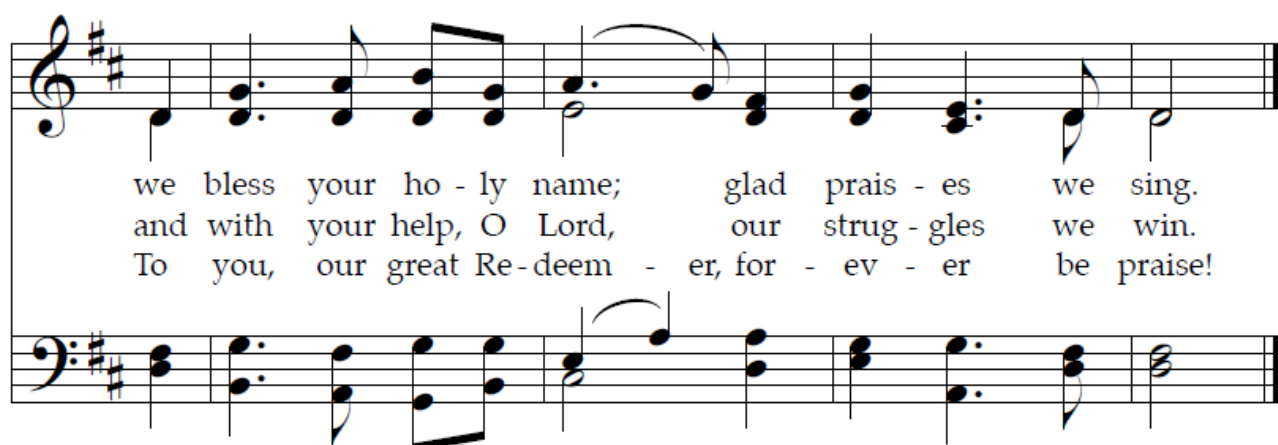
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John Wallace

Leader: We come to worship because we believe in the goodness of God. We have seen it. We come knowing that we don't always bear that goodness in our lives. We have made mistakes. And so, we confess, knowing that God is good and merciful and kind. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins, first together and then in silent prayer:

All: **Almighty God, we confess that we have not been the faithful disciples you call us to be. We have not remembered who we are. We are distracted by glittering gold. We are mesmerized by fame and fortune. We turn a blind eye to systems that perpetuate injustice. We fail to hear the cries for mercy of those who bear unfair burdens. We close our hearts and imagine empathy to be weakness. Forgive us, Lord. Remind us that we are yours, citizens of the kin-dom of God. Give us courage to be kin-dom builders here and now, showing mercy and grace in a world in deep need. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

silence

Leader: Friends, hear the good news. God loves you. Even in our imperfection, God loves us and won't let us go. Know that you are forgiven and made new, sent forth to love and serve.

People: **Alleluia. Amen.**

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Remember Not, O God"

No. 430
Glory to God

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, and glo - ri - fy your name; de - liv - er us from all our sins and take a - way our shame." The score consists of two systems. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music concludes with a double bar line.

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.)

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming,
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees and we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to give us the coolness of night? None can fathom,
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing God.

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees and we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God. You are amazing God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

SERMON

Practice Makes Perfect

Pastor Keith L. DeVries



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"O God, Beyond All Praising"

arr. Stephen Nielsen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We see the glimpses of your kingdom, God. Communities coming together to feed the hungry. Families enjoying each other's company. Friends delighting in fellowship. Miracles of healing when hope was almost lost. Moments of peace and collaboration between neighbors. Yes, we see glimpses of the kingdom. But we also see so much hurt in this world. And so, we pray, saying,

People: **Your kingdom come, Lord, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: We pray for the hungry.

For those hungry for food, who don't know where the next meal will come from, who starve themselves so their children can eat, who must beg for the basic necessities of life.

For those hungry for justice, who can't seem to get a foothold in life, who are held back by systems of racism, sexism and classism, who are trampled upon by those scrambling for power.

For those hungry for connection, who feel forgotten by family and friends, who are cloaked in a shroud of depression or anxiety that makes connection hard, who are lonely in the midst of a crowd of people. We pray, saying,

People: **Your kingdom come, Lord, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Make us kingdom builders. Open our eyes to see those in need. Open our hearts to love without counting worthiness. Open our hands to feed bodies and spirits with the abundance of grace you have shown us. We pray, saying,

People: **Your kingdom come, Lord, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: We pray for the thirsty.

For those thirsty for clean water, for the rivers and watersheds whose levels are dangerously low, for communities where water is in short supply, for families who have no other option than to bathe and feed their children with contaminated water.

For those thirsty for hope, for those waiting for diagnoses that could change the course of their lives, for those seeking a new normal as they grieve the loss of loved ones, for those looking for the light at the end of a tunnel made of impossible choices and hard times.

For those thirsty for peace, for those who are forced to flee homes because of violence and war, for those relationships torn asunder by fear of difference and lack of understanding, for those who simply wish for a kind word and a safe haven from bullying and oppression. We pray, saying,

People: **Your kingdom come, Lord, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: Make us kingdom builders. Open our eyes to see that our world is better when we live together in peace. Open our hearts to offer dignity to everyone and everything. Open our hands to serve them, strengthening relationships, tearing down divisions, and making peace. We pray, saying,

People: **Your kingdom come, Lord, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Pastor: All this we pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who came to feed and to serve, to remind us who we are and how we are to be, and who taught us to pray, 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

“Goodness of God”

Jenn Johnson, Ed Cash, Jason Ingram,
Ben Fielding & Brian Johnson

I love You Lord. Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after it's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
I will sing of the goodness of God

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Indescribable”

Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

*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.*

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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