



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 25, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Charitie Lees Bancroft
& Vikki Cook

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Tony Perrou

Leader: We gather here to worship God.

People: We are here with heart, soul, and mind.

Leader: We gather here as Christ's body.

People: We are neighbors, learning how to love each other.

Leader: The Holy Spirit gathers us in to be sent out again.

People: We are here to worship and be transformed.

Leader: Let us worship the Triune God.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Tony Perrou

Leader: We recognize the well-worn paths of sin in our lives and the world. Let us confess our sin together, so that we may delight in God's law of love.

All: **Holy God, we are often good at following rules while neglecting the heart of your commandments. We place ourselves in the congregation of the righteous, but take our seat among the scoffers. We seek approval of our friends, family, and others whose opinions we value, forgetting that our call is to please you above all.**

You call us to be holy, but we settle for self-righteousness. You call us to be impartial, but we cannot shed our biases. You call us to love our neighbors, but we have been satisfied to keep them at arm's length.

You created us to love you with soul, heart, and mind, but we have held parts of ourselves back.

Have mercy on us, God. Watch over our ways, redirect our paths, and help us love you with abandon – heart, soul, and mind. Make us instruments of reconciliation and transformation as we seek to follow your law of love, made known to us in Jesus Christ.

silence

Leader: The gospel we proclaim is good news for us all: God's mercy is eternal. We are made blameless through Jesus Christ. Freed from sin's power over us, we can bear the fruit of God's love and righteousness.

People: Thanks be to God!

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Gloria Patri"

No. 581
Glory to God

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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end. A - men, A - men.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Fear Not for Tomorrow”

Natalie Sleeth

Waterfall Singers

Nancy Studer, director;

Marianne Lowenthal, accompanist

Fear not for tomorrow and what it may bring, but trust in the Lord and obey.

In joy or in sorrow, in every good thing, the Lord will not lead you astray!

God will take care of you, go everywhere with you,

Always be there with you, day by day

God will provide for you, be as a guide for you,

Lovingly show you the way.

Fear not for tomorrow and what lies ahead, though future events be unknown,

But welcome the morning with courage instead, for you will not face it alone!

God will take care of you, go everywhere with you,

Always be there with you, day by day

God will provide for you, be as a guide for you,

Lovingly show you the way.

Fear not for tomorrow, but lift up your voice in anthems of glorious praise.
Give thanks for your blessings and truly rejoice, for God will be with you always!

God will take care of you, go everywhere with you,

Always be there with you, day by day

God will provide for you, be as a guide for you,

Lovingly show you the way.

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.)

ANTHEM

“Built on a Rock the Church Shall Stand”

Dale Wood

Sanctuary Choir

Built on a rock the Church shall stand, even when steeples are falling;

Crumbled have spires in every land, bells still are chiming and calling,

Calling the young and old to rest, calling the souls of those distressed,

Longing for life everlasting.

Not in our temples made with hands God the Almighty is dwelling.

High in the heavens his temple stands, all earthly temples excelling.

Yet he who dwells in heaven above deigns to abide with us in love,

Making our bodies his temple.

We are God's house of living stones, built for his own habitation;

He fills our hearts his humble thrones, granting us life and salvation.

Were two or three to seek His face, he in their midst would show his grace,

Blessings upon them bestowing.

(congregation please join)

Through all the passing years, O Lord, grant that when church bells are ringing,

Many may come to hear God's Word where He this promise is bringing:

I know my own, my own know Me; you, not the world, my face shall see.

My peace I leave with you, Amen!

Oh, I have days I lose the fight,
Try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped,
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be

A little more like mercy; A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience; A little more like peace;
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

There's no denying I have changed;
I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best I must confess
I still need help to see the way You see

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped,
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be

A little more like mercy; A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience; A little more like peace;
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

Lord, to feed the beggar on the street,
Love to be Your hands and feet,
Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be
I want to put You first above all else,
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees, Lord help me be

A little more like mercy; A little more like grace
A little more like kindness, goodness, love, and faith.
A little more like patience; A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me
A little more of living everything I preach.
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

²“Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

¹⁵“You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.

¹⁷“You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question:

⁴²“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet””?

⁴⁵“If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” ⁴⁶No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

SERMON

Gotcha

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

“Love the Lord”

Lincoln Brewster

Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind
And with all your strength.
With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, with all your strength,
Love the Lord your God
With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, and with all your strength

I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength
With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength,
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind
And with all my strength

With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength
I will love You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind,
And with all my strength

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Misty Dunn

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“The Solid Rock”

arr. Larry Shackley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, you unite us as the body of Christ by your love and through your Spirit. We pray for all of creation, saying, Holy God,

People: Reform us by your love.

Pastor: Creating God, we are connected to all of creation, and we recognize the many systems of which we are a part. We pray for those who have suffered injustice. We pray for justice and restoration. For those who wield power with little care for your people, we pray for true repentance – a changing of hearts and actions. For all who are empowered or privileged within these systems, we ask for boldness in witness and action. Holy God,

People: Reform us by your love.

Pastor: God of peace, there is so much war and strife – between nations, across lines of race, ethnicity, religion, and within communities and families. We pray for all who are experiencing conflict.

We pray for true peace, reconciliation, and healing. Help us not stand by idly when the blood of our neighbor is at stake. Enlarge our neighborhood so we see our kinship with all of humanity. Move those who have the power to end wars to do so. Give us the courage and voice to speak out, Holy God,

People: Reform us by your love.

Pastor: God of community, Jesus showed us a new way of being the beloved community together. He reminded his contemporaries of the laws already written on their hearts, and your Spirit continues to show us what those laws require. Help us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Holy God,

People: Reform us by your love.

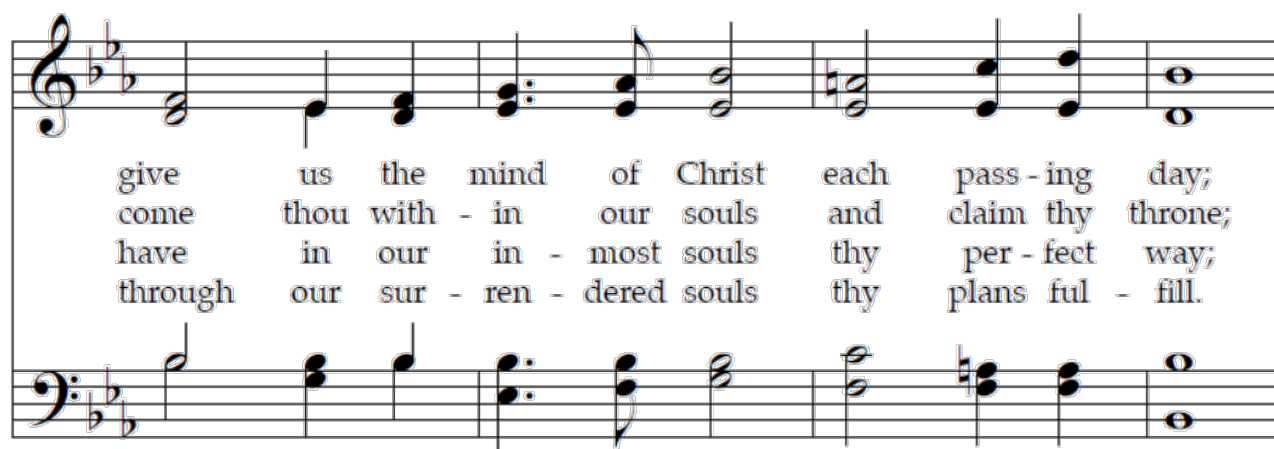
Pastor: God who knows our hearts, fill us with such love and care for each other that we become living testimonies to your love and grace. Help us always and only seek your will, as we pray using the words Jesus taught us, saying:

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 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

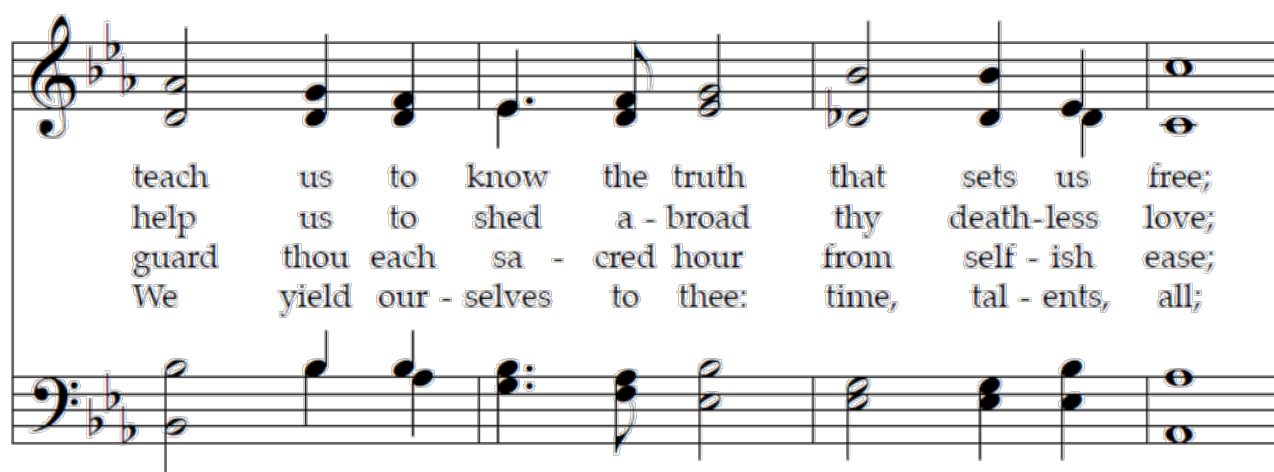
If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.



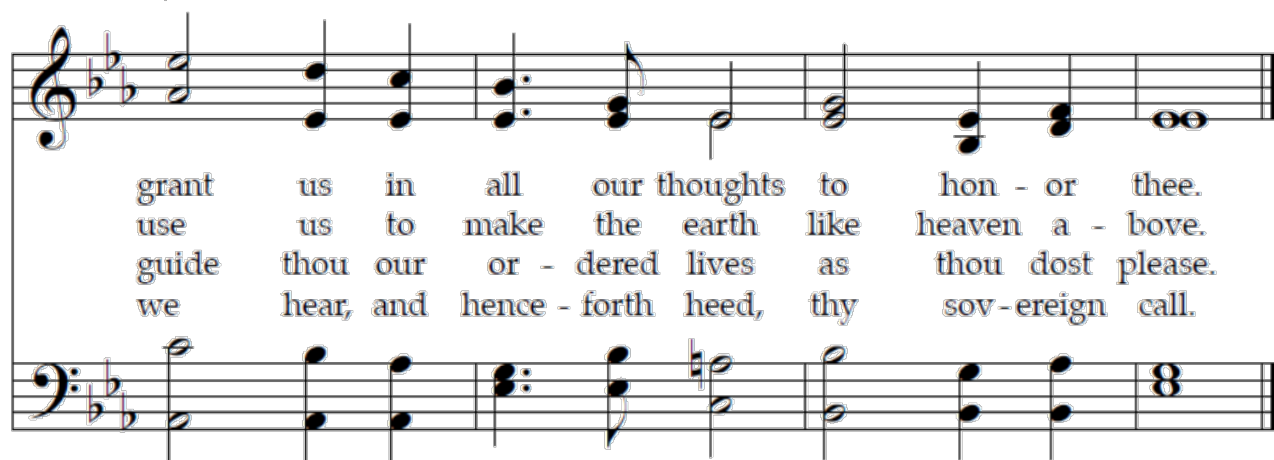
1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.



teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death-less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;



grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Richard Elsasser

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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