

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 15, 2026 ***Livestream & In-Person*** **10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT **"Each New Day"** Natalie Sleeth

Waterfall Singers

Nancy Studer, Director; Marianne Lowenthal, Accompanist

Each new day is a gift from God that is given to you and me!
Live it, use it! Waste it, lose it! Which one will it be?

You can make somebody happy! You can smile and try to share!
You can make the world a nicer place just because you're there!
Each new day is a gift from God that is given to you and me!
Live it, use it! Waste it, lose it! Which one will it be?
Each new day is a gift from God full of possibility.
Live it, use it! Waste it, lose it! Which one will it be?

You can help a friend or neighbor! You can show you really care!
You can make the world a nicer place just because you're there!
Each new day is a gift from God full of possibility.
Live it, use it! Waste it, lose it! Which one will it be?
It goes by so rapidly; soon it's just a memory so spend it very carefully!

* CALL TO WORSHIP Brian Nordeen

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
People: Knowing our creator meets us in this time of worship.
Leader: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
People: Trusting our redeemer to meet us with forgiveness and renewal.
Leader: We lift up our eyes to the Lord!
People: Relying on our sustainer to build us up for lives of love and service.
Leader: Let us worship together this day!

* OPENING SONG **"Let the Praises Ring"** Lincoln Brewster

O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust
O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope
O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust
O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope

In You, in You I find my peace. In You, in You I find my strength
In You I live and move and breathe
Let everything I say and do be founded by my faith in You
I lift up holy hands and sing, "Let the praises ring!"

O Lord, my God, to You I give my hands
O Lord, my God, to You I give my feet
O Lord, my God, to You I give my everything
O Lord, my God, to You I give my life

In You, in You I find my peace. In You, in You I find my strength
In You I live and move and breathe
Let everything I say and do be founded by my faith in You
I lift up holy hands and sing, "Let the praises ring!"

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Brian Nordeen

Leader: We are a people who wander from the ways of God. We have not loved, served, and given of ourselves as we should. We have sinned. Let us then offer our prayer of confession, trusting in our Savior's infinite grace and mercy.

All: Loving God, you are generous in the many ways you have gifted us. We have so many blessings be grateful for. Yet we are often motivated by fear, rather than our trust in you. We hold onto what we have, afraid we will never have enough. We become focused on protection rather than your call to welcome and love others. We see our blessings as our own, rather than seeing your care in each gift. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and restore us to your vision for the world we pray.

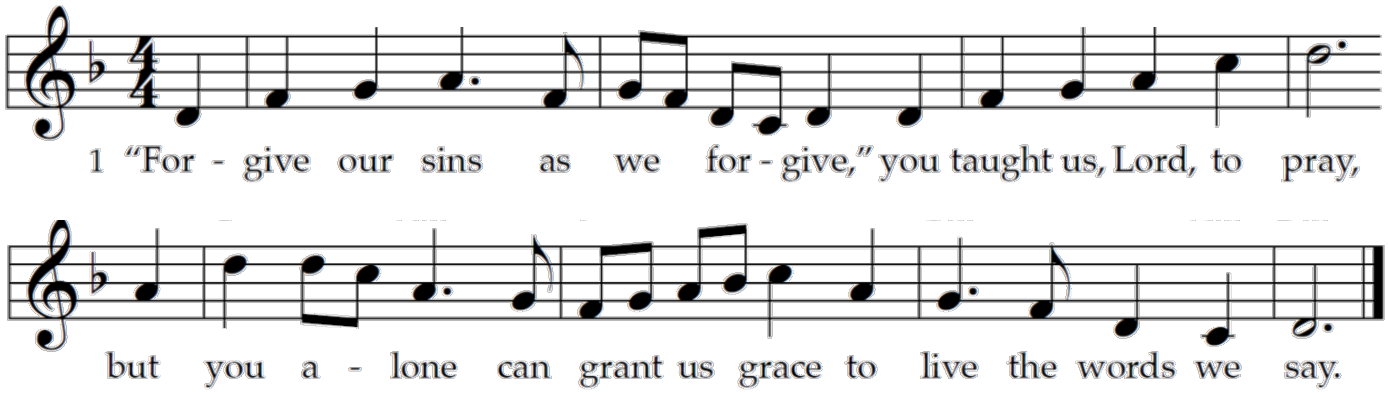
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Leader: Hear the Good News! Although we have sinned, in Jesus Christ we are graciously forgiven. Be at peace.

People: Amen.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE **"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"** No. 444

Glory to God



SPECIAL MUSIC **"Thankful"** Mark Burrows

Waterfall Singers

For the little bird that sings,
For the joy the gives me wings,
I'm thankful, I'm thankful.
For the gentle rain you send,
For the kindness of a friend,
I'm thankful, I'm thankful.

For each and every blessing,
for all the good you do,
O Lord of all, I'm thankful for you.

For the acorn, for the tree,
For the love of family,
I'm thankful, I'm thankful.

For each and every blessing,
For all the good you do,
O Lord of all, I'm thankful for you.

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies;
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For each and every blessing,
For all the good you do,
O Lord of all, O Lord of all,
O Lord of all, I'm thankful for you.

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 **"Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness"** No. 314

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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:14-30

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to
them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his
ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and
traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two
talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and
dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five
talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five
talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward,
saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one
who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a
harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was
afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his
master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow
and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the
talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more
will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what
they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness,
where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

SERMON ***Entrusted with Care*** Pastor Keith L. DeVries

DEDICATING OUR 2027 PLEDGES

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: O Lord of us all, you who call us to be stewards of this earth – We hold in the pledges we make our commitments to you. They are more than pieces of paper saying what we intend to give; they are our covenant-keeping, they are our discipleship, they are our prayers.

We give you this morning not only our commitments, but we give to you the promise of our time, our prayers, our hours of concern, our special talents, our creativity, our hard work, and our money. We give it all to you now: our commitments alive and wondrous and full of hope. We give it all in a spirit of cheerfulness and joy – give it to you who have gifted us with the bounty of your amazing grace. In the name of the one who gave his all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* SONG **"Give Thanks"** Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"
Let the poor say, "I am rich!"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.

CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY **"Rain Down"** Jaime Cortez

Chorus: Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life

Faithful and true is the Word of our God. All of God's works are so worthy of trust
God's mercy falls on the just and the right. Full of God's love is the earth. (Chorus)

We who revere and find hope in our God live in the kindness and joy of God's wing
God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve. (Chorus)

God of creation, we long for Your truth. You are the water of life that we thirst
Grant that Your love and peace touch our hearts. All of our hope lies in You. (Chorus)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, in the person of Jesus, you showed us how to pray. Jesus prayed for your will to be done, so we come to you this day asking the same.

In all the Gospels, Jesus moved through the world, healing people. He healed those who suffered and encouraged us to do the same. Please help us to be people who bring health and healing to all our interactions. May we be agents of peace and care in a world often beset with division and rancor. May we care with patience and kindness for those who are sick. May we do all these things through you, Lord, relying on you to give us what is needed to heal and love the world.

Jesus also taught throughout his ministry, pointing people to the way of God. May we be people who continually learn about Jesus by studying Scripture, participating in the life of the church, and engaging in relationships with other believers. Help us to grow in our faith. May we point to Christ in all we do. As Jesus was faithful, may we be faithful. May we learn to share our faith with others.

We have been called to be the church, the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. So we ask for your blessing on us as a church community. May we love, respect, and honor one another in all of our interactions. God, help us discern who you are calling us to be so that we may witness to your love in this community. May we genuinely welcome, affirm, and celebrate all your beloved children.

Holy God, may we be faithful in all things. May we grow to be more like Jesus Christ and join our voices in the prayer that he 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.

* CLOSING HYMN **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** No. 39

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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE **"Prelude in F Major"** J.S. Bach

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.

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* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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