CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 22, 2026 ***Livestream & In-Person*** **10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

INTROIT — **"Ride On, King Jesus!"** — African American Spiritual, arr. Keith Atwater

Sanctuary Choir

* CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 100) — Jami McCray

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Know this! The Lord is God!

People: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: So, enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and come into the sanctuary with praise.

People: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

Leader: For the Lord is good;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever! God's faithfulness is for all generations!

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN **"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"** No. 365

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CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jami McCray

Leader: This is a holy time and a holy place set aside for holy people; yet what makes us holy is not our perfection, it is Christ's. Every sin that is found outside of the church is found inside of it. The only difference is that here we acknowledge our sin and lay it before the one who has the power and authority to redeem us. Trusting in the promise that God is for us, let us confess our sins together:

All: Almighty God, you are God of all creation, from beginning to end. All authority and power to direct the ways of the world are in your hands. Yet you saw fit to give humankind the freedom to choose and to act. We thank you for this freedom, but confess we often misuse it. We choose to do what we should not do. We deny our own agency and claim we are powerless to change the sufferings and injustices of the world when we should be working to make a change. Forgive us, Merciful God, of our shallowness of heart and slowness of action.

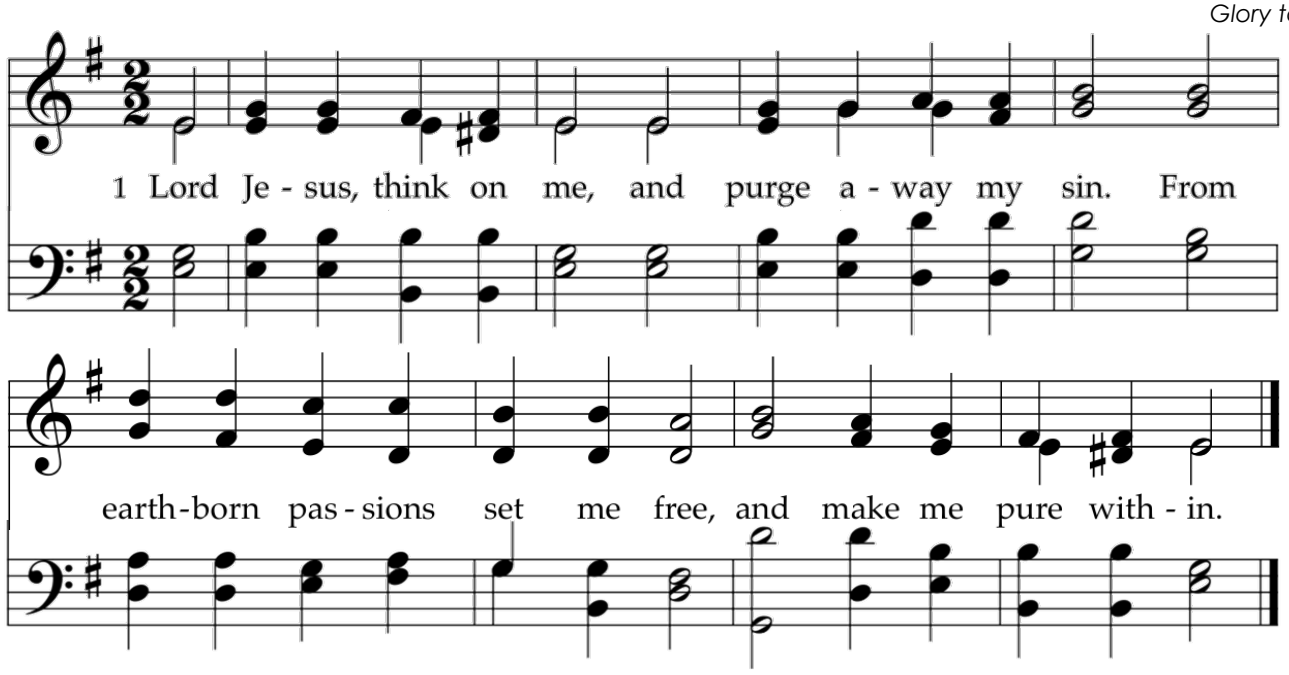
silence

Leader: Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. So believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE **"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"** No. 417

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ANTHEM **"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*** George Frideric Handel

Sanctuary Choir

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.)

* SONG **"Lord, Reign in Me"** Brenton Brown

Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky
But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You reign in me again

Lord, reign in me, reign in your power, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am so won't You reign in me again?

Over every thought, over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
You mean more to me than any earthly thing so won't You reign in me again?

Lord, reign in me, reign in your power, over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am so won't You reign in me again?

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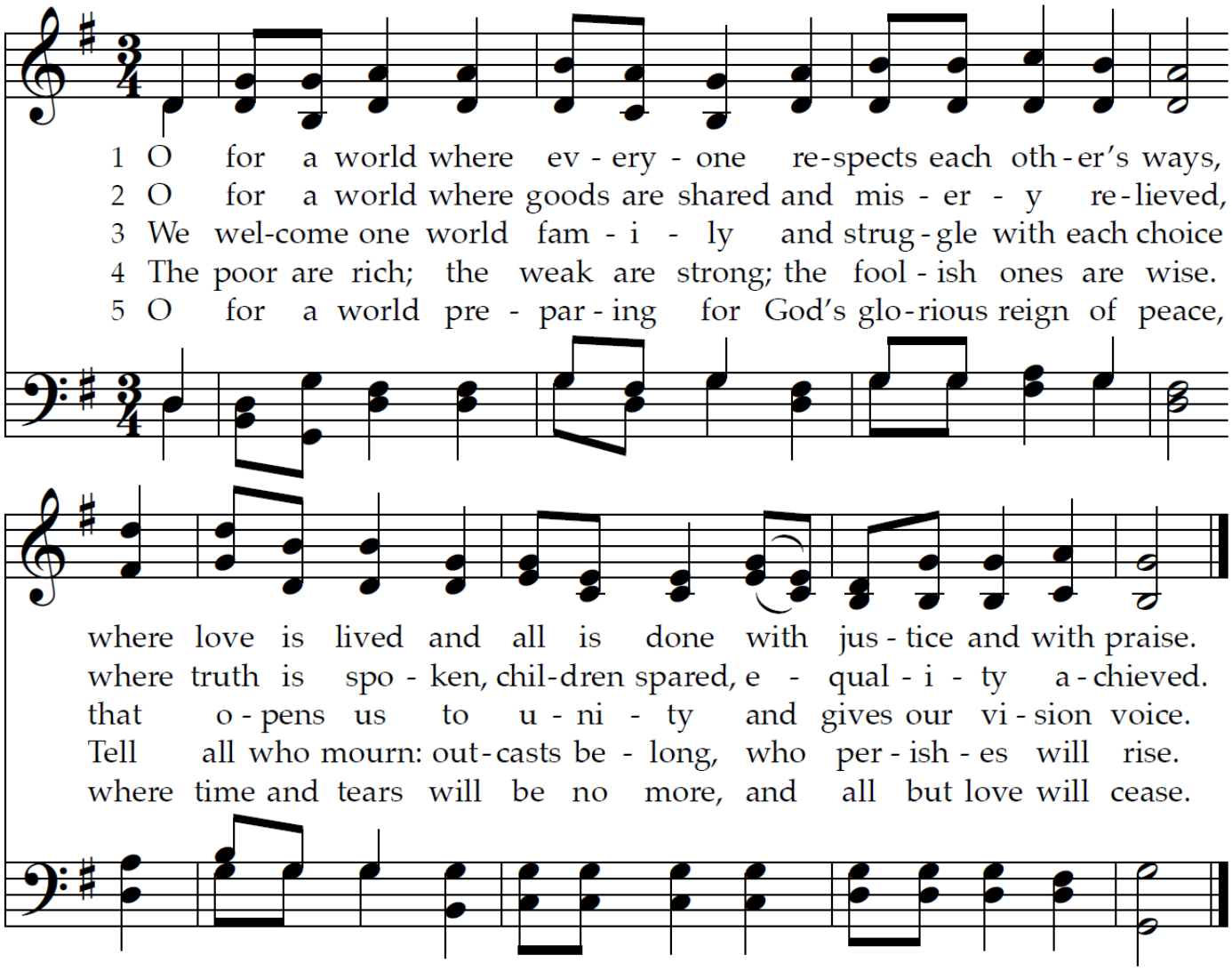
SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit
on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will
separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king
will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you
gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and
you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took
care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him,
'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you
something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you
or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison
and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to
one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say
to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I
was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did
not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or
thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then
he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these,
you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the
righteous into eternal life."

SERMON ***We Are …*** Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* HYMN **"O For a World"** No. 372

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CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY **"Now Thank We All Our God"** Paul Manz

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious and Loving God, through your son and our savior Jesus Christ you have removed every barrier between our deep needs and your abundant providence. You have shown us what it means to be fully human and provided us with a model of power that gives life, instead of taking it.

With gratitude, we honor the gift of your son, and the assurances he shared with the world of your great love. We receive with joy all that you provide, and trust that you celebrate with us in every one of our joyful moments.

Holy Jesus, you know us by name. Hear us now as we name in our hearts and lift up those who need your tender care.

Empower us today with your vision of care for the least among us. Loosen our grip upon what we try to control and keep for ourselves and instead allow us to give of ourselves for the sake of those who live lives of less than complete human dignity.

We pray today for the poor and the disabled, the marginalized and victims of oppression. We pray for those who are imprisoned, and who are caught in the snare of addiction. We pray for the world, a world in need of your pastoral power. Lend your wisdom and compassion to the leaders and authorities of this world that justice may be done and righteousness lived.

Assure us, once again, that the fullness of who you are is in us, moving with us, going before us and following behind us. Bind us all in one holy communion where we may be fully known, each and every one of us, and called "Beloved." We pray all this in the name of Christ and join in praying the prayer he taught us to pray:

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.

* CLOSING SONG **"Only King Forever"** Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, & Mack Brock

Our God a firm foundation
Our rock, the only solid ground
As nations rise and fall
Kingdoms once strong now shaken
But we trust forever in Your Name
The Name of Jesus
We trust the Name of Jesus

You are the only King forever, Almighty God we lift You higher
You are the only King forever
Forevermore, You are victorious
You are the only King forever, Almighty God we lift You higher
You are the only King forever
Forevermore, You are victorious

Unmatched in all Your wisdom
In love and justice You will reign
And every knee will bow
We bring our expectations
Our hope is anchored in Your Name
The Name of Jesus
We trust the Name of Jesus

You are the only King forever, Almighty God we lift You higher
You are the only King forever
Forevermore, You are victorious
You are the only King forever, Almighty God we lift You higher
You are the only King forever
Forevermore, You are victorious

We lift our banner high
We lift the Name of Jesus
From age to age You reign
Your kingdom has no end
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You are the only King forever, Almighty God we lift You higher
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* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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