

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026 ***Livestream & In-Person*** **10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE **"Be Thou My Vision"** arr. Molly Ijames

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 78) Linda Franke

Leader: Give ear, O my people, and listen to the words of my mouth.

People: We will tell the coming generations of the Lord's glorious deeds and the wonders God has done.

Leader: Let us set our hope in God and not forget the works of the Lord.

People: As we wait, we will tell the story and keep the commandments.

Leader: We come together to worship the living God.

* OPENING HYMN **"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"** No. 649

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CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Linda Franke

Leader: If we say we have no sin, the truth is not in us. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, we seek to begin again. With confidence that God hears us as we pray, let us confess our sins.

All: God of grace, we have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another. We sleep when you ask us to be awake. We fall short in our preparations for the delays that inevitably come. We fail to share what you have provided. We have lost our hope. Forgive our sinful ways, tame our wayward wills, and make us more like Christ. Inspire us by your Spirit so that we will be prepared to welcome the Lord when he appears. May our lives here and now be a glimpse of what we hope all may one day enjoy.

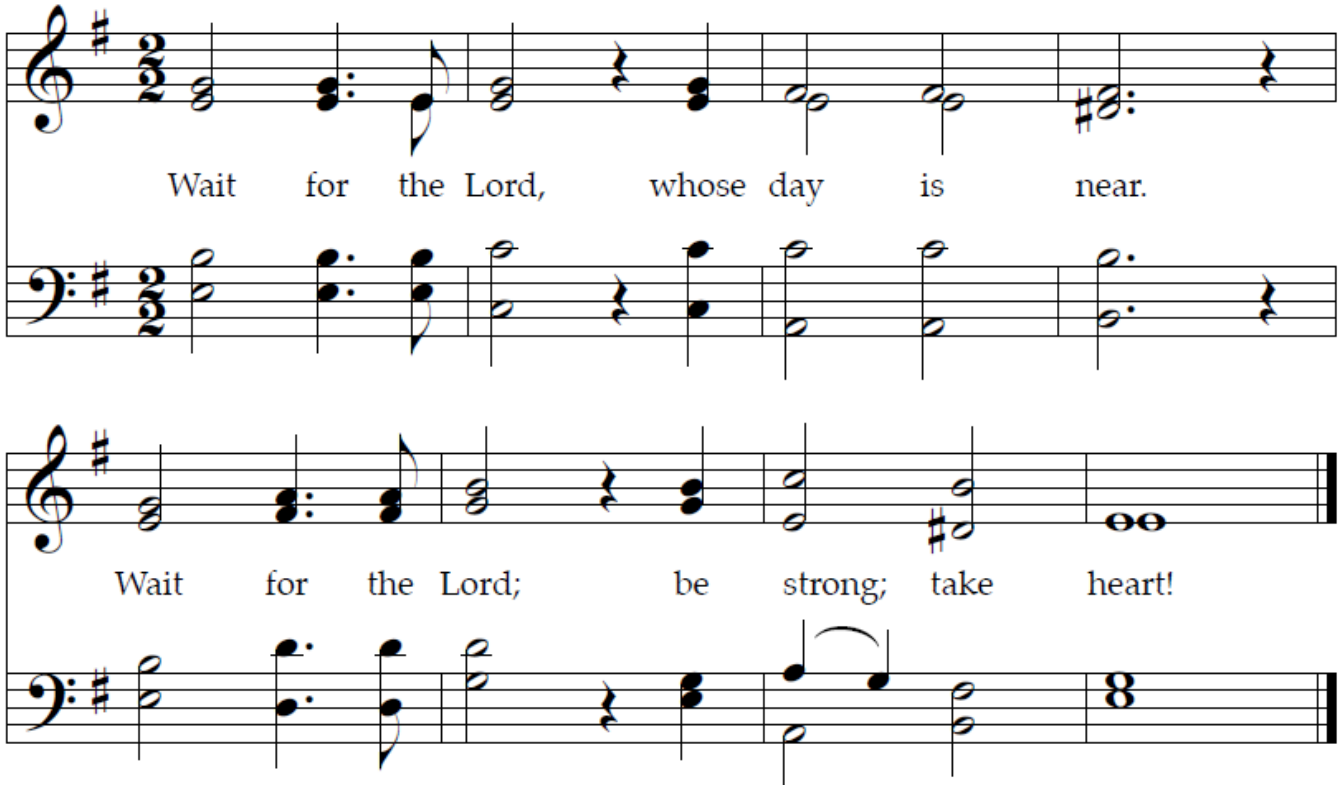
silence

Leader: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news: Jesus died and rose again, and will bring with him both those who have died and those who are alive.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE **"Wait for the Lord"** No. 90

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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 **"Your Love Awakens Me"** Phil Wickham and Chris Quilala

There were walls between us. By the cross You came and broke them down,
You broke them down. And there were chains around us
By Your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
You called my name and then my heart came alive.

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

Feel the darkness shaking, All the dead are coming back to life,
I'm back to life. Hear the song awaken, all creation singing
We're alive 'cause You're alive.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
You called my name and then my heart came alive.

Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger. Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

And what a love we've found! Death can't hold us down. We shout it out;
We're alive 'cause You're alive!
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SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps
and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took
flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became
drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their
lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going
out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had
better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy
it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying,
'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep
awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

SERMON ***Be Prepared*** Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* HYMN **"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"** No. 362

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CALL TO OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY **"He Leadeth Me"** William Bradbury
arr. Lloyd Larson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, it is with humble hearts and audacious hope that we come before you in prayer.

God of grace, we give you thanks that you have drawn us together as your church. We pray that we might find unity in your call to love and serve you, in the common mission that we share. Grant those called to serve as ministers, elders, deacons and leaders an extra measure of your Spirit as they discern your vision as opposed to their own.

God of beauty, we give you thanks for the wonders of your creation. We know we have not served as the stewards and caretakers that your world needs and deserves. Inspire us to care for each creature and keep us mindful of all those who will dwell in this place in the generations that follow us.

God of wisdom, on this Sunday after an election, we pray for those candidates who were victorious and for those who did not achieve victory. We need your reconciliation and a commitment to the common good. May those who govern us be guided by your wisdom as they work for justice and provide care for all.

God of hope, we ask you to draw near to those who grieve; to those who are ill and in need of healing; to those struggling to find meaningful work; to those whose memories are fading; to those who fear what tomorrow will bring. We collectively grieve all that has been lost and yet ask that you might encourage us with your promise so that we may not grieve as those who have no hope.

God of illumination, fill our lamps with oil. May our preparations and trust in you carry us through any unexpected delay. Keep us awake so that we might welcome you when the call comes. Gather us into the feast that you have prepared.

God of faithfulness and love, give us words to speak as a witness to you. In all that we say, type, post, and do, may it be evident that we serve the Lord of heaven and earth, even as we watch for the new heaven and new earth you have promised and as we join our voices with the saints of all the ages to 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 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 SONG **"More Than Amazing"** Lincoln Brewster & Mia Fieldes

You're the One who walked on water
And you calmed the raging seas
You command the highest mountains
To fall upon their knees.
You're the One who welcomed sinners
And you opened blinded eyes
You restored the brokenhearted
And you brought the dead to life
Forgetting all our sins, You remember all Your promises

You are amazing, more than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough
You are amazing

With authority You've spoken
And You've set the captive free
You're the King who came to serve
And You're the God who washed our feet
You're the One who took our burdens
And you bled upon the cross
In Your kindness and Your mercy
You became the way for us
Forgetting all our sins, You remember all Your promises

You are amazing, more than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough
You are amazing, more than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough

Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful! Oh, how glorious!
You are amazing
Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful! Oh, how glorious You are!

You are amazing, more than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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.

Audio/Video: Noor Bitar and Michael Gray

Music Director: Keith Atwater

Guest Pianist: Trina Spivack

Piano: Gabe Bisho

Drums: Will Condrey

Vocals: Karen Gray and Julie Ueltzen

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