



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2020

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Prelude in G minor”
Randy Benfield

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Ivan N. Herman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Trina Spivack

Leader: Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, and worthy of our highest praise.

People: Who is like the Lord?

Leader: Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea, and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

People: Who is like the Lord?

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

People: Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

GTG No. 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

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Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dave & Nancy Studer

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord will not always accuse, nor will God be angered forever. God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. Trusting this promise, we boldly confess our sin to God and before one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Christ, you declare: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. You instruct us to forgive seventy-seven times, to remember God's grace toward us and extend it to one another. Despite your clear word to refrain from judging others, we pronounce others guilty and unworthy of our compassion. We quarrel over opinions and sow division when you call us to cultivate relationships and demonstrate our unity in Christ. Instead of responding to your grace with gratitude, we attempt to limit the love you command us to share. Forgive our hard-heartedness. Expand our circles of concern. Enliven our communities with your boundary-breaking, reconciling Spirit. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward those who fear God; as far as the east is from the west, so far the Lord removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the God has compassion for those who fear the Lord. Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"The Gloria Patri"

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM

"With a Voice of Singing"

Shaw

Sanctuary Choir

*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

"In Christ Alone"

Getty & Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand:
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

SERMON

Reality Check

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Farro, Riddle & Wickham

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love
That You would take my place, that You would bear the cross
You laid down Your life that I would be set free
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan and son and daughter?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who rules that nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of glory, the King above all kings

OFFERING

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, you alone are Lord of conscience. In life and death, we belong to you. Ultimately, we are accountable only to you. Trusting in your mercy, confident as your children, we come to you eager to be in your presence and receive your wisdom. When uncertainty swirls all around us, we rest in your peace. When the world feels threatening, we find solace in your compassion. When we are overwhelmed by the needs of the world, we remember your power to heal and bring wholeness in ways we could never imagine. When we fear we are alone, you promise never to abandon us. When we yearn to unburden our hearts, you assure us that you hear our sighs too deep for words.

Merciful God, there is much on our minds this day: people still recovering from hurricanes and fires, communities reeling from racial injustice, families grieving the death of loved ones, students, parents and teachers attempting to navigate a school year like no other. In all these places and with all your people, bring relief and offer encouragement. We suffer with those suffering from hunger, illness and loneliness. We rejoice with those who rejoice at the birth of a baby or the beginning of a marriage. We give thanks for the care we receive from friends and the kindness shown to us by strangers. Make of us, we pray, reflections of your goodness and grace to those most in need of your mercy.

Loving God, we seek only to be faithful in this season, as in all seasons. Do not let us forget that you equip us to do your will. You surround us with others with whom to do the work you call us to do. You send your Spirit to give us the words, show us the way and empower us to keep going when we are tempted to turn away from you. We hold fast to your promises in order that others might come to experience your love through us.

Gracious God, we are bold to pray for those closest to us and even for ourselves. As we wrestle with "what if?" and "what now?" we ask for a sure sense of your providence even when we cannot yet perceive it. Grant us the wisdom to know the next thing we must do in order to follow you. Give us the courage to do that next thing with our whole heart and the faith to do it with joy. We make our prayer in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who taught us to say when we pray,

Unison: 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.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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