



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2020

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Rondeau”
Randy Benfield

Mouret

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Ivan N. Herman

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

“Faith Comes Alive”

Patty Peterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Randall & Rowan Haight
(from Psalm 96:2,9)

Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name.

People: Tell of God's saving power from day to day.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor.


People: Tremble before God, all the earth.

HYMN OF PRAISE

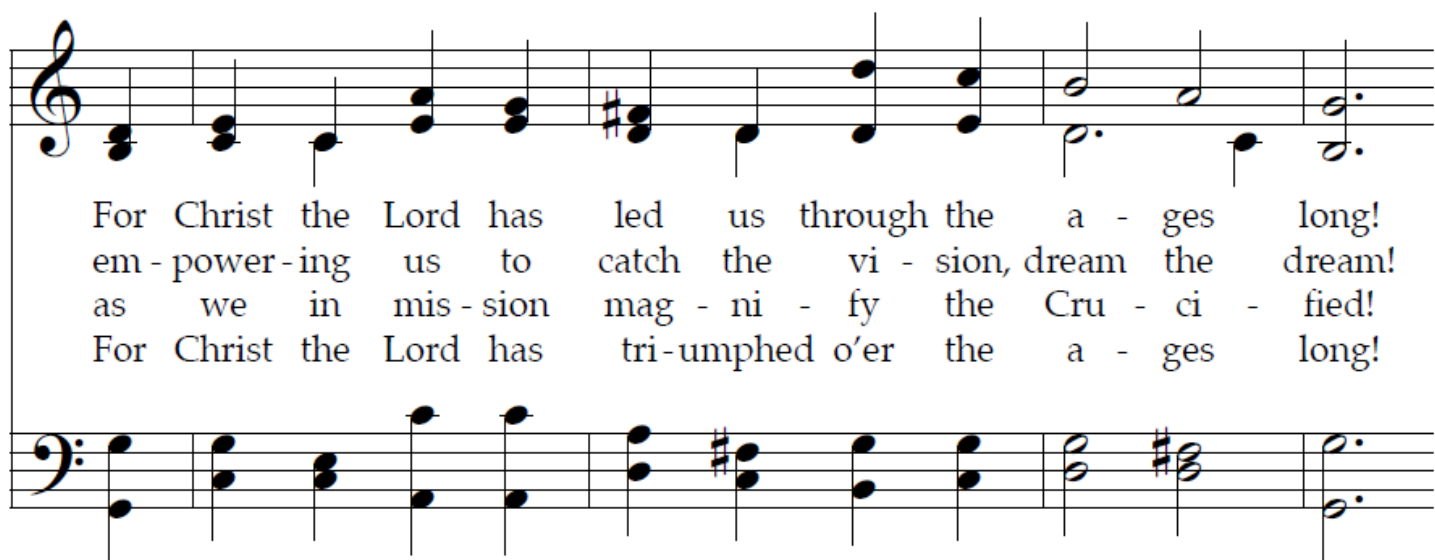
“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

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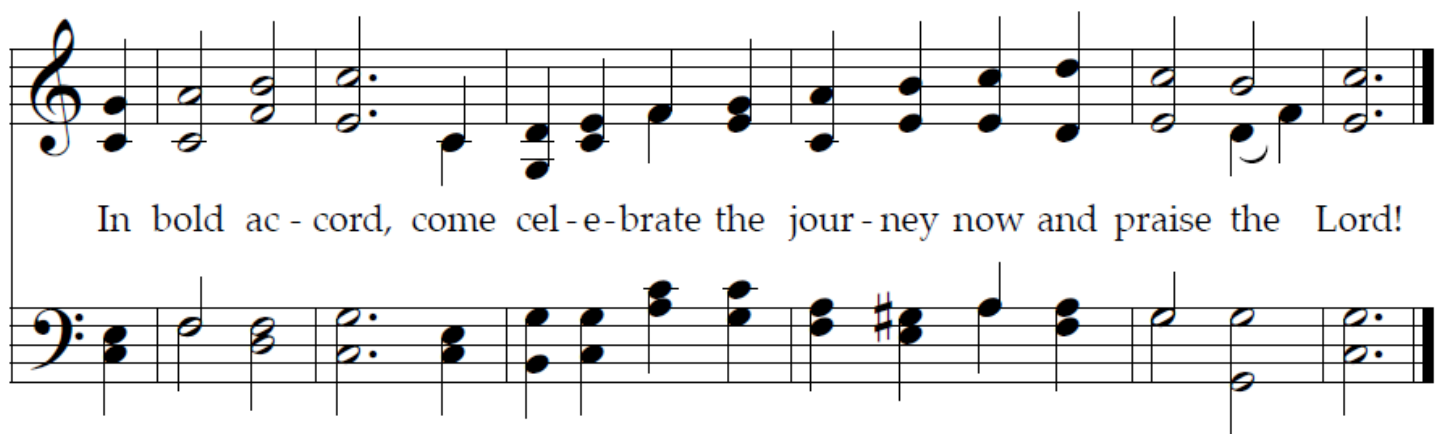
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Randall & Rowan Haight

Leader: God does not regard us with partiality, but with the grace of Christ Jesus deals with each of us according to our need. With gratitude for this amazing grace, let us confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ. And yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let the sea roar with laughter, the fields shout in celebration, and the forests sing with joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

"You'll Come"

Fraser

I have decided, I have resolved to wait upon You, Lord
My rock and redeemer, shield and reward
I'll wait upon You, Lord
As surely as the sun will rise, You'll come to us
Certain as the dawn appears
You'll come. Let Your glory fall as You respond to us.
Spirit, rain, flood into our thirsty hearts again
You'll come, You'll come
We are not shaken, we are not moved. We wait upon You, Lord
Mighty deliverer, triumph and truth
We wait upon You, Lord
As surely as the sun will rise, You'll come to us
Certain as Your word endures
Chains be broken. Lives be healed.
Eyes be opened. Christ is revealed.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

Jesus and Test Taking

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

"You Alone"

Parker & Crowder

You are the only one I need
I bow all of me at Your feet
I worship You alone
You have given me more than
I could ever have wanted and
I want to give You my heart and my soul
You alone are Father and You alone are good
You alone are Savior and You alone are God

OFFERING

FAITH STORY

Misty Dunn

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Loving God, we feel at times as if we are being tested. One crisis passes and another one comes in its wake. The hurricanes churn over warming waters, the fires burn on the West coast, injustice follows injustice and this pandemic will not cease. How long, O Lord, how long? We cannot endure without a sure sense of your presence. We cannot rest without a glimpse of your power. While we want to remain faithful, we cannot help but lag in zeal. Hear our cries for help, we pray.

Gracious God, knowing all too well that today's problems are enough for today, we entrust to your compassionate care all the burdens we can no longer carry, the worries we can no longer bear. Take from us the anxieties that threaten to overtake us, the grief of cumulative losses, the fear for our well-being and that of those we love, the shame of deeds we cannot undo and the doubts that prevent us from moving forward. We hand them over, right now, believing that our Lord intercedes for us and the Spirit translates our sighs too deep for words.

Merciful God, you never abandon us, your faithfulness to the covenant you make with your people is unwavering. You walk with us, go before us, envelop us with your goodness and grace. Help us to feel your close presence with every breath and each heartbeat. May our awareness of your nearness empower us to do justice, love kindness and keep walking with you so that others will come to know

your love through our witness. Make of us a grateful, joy-filled people, a light to which others are drawn.

Glorious God, we are told only to ask and that in asking, we will receive. We ask now for whatever tugs on our hearts, weighs on our minds, calls from our souls. You know it before we name it. You desire what is best for your beloved world. You plan a hope-filled future for us. You refuse to give up on your good and beautiful creation. Help us to dream your dreams and envision your will until that day when Christ returns and all is well. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior, 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.

Prayers of Intercession by Jill Duffield, *Presbyterian Outlook* 2020

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