



# Carnegie Presbyterian Church

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Being a community of devoted believers, we are:

Gathered by the Holy Spirit

\* Please stand if you are able

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come, children of the Light, come to worship Your Maker.

**ALL: We were once in darkness, but now we are light in the Lord.**

Leader: Light produces the fruits of goodness, justice, and truth.

**ALL: May we plant seeds that sprout forth such gifts to the world.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

### \*OPENING PRAISE SONG † My Lighthouse

*In my wrestling and in my doubts in my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

*In the silence, You won't let go in the questions, Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea  
You are the peace in my troubled sea*

#### **REFRAIN**

***My lighthouse, my lighthouse shining in the darkness. I will follow You  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore (oh-oh-oh-oh-oh)  
Safe to shore***

*Fire before us, You're the brightest You will lead us through the storms [repeat 4x]*

#### **REFRAIN**

### **CALL to CONFESSION**

#### **PRAYER of CONFESSION**

God of Love and Justice, we know your heart is breaking for us. You taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we harbor prejudice and resentment that leads to violence. You taught us that you love us all, no matter the color of our skin or the sound of our voice, and yet we persist in defending the actions of those who demean and threaten people you love. We confess that we have been silent when we should have stood up to the signs of prejudice and selfishness. We have been unwilling to welcome your ever-present Spirit, to strive for your justice in this world, or to recognize the risen Christ in the face of others. Forgive us. Call us again, to spread the joy of your kingdom and live as agents of your renewal in the world. Help us be light in a world that has chosen darkness for too long. Free us from our foolishness, and teach us to live by your wisdom, in Jesus' name. Amen.

## PROCLAMATION of GRACE

### \*GLORIA PATRI

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.

### \*SHARING the PEACE OF CHRIST

#### \*PRAISE RESPONSE † This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine*

## Growing in faith

#### \*PRAISE SONG † Call It Grace

*Heather Campbell*

*It's the light that pierces through you to the darkest hidden place  
It knows your deepest secrets but it never looks away  
It's the gentle hand that pulls you from the judgment of the crowd  
When you stand before them guilty and you've got no way out*

#### **REFRAIN**

*Some may call it foolish and impossible but for every heart it rescues it's a miracle  
It's nothing less than scandalous this love that took our place  
Just call it what it is  
Call it grace (ooh oh oh)  
Call it grace (ooh oh oh)*

*It's the breath that's breathing new life into what we thought was dead  
It's the favor that takes orphans placing crowns upon their heads  
It's the hope for our tomorrows the rock on which we stand  
It's a strong and mighty fortress even hell can't stand against*

#### **REFRAIN**

*Amazing, unshaking this is grace, this is grace  
Unchanging, unfailing this is grace, this is grace*

#### **REFRAIN**

## PRAYER of ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE † Matthew 13:31-33, 44-48

### SERMON

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**"The Smallest of All Seeds"**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

## *Brief Statement of Faith (excerpts)*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

### **\*HYMN † Great is Thy Faithfulness**

*Heather Campbell*

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

#### **REFRAIN**

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***Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

#### **REFRAIN**

## PRAYERS of the PEOPLE with LORD'S PRAYER

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.

**Going** to share the good news of God's love

## **OFFERING of OUR LIVES and GIFTS**

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above the heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

### **\*PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**\*CLOSING HYMN † I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me**

*I'm gonna live – work - pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live – work - pray so God can use me  
Lord, anytime!*

**CHARGE and BLESSING**

Carnegie Presbyterian Church is a caring and serving community of devoted believers in Jesus Christ called to inspire and nurture the spiritual health and physical well-being of our neighboring communities.

**INSTRUCTIONS to CONNECT for WORSHIP**

**Connect by Phone, Computer or Smart Device.**

**Everything you need to join Sunday worship is listed below.  
All the numbers remain the same from week to week.  
Cut out and keep them handy!**

**PHONE CALL**

Call: **1-312-626-6799**

Enter access code **634 764 368** with a #, and then another #  
You will be able to hear the worship service.

**COMPUTER** *(with or without a camera)*

Enter link: **<https://zoom.us/j/634764368>**

It will take you to Zoom

*Works best on Chrome, join with computer audio if you desire.*

*You may need to unlock video at the pop-up bar, bottom of the screen.*

**SMART DEVICE** *(smartphone, tablets, etc.)*

Download the App – **Zoom Meeting App**

You will enter this meeting ID **634 764 368**