

# Carnegie Presbyterian Church

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Being a community of devoted believers, we are: **Gathered by the Holy Spirit**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **MOMENT of PREPARATION † Isaiah 35:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> “For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>6</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water”

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Life-giving God, we are a blessed people. In this moment of worship we pray that you might bless us anew. Give us ears to hear the melodies of praise that fill the world around us. And as we hear the songs, teach us to sing, to dance with abandon, to rejoice in the wonders of your grace. Forgive us when we have passed by signs of your mercy. From this moment forward, open our eyes to the places where joy is springing up from parched ground. Lead us by your Spirit in the pathways of your overflowing peace, hope, and joy. Amen.**

### **\* PRAISE SONG † Trading My Sorrows**

- 1) I'm trading my sorrows. I'm trading my shame. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.  
I'm trading my sickness. I'm trading my pain. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
- 2) Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes Yes Lord ~ Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes Yes Lord  
Yes Lord, Yes Lord, Yes Yes Lord, Amen
- 3) I am pressed but not crushed persecuted, not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed I am blessed beyond the curse  
For His promise will endure and His joy's going to be my strength
- 4) Though the sorrow may last for the night  
His joy comes with the morning

**REPEAT #1**

**REPEAT # 2 / sing twice**

**REPEAT #3**

**REPEAT #4**

**REPEAT # 1**

**REPEAT # 2**

**\* OPENING HYMN † Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

*performed by Kenley Wood*

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, leading us with mercy's hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

**Growing in faith**

**PRAYER of ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 35: 1-7

**REFLECTION**

***The Desert Blooms***

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**\* PRAISE SONG † God of Wonders**

Lord of all creation Lord of water, earth and sky  
The heavens are your Tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high

***God of wonders beyond our galaxy,***

***You are holy, holy***

***The universe declares Your Majesty***

***You are holy, holy***

***Lord of Heaven and Earth***

***Lord of Heaven and Earth***

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**\* PRAISE SONG † God of Wonders**

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light  
As I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night

***CHORUS***

Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and Earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and Earth  
Hallelujah to the Lord of Heaven and Earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy,  
You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your Majesty  
You are holy, holy

Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me  
Father, holy, holy  
Lord of Heaven and Earth  
Lord of Heaven and Earth

**LITANY of THANKSGIVING with LORD'S PRAYER**

ONE: Blessed be the name of God, whose Word has long been proclaimed within this hallowed place.

**ALL: We give you thanks, O God.**

ONE: As generations have prayed their prayers and sung your praises here, your Spirit has blessed countless worshipers.

**ALL: We give you thanks, O God.**

ONE: We have celebrated the Lord's Supper here and been nurtured by it through our journey in faith.

**ALL: We give you thanks, O God.**

ONE: We have rejoiced here as new believers have confessed faith in Christ. Here we have baptized our children and mourned our dead.

**ALL: We give you thanks, O God.**

ONE: As we go now from this house onward in this journey of faith,

**ALL: We give you thanks, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together...**

**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.**

**\* HYMN † Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord! who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

**G**oing to share the good news of God's Love

**OFFERING of our LIVES & GIFTS**

**\* PRAISE SONG † I Will Call Upon the Lord**

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised  
So shall I be saved from my enemies (*repeat*)

***CHORUS: The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted  
The Lord liveth and blessed be the Rock  
And let the God of my salvation be exalted***

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised  
So shall I be saved from my enemies ***CHORUS***

**CHARGE & BLESSING**

**\* SENDING † By Faith**

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness wWho walk by faith and not by sight  
By faith our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand a place where peace and justice reign

***CHORUS: We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight***

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth ***CHORUS [sing twice]***

We'll walk by faith and not by sight