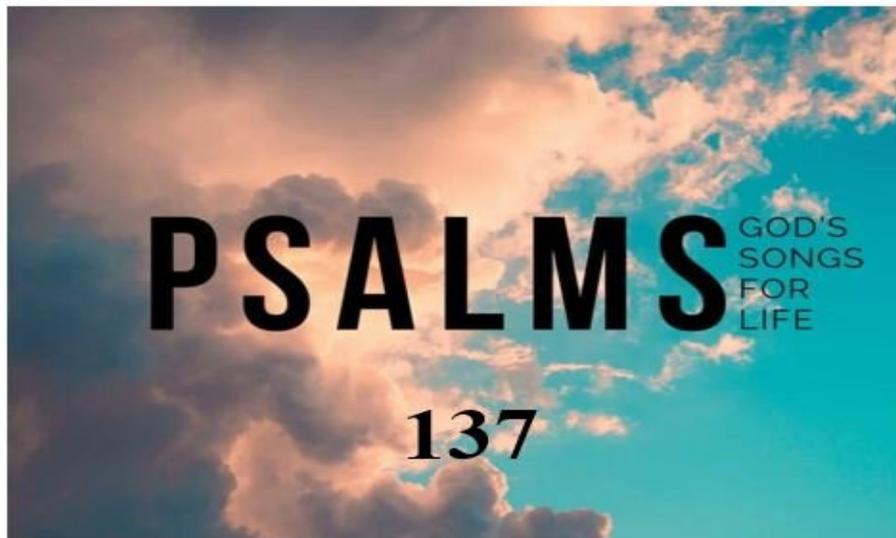


# CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.



### PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

#### CENTERING PRAYER

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church as we gather in your name.  
Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.  
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.  
Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.  
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.  
Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

To God Be The Glory

Fred Bock  
Bryant Hand

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Anne Taylor

PRELUDE

Spirit of G-d, Descend Upon My Heart  
*Leslie Goldsmith, piano*

Frederick C. Atkinson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God come to the waters,  
    **We gather to be restored and renewed.**  
Come with your faith and your doubt.  
    **We respond to the one who claims and calls us.**  
Come, Christ summons us to draw near.  
    **Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!**

## HYMN

I Sing the Almighty Power of God  
*Tony Colpini, songleader*

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## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we long to draw close to you, but we are afraid. We are afraid to heed your summons for we do not know what awaits us when we step out in faith. We are cautious of taking risks for your sake because the forces of chaos seem stronger than your assurances for us. We worry that we will not have enough faith in you or in the gifts you have given us, to do the things you ask. Forgive us Lord, and save us. Reach out your hand, and lift us from our fear that we might follow you faithfully.

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Ephesians 1:3a, 7-8

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. So overflowing is His kindness toward us, that he took away all our sins through the blood of His Son, and He has showered down upon us the richness of His grace.  
    **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Holly and Phil McGhee

Let us no engage in a very ancient practice in a very contemporary way. Please pass the peace by text, email, or in person with those whom you are privileged to have by your side.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

## LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

Jim Carter

This is the Word of the Lord!  
    **Thanks be to God!**

### ANTHEM

Gonna Live the Life I Sing About in My Song      Thomas A. Dorsey  
*Mimi Gentry, vocal; Don Rice, piano; Stan Hodgen, bass*

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 137

Jenn Carlier

This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Even “there,” God is

Jenn Carlier

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Creed for Troubled Time  
Based on Luke 21  
Jenn Carlier

When nation rises against nation, and kingdom against kingdom,  
the end is not violence:  
for there is a God of resilient, redeeming love,  
and the Brighter Purpose is at work in the shadows,  
and the darkness cannot smother it.

**Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.**

When there are earthquakes, famines and pestilences  
and collisions among the stars,  
the end is not chaos:

God, the creator of the heavens and the earth, has not forsaken us,  
and the harmony will again break out and gather  
to hasten towards consummation.

**Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.**

When believers are arrested and abused,  
dragged before kings and governors,  
the end is not injustice:  
the Holy Spirit is always with you in all your trials and travail,  
and words will be given to confound your adversaries  
and shake the gates of hell.

**Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.**

When parents, brothers, sisters, relatives or friends,  
betray you even unto death,  
the end is not alienation:  
the crucified Christ will reconcile all things seen and unseen,  
and the glorious finale is much nearer than when you first believed.

**Lord we believe, strengthen our timid faith.**

*\* used with the permission of the author Bruce Prewer, deceased, retired minister of The Uniting Church of Australia.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

WORDS OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING

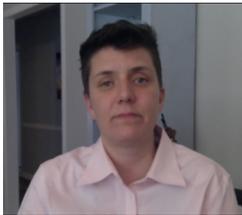
DOXOLOGY 606

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love 203

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Recessional Leon Nelson  
*Dawn McCord, piano*



Hi! I'm Jenn Carlier. Thank you so much for having me this Sunday. Here's a little information about me: I am a Ph.D. candidate in Theological Studies at Laney Graduate School (Emory University), and an active member of Kirkwood United Church of Christ in Atlanta. I believe Theology is a communal practice that attends to lived experience and intends to foster wholeness. As such, my dissertation focuses on substance use disorders, and examines how the church might best respond to those struggling. Once I complete my dissertation, I hope to teach at a University or Seminary, and plan to remain active in my church community. Besides working on my Ph.D., I am also currently seeking ordination within the UCC.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Guest Preacher: Jenn Carlier  
Choir Director and Organist: Dawn McCord  
Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith  
Liturgist: Mary Anne Taylor  
Sound Technician: Bryant Hand  
Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor & Bryant Hand  
Handbell Director: Ámari Jiménez  
Readers: Jim Carter, Holly & Phil McGhee



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHURCH OFFICE

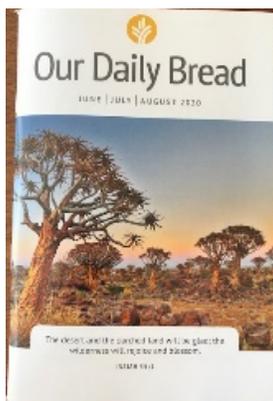
Currently, the church office is open Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Thank you! - Angie Chesser, Office Administrator

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### BE A CONTRIBUTOR

We are still looking for more “Peace of our Lord be with you” videos. Just take a short selfie video on your cell phone and email it to [info@carrolltonpresbyterian.net](mailto:info@carrolltonpresbyterian.net).

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Are you missing your “Our Daily Bread” devotional? Call the church office and we will mail one to you.

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Let us continue to join together in joy and praise of God in our July worship services

August 16 - Rev. Chip Blankinship  
August 23 - Rev. Keith Hancock

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We extend Christian sympathy to John Durscher's wife, Judy, and daughter, Amy, upon John's passing on Monday, August 3, 2020. The Durscher family are former, long time members of Carrollton Presbyterian Church. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
<b>Monday, August 10</b> 6:30 p.m.	Christian Ed. Team Meeting	
<b>Tuesday, August 11</b> 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Open Hands - Food Wine and the Word Circle	Outreach Team
<b>Wednesday, August 12</b> 10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group	
<b>Thursday, August 13</b> 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Soup Kitchen Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team Outreach Team
<b>Friday, August 14</b>		
<b>Saturday, August 15</b>		
<b>Sunday, August 16</b> 11:00 a.m.	Streaming Worship Service	Worship Team

\* For more information on any of these events, please contact the church office, or an elder serving on the appropriate leadership team.

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**Session Members:** Jay Horsley (Admin), Mimi Gentry (Communications), Mary Anne Taylor (Worship), Dena Wilson (Fellowship & Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Carolyn Aycock (Stewardship & Finance), Pat Sheffield (Member Care), Jared Price (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Patti Stewart (Outreach), and Jeff Branyon (Outreach)