

# CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 22, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.



## PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

We welcome you to Carrollton Presbyterian Church. Let the Musical Meditation be a call to reverent silence in which all may become aware of His presence.

### CENTERING PRAYER

Light of the world, you have come into world's darkness and the darkness cannot overwhelm the light.  
Let your holy name be known through all the earth, that all people and nations may praise you and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**MUSICAL MEDITATIONS**

Let The Church Say Amen

Andrae Crouch,

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

# GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

## OPENING SENTENCES

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Candace Rader Horsley

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candace Rader Horsley

## PRELUDE

Faith

Mark Hayes

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP- from Psalm 90 in "The Message"

Candace Rader Horsley

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

So don't abandon us now and turn us back to dust!

**Patience, God, patience! You've got all the time in the world. Whether a thousand years or a day, it's all the same to you!**

Our days feel like a dream. They're like grass that is fresh and green in the morning, but withers and dies in the evening.

**We live for seventy years or so (with luck we might make it to eighty), and what do we have to show for it? Toil and trouble, and a marker in the graveyard. Who can make sense of it?**

O Lord, teach us to live well! Teach us to number our days so we will live wisely!

**Surprise us with your love at daybreak; then we'll skip and dance all the day long! Make up for the bad times with some good times, after all, we've seen enough evil to last a lifetime.**

Let your loving kindness rest on us from here on out and bless the work of our hands!

**Oh, yes, Lord! Bless us and bless the work of our hands!**

## \*HYMN

Why Stand So Far Away, My God?

GTG # 786

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Candace Rader Horsley

We are a people living in sin. We are a people in need of God's vision, praying for our eyes to be opened. We are a people in need of God's reversal, praying for our hearts to be softened. We are a people in need of God's reconciliation, praying that our faces might be illuminated by God's presence. Let us claim our need of God, confessing our sin together.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Candace Rader Horsley

Lord, we confess that we have been party to the crimes against the world you made and love. We have built bigger barns for ourselves while we have ignored the hungry, the poor, the vulnerable, and the broken among us. We have not chosen well. We obsess way too much over what we don't have, yet easily ignore the cries of those who have nothing. Dare we ask for forgiveness? We, who weary you with our indifference? Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy! Forgive us. Restore us. Renew us. So that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

## \*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Candace Rader Horsley

Remember this: Anyone who is in Christ, is a new creation. The past is finished! It's gone! Everything has become new. Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**We believe the Good News of the Gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Candace Rader Horsley

Just as we have been forgiven in Christ, let us forgive and be at peace with one another, saying, "the peace of our Lord be with you."

**And also with you!**

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

## \*GLORIA PATRI

GTG # 581

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! A-men. A-men.

# LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Larry Owens

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

Pew Bible OT Page # 696

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

\*HYMN

Be Still My Soul

GTG # 819

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21:10-11, v.22 & 22:1-5

Pew Bible NT Page # 259

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

SERMON

God's Vision for Holy Cities

Rev. Larry Owens

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

GTG # 338

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-from the Declaration of Faith 1977

Rev. Larry Owens

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more that Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he served us, to take up our cross, rising the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not see n.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Larry Owens

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.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Mike Handyside

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Candace Rader Horsley

When we fail to cultivate generosity, it is easy to isolate ourselves from the natural give-and-take of human relationships, and so we experience no give or take. Giving is a way of opening ourselves to opportunity of help and love for another person, we place ourselves in God's design for giving and receiving from one another. Let us step into this opportunity to be like the one who gives freely in Proverbs. Let us present our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*(You are invited to bring your offering to the plate on the Communion Table)*

\*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG # 606

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

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Larry Owens

## FOLLOWING GOD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN

We Shall Overcome

GTG # 179

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Larry Owens

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Chester G. Allen

The livestream does not end until the conclusion of the Postlude.  
Please refrain from talking until after the Postlude.

\* You are invited to stand, if able

We are live streaming this service so people can join us wherever they are; therefore, your image may show up on our broadcast. Thanks to everyone who is viewing from home. You are as much a part of this service as anyone attending in person. You add power to our congregation's prayer and praise.

**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Guest Minister: Rev. Larry Owens

Organist: Bryant Hand

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Music Meditations: Don Rice

Liturgist: Candace Rader Horsley

Acolyte: Elliot Snyder

Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison, Jared Price, & Jane Taylor

Ushers: Denise Robinson & Jay Horsley



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**A Note of Thanks**



We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Rev. Larry Owens for leading us in worship during this season of change for our church. Each Sunday, Larry has made the drive to Carrollton to breathe new breath into our congregation. Through his dynamic sermons, he has challenged us to accept change in order to forge through and lay a firm foundation for our church's future. While we all look for Larry to lead us in future worship services, this will be his last Sunday until after Summer. Larry, we, the members of Carrollton Presbyterian Church thank you from the bottom of our hearts and wish you a relaxing and rejuvenating summer.