

**Together we reach, transform, and equip people for a lifelong relationship with Christ.**

*Welcome To Worship*  
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church  
April 28, 2024 ~ 11 am

PRELUDE: "God So Loved"

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us, His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated, Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved, God so loved the world

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sharla Worley

CALL TO WORSHIP: Sharla Worley

Oh God, you created us in your image, which is love.

**Fill our hearts with your love.**

Oh God, you sent us your Son to teach us about love.

**Let our actions be shaped by the teaching of Jesus.**

Oh God, your Holy Spirit indwells in us.

**Let your love continue to grow in us and overflow through us to all your people.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Sharla Worley

\*OPENING SELECTION: "Reckless Love"

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me  
You have been so, so good to me  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so, so kind to me

(And) O, the overwhelming, never - ending, reckless love of God  
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety - nine  
I couldn't earn it, I don't de - serve it, still You give Yourself a - way  
O, the overwhelming, never - ending, reckless love of God, yeah

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me  
You have been so, so good to me  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me  
You have been so, so kind to me

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There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

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GREETING: Randy Loy

YOUTH/CHILDREN'S SPOTLIGHT & MESSAGE: Randy Loy  
*Children will be dismissed to Children's Church*

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURE: Jocelyn Cooper

**1 John 4: 7-21**

### **God Is Love**

**7** Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. **9** God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. **13** By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. **15** God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in

God. **16** So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. **17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. **19** We love because he first loved us. **20** Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. **21** The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*SELECTION:

"Heart of God"

I know you're hurting I can see it in your eyes  
So pull back the curtain and take off your disguise  
Whoever told you you ain't worth the fight  
The cross tells a story that'll change your mind

'Cause there's only love in the heart of God  
No room for shame in His open arms  
There's beauty from ashes so come as you are  
And there's only love in the heart of God

Oh Oh

Come prodigal children it's never too late  
Run home to the Father let Him clothe you with grace  
And bury your burdens break free from your fear  
Step out of the shadows there's no judgment here

There's only love in the heart of God  
No room for shame in His open arms  
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Oh Oh

No He's not sitting there shaking His head  
Writing you off leaving you lost  
He's not sitting there shaking his head  
Wishing He'd never went to that cross

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Writing you off leaving you lost  
He's not sitting there shaking his head  
He went to that cross He went to that cross

Oh Oh

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No room for shame in His open arms  
He makes beauty from ashes so come as you are

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SERMON: "God is Love. Do We Love As God Loves?"

Randy Loy

SELECTION: "Child of Love"

I was walking the wayside, lost on a lonely road  
I was chasing the high life, try'n to satisfy my soul

All the lies I believed in left me crying like the rain  
Then I saw lightning from heaven and I've never been the same

I'm gonna climb a mountain, I'm gonna shout about it  
I am a child of love  
I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus  
I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire, but I saw You in the flames  
Just when I thought it was over, You broke me out of the grave

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I am a child of love  
I found a world of freedom, I found a friend in Jesus  
I am a child of love

Yeah (yeah) oh, (oh) I am a child of love!  
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Nothing can change the way You love me  
Nothing can change the way I belong to You  
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Randy Loy

\*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE: “Child of Love”

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**Eternal God, we present our offerings to you now, as a token of our love for you. We know that our financial giving is not the only thing you require. We remember that you desire us to love you with all our hearts, our minds, and our souls. We remember that Jesus told us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Help us to measure up in our love and service. Amen.**

SELECTION: “Sing Wherever I Go”

(Ooh-ooh Oo-ooh) Sing wherever I go (Ooh-ooh Oo-ooh)

All my life, all I know, God's been good, good to my soul  
Mountain high, valley low, I'm gonna sing wherever I go

I got joy, joy, joy  
Deep in my soul (Ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh)  
I will sing, sing, sing  
Wherever I go (Ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh Ooh-ooh)

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BENEDICTION: Randy Loy