

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

Welcome To Worship
Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church
May 11, 2025 ~ 11 am

SELECTION “Raise A Hallelujah”

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, Heaven comes to fight for me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah; Fear, you lost your hold on me

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Maegan Cooper

CALL TO WORSHIP: Maegan Cooper
Today we celebrate our mothers in the faith.

Thank you God for giving us mothers.

We remember with deep gratitude their love for us.

Thank you God for giving us mothers.

We honor them by sharing your love with others.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*SELECTION: "Way Maker"

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

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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

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love

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Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love, His amazing love
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Pastor Jeff

SCRIPTURE: Jocelyn Cooper
Acts 9: 1-20

The Conversion of Saul

9 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' ⁷ The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' ¹¹ The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' ¹³ But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul Preaches in Damascus

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.'

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

*SELECTION

"Less Like Me"

Oh I have days I lose the fight
Try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held

When I just can't see past myself
Lord help me be

A little more like mercy a little more like grace
A little more like kindness goodness love and faith
A little more like patience a little more like peace
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me

Yeah there's no denying I have changed
I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best I must confess
I still need help to see the way You see

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
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Oh to feed the beggar on the street
Love to be Your hands and feet
Freely give what I receive Lord help me be
I want to put You first above all else
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees Lord help me be

A little more like mercy a little more like grace

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A little more I'm living everything I preach
A little more like Jesus a little less like me

SERMON: "Touching Stories Touch People"

Pastor Jeff

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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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
Yes, I do, nothing can separate

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Pastor Jeff

*OFFERING WITH OFFERTORY PRAISE: "Child of Love"

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Maegan Cooper

Holy God you are the giver of all good gifts. We give you thanks for your gifts of our mothers, who have shared their gifts with us. In thanksgiving for how they gave of themselves for us, we give of ourselves today. Accept these gifts and offerings as a ripple effect of our mothers' love. Use them to continue to reach out and touch people with your love. Amen.

BENEDICTION: Pastor Jeff