



COMMUNION
MUSIC APPRECIATION

Carmichael Presbyterian Church

June 7, 2020

Livestream

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Toccata"

Froberger

Randy Benfield, Organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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APPRECIATING OUR MUSICIANS

Beth Lindley

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Rise Up, O Church of God"

Waldrop

Carillon

Tammy Sigl, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 8:1-5,9

Pastor: O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

No. 132

Come, Great God of All the Ages

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Mary Jackson Cathey, 1987

ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941



1. Come, great God of all the a - ges, Make Your earth - ly mis - sion known;
2. Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir - it, Sure foun - da - tion, cor - ner - stone,
3. Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, Tune our ears to hear Your call;
4. Come, O come, in cel - e - bra - tion, House - hold of the one true God,



Speak through ev - ery deed and per - son, Let Your way and will be shown.
Help us form the church e - ter - nal, May Your vi - sion be our own.
Through the mov - ing of Your pres - ence, Let re - deem - ing love re - call
In com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing Let us go where Christ has trod;



Guide the church to true com - mit - ment, Give di - rec - tion now, we ask;
Send a mes - sage to each fol - lower, Lead all peo - ple to Your way;
Min - is - try in ded - i - ca - tion, Love em - bod - ied in our deeds;
As we act in faith and rev - er - ence, Let us, Lord, the fu - ture see;



Fit us for the work of build - ing, Ded - i - cate us to the task.
Urge us to strong faith and ac - tion As we build the church to - day.
Chal - lenge us to do Your bid - ding, See Your pur - pose, fill all needs.
Place us in the church tri - um - phant, Now and for e - ter - ni - ty.



CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor: Blessed with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we are free to name with utter honesty our failings, our mistakes, our sin. Knowing that God desires a humble and contrite heart, we make our confession, repent and ask for forgiveness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Where do we begin, Lord God? We survey our world and see the inequity and violence, the death of innocents and the exploitation of the vulnerable. We would like to say that we do not participate in such blatant brutality, but when we do not work for justice, stand with the oppressed and speak truth to power, we perpetuate the very things you hate the most. Your prophets tell us plainly that our worship offends you when it is not accompanied by our care for the least among us. We need your help, Almighty God. We cannot right the wrongs of our world or cleanse the sin within our souls without your intervention. We come to you now, humbled, contrite, begging for your mercy, longing for your transformation.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 5:8-10

Pastor: But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of the Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Friends, believe the good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"The Gloria Patri"

Traditional

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. Amen, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Clap Your Hands"

Roesch

Waterfall Singers
Nancy Studer, Director;
Kathy Phillips, Accompanist

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalms 148

ANTHEM

"Break Forth, O Joyful Heart"

Forrest

Sanctuary Choir
Randy Benfield, Director; Trina Spivack Accompanist

PSALMS OF PRAISE

Psalms 149 & 150

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Take It to the Lord"

Eithun

Mission Bells
Tammy Sigl, Director

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Place a plate with bread or crackers on a table in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Unison: **God of mercy and justice, be with us. We lift our hearts to you, not because we have to, not because we are supposed to, but because it's how we respond to your unconditional love, because it feels good to know we are loved.**

Pastor: As long as there have been people to tell them, our ancestors in faith have shared stories of your mercy,

Unison: **of how you gave food to the poor, clothes to the naked, and shelter to the lost.**

Pastor: And as long as there have been people to tell them, our ancestors in faith have shared stories of your mercy,

Unison: **of how you gave freedom to the enslaved, opportunity to the outcast, and peace to the war-torn.**

Pastor: You acted with both mercy and justice,

Unison: **rescuing the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, providing them with manna when they were hungry.**

Pastor: And your people acted with both mercy and justice.

Unison: **Like the prophets who cried out to care for widow, orphan, and foreigner, and those who provided food, shelter, and community,**

Pastor: you have shared your mercy and justice with us, not only as gifts to be received from you, but as gifts that we are to share with the world. We see this gift most clearly in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus showed us what a life of mercy and justice looked like:

Unison: **In mercy, he gave food to the hungry. In justice, he broke social custom and shared tables with the powerful and the lowly at once. In mercy, he cared for the sick. In justice, he broke religious custom and healed on the Sabbath. In mercy, he had compassion for the poor. In justice, he spoke out against the empire that held them in poverty. In mercy, he washed his disciples' feet. In justice, he died without protest to expose a corrupt system.**

Pastor: On the night he was handed over to the unjust system that killed him, he protested by sharing a meal with his friends. There, he took bread, gave thanks for God's mercy in providing it, shared God's mercy by giving it to his friends, then called them to remember the injustice of his spilled blood every time they drank wine.

Unison: **But that wasn't all. God's mercy and justice burst forth when Jesus died, and his resurrection gave hope to all those who hunger for mercy and thirst for justice. God will always equip those who seek to share mercy and justice. Even death cannot stop God's incredible grace.**

Pastor: So we ask God's Holy Spirit to be poured out on this meal, on these gifts of mercy: bread and juice, that we may remember Jesus' ministry of mercy and justice, that these gifts of mercy may become for us the body and blood of Christ, so that we may show mercy and do justice, not just for ourselves, but for the transformation of the world.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Break the bread and dip it in the cup. If you are with others, serve one another saying,
"This is the bread of heaven. This is the cup of Christ.")*

UNISON COMMUNION PRAYER

God, through this meal, we pray that your grace would empower us to do justice, to offer mercy, and to do so with humility. You have given us your Son as an example, and your Holy Spirit as Advocate. Give us the courage to do your work in the world. Amen.

SONG

"Today Is the Day"

Brewster & Baloché

Contemporary Worship Team

Jenny DeVries, Contemporary Worship Leader

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind

I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.

I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more

Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it

Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it

And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say

Today is the day!

I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind

I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.

I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more

Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.

I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You

OFFERING

PSALMS OF LAMENT

Ann Weems

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Creator God, you made all that is seen and unseen and called every last bit of it good. We look at the birds of the air and the beasts of the field and see your glorious work. We see the lilies of the field in their splendor and marvel at your gratuitous beauty. The diversity and intricacy of creation astounds and awes us. You made us stewards of your marvelous work and yet far too often we have failed to treat the earth with care and reverence. Forgive us for using that which you gifted us to enjoy. As you make of us new creations, move us to see ourselves not as consumers of the world's resources, but as those who tend and nurture the earth's gifts.

Lord Christ, you came not to condemn, but to save. You shone light in the darkness and flooded the cosmos with grace and truth. You fed the hungry, healed the sick, sought out the lost and ate with sinners. No one was beyond your concern. You regarded the unseen, touched those long marginalized and had compassion even for those who could not bring themselves to leave what they knew in order to follow you. Your mercy stuns us. Your love astounds us. Your command to love others renders us wholly dependent on your power to work within us. In a season filled with

fear and overrun with death, we plead for your intervention. Grant us your peace that passes understanding and then enable us to be the peacemakers we are to be in our families, communities and country. As your body in this world, help us to be ambassadors of reconciliation and stewards of your mysteries in the places most in need of your compassion and justice.

Holy Spirit, when you possess us we cannot help but be in relationship with the whole swath of humanity. When your wind blows, we are swept up in God's salvation plan to bring unity, wholeness and abundant life to each and every corner of creation. When your flames burn, we see with clarity our complicity with sinful systems and our personal participation in inflicting pain on others. May your refining fire burn away all that prevents us from fully following Jesus Christ and illumine the Way we are to go. Enliven our discipleship and send us out to preach, teach, and baptize, feed, tend, and heal, advocate for the least, seek out the lost, and stand with the oppressed until death and pain and crying are no more.

We make our prayer in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and using the words our Savior taught us,

Unison: 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.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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