



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 28, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

9:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Friendship Sunday

Kathy Lewis

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Dunn

Leader: God welcomes us all.

People: Whoever we are, wherever we are, however we are

All: God welcomes us all.

* OPENING SONG

"Your Grace Is Enough"

Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me.
Great is your love and justice, God our maker
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of our salvation and all Your people sing along
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God
Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me. God, I see
Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bill Dunn

Leader: We turn away from God's grace that is enough, often not knowing any better. Yet God keeps inviting us and keeps reaching to us in love. In penitence and faith, let us turn towards God and seek forgiveness.

All: Merciful God, in Jesus you show us a way that is humble and that seeks the good of others. We confess that we go our own way; we elevate ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Free us from the temptation to pursue our own pleasure only. Help us to live in harmony with all your people, sharing one world and eating around one table, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Silence

Leader: With abundant grace and mercy that reaches wide, God gathers us and cleanses us, making us new, making us whole. This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children age 4-5th grade are invited to the front of the church at this time. They may return to their seats afterwards and are encouraged to participate in the remainder of the worship service.)

* SONG

"If We're Honest"

Battistelli, Pardo, & Reed

Truth is harder than a lie
The dark seems safer than the light
And everyone has a heart that loves to hide
I'm a mess and so are you
We've built walls nobody can get through
Yeah it may be hard
But the best thing we could ever do, ever do
Bring your brokenness and I'll bring mine
'Cause love can heal what hurt divides
And mercy's waiting on the other side
If we're honest; if we're honest
Don't pretend to be something that you're not
Living life afraid of getting caught
There is freedom found
When we lay our secrets down at the cross, at the cross
Bring your brokenness and I'll bring mine
'Cause love can heal what hurt divides
And mercy's waiting on the other side
If we're honest; if we're honest
It would change our lives, It would set us free
It's what we need to be
Bring your brokenness and I'll bring mine
'Cause love can heal what hurt divides
And mercy's waiting on the other side
If we're honest; if we're honest

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?'

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

SERMON

philadelphia and philoxenia

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* SONG

"Here I Am, Lord"

No. 69
Glory to God

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God, can we be honest? It's hard to pray when the world seems in shambles. Our petitions, our thoughts and prayers, aren't enough in the wake of people losing everything to wildfires, floods and war. Monkeypox is on the rise and we're not yet clear of COVID. Political leaders are on trial, fighting more scandals than fixing problems. What are we to do, God? How are we to be in this world of chaos and confusion?

Living God, bolster us, we pray, through Word and worship. Remind us we are not alone. Support us with your Spirit's presence who gives words even to the least eloquent. Help us recall how you have equipped saints and ancestors who also did not know how to respond. Mold us into the kind of people who can help you bend the arc of this universe towards justice.

Finally, hear our petitions for those in special need of grace today:

- For victims of violence and abuse
- For the hungry and unhoused
- For the neglected and lonely
- For the misunderstood and marginalized
- For the ill, the dying, and those responsible for their care

We praise you, God of Glory, for your attention and your presence with us in prayer. We thank you for being in relationship with us. Hear us now, as we collectively pray the prayer Christ taught us saying,

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.

* CLOSING SONG

"Welcome Table"

Traditional Spiritual

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
Sit at the welcome table one of these days, one of these days
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna feast on milk and honey
Feast on milk and honey one of these days, one of these days
I'm gonna to tell God how you treat me
I'm gonna to tell God how you treat me one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna to tell God how you treat me
Tell God how you treat me one of these days, one of these days
All God's children gonna sit together
All God's children gonna sit together one of these days, hallelujah
All God's children gonna sit together
All God's children gonna sit together, one of these days, one of these days

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
Sit at the welcome table one of these days, one of these days

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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