

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 4, 2022 Livestream & In-Person 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC 9:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

Click **HERE** to register your attendance

* CALL TO WORSHIP Clint Dahlke

Leader: From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path,

People: gather us, O God.

Leader: From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts,

People: gather us, O God.

Leader: From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts,

People: gather us, O God.

Leader: We choose you and Christ's way. Help us attend to your presence with us in

worship.

People: Let us worship God.

* OPENING SONG

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



- 1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
- 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
- 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sen
- 4 So God grant us for to mor-row ways to or-der hu man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace. let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth. help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence. that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend, Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old, Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care, Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end. blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold. bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair. mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



CONFESSION AND PARDON

All:

Clint Dahlke

Leader: The path of faithfulness is oftentimes difficult and full of obstacles of our own making. Let us humbly approach the God who calls and creates, confessing the sins that turn us away from new life in Christ.

Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith. Amen.

Silence

Leader: Our God, who restores and resurrects, grants us new life in Jesus Christ. Know that you are forgiven and live fully in joyful freedom. Amen.

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 "Enough" Giglio & Tomlin

You are my supply, my breath of life Still more awesome than I know You are me reward, worth living for Still more awesome than I know

And all of You is more than enough for All of me, for every thirst and every need You satisfy me with Your love And all I have in You is more than enough

You're my sacrifice of greatest price Still more awesome than I know You're Lord and King, You are everything Still more awesome than I know

More than all I want, more than all I need You are more than enough for me More than all I want, more than all I can see Still more awesome than I know

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come for the food God gives. Here is no message, no commandment no promise, no warning, no blessing, though God gives those at other times. Come for food if you are hungry, or you have never been hungry, or if you remember hunger every day. Come if you plant and harvest, drive a truck, stock shelves, bus tables, toss pizza dough. Come if you work in the kitchen at a retirement community, school, restaurant, hospital, food pantry, or prison. Come to the Table and be filled by the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation.

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

Pastor: There are sacred stories about eating together that remember a garden with many trees, barley fields aleaned to feed the poor, a starving widow with a child who offered her last meal, oil, and bread to a wandering prophet, a whale who saved another prophet by swallowing him to ferry him to safety.

There are sacred stories that celebrate festivals, the end of famines, and the kindness of strangers. We remember that Jesus made a wedding brighter, multiplied a small child's lunch, ate with those who were not welcome at respectable tables, while telling awkward parables that made people angry.

We remember a sacred story of a Passover meal when Jesus washed his disciples' dirty feet, dipped bread in the same cup as his betrayer, and with another he knew would deny him. He made sure everyone was fed before taking a small piece of holiness, and pouring a sip of compassion, and naming himself as food.

And so now we come, clothed in our own sad times and joys, replacing even the wisest of words with food and we pray...

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

God, in this potluck we call church, you feed us as hungry guests, nourishing and fortifying us so that we can host your table of love every day. Our meals vary from fast food breakfasts and routine school lunches to joyful picnics and barbecues to the first Jell-o after surgery to the covered dish at a home of grief. May both commonplace and special meals remind us that Jesus' breath of peace hovers over the meals of every child of God and your Spirit makes this bread and cup a miracle deep as faith and ordinary as hope. As we feast upon these gifts of bread and cup, join us with Christ, with one another, and with all your saints until we all feast together in glory. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

(Wherever you are, in the Sanctuary or at home, you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup. If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.)

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Taste and See





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

Gather us, God, under your wings. Shelter us from the news of this world. Grant us refuge and respite so we can be still and remember we are yours. Our spirits dim at the devastating scenes we witness on the nightly news. We seek your light, but our hope fades in the face of overwhelming need.

As people of faith, we dare to pray for a better, more just world, claiming your love in Jesus Christ that welcomes and includes all creation. Hear us as we pray especially for:

Refugees and houseless adults and children...

People in countries ravaged by conflict and war...

Political leaders working for peace and international harmony...

All who strive to save the earth from devastation and destruction...

You are holy, God of majesty, and your Spirit is everywhere guiding us to beauty, truth and goodness. As summer months roll into fall and we reembrace work and school routines, we praise you for the many ways you show up for us, even when we are distracted or lost. Hear us as we praise you especially for:

The love of our families...

The strength and support of friends...

The communities to which we belong, people who know us by name...

Encouragement and kindness that keep us going when the road gets rough...

You make all things new, Resurrecting God, and we pray for the renewal of our world, the healing of wounds, the righting of wrongs, and the strengthening of your people. Hear us as we pray especially for:

Families suffering from separation...

Those isolated by sickness or grief...

Those suffering with addiction and disease...

Those seeking escape from life itself...

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

"Only You Satisfy"

Smith & Hubbell

Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us

Jesus, open up my heart.
Jesus, open up my mind
Jesus, open up my life,
Jesus, 'cause only you satisfy

You are the Christ, You are the blood You are the Holy Spirit living in us You are the truth, You are the life You are the bread; only you satisfy

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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