

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2, 2024 Livestream & In-Person 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

Click **HERE** to register your attendance

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP Alexis Davidson

Leader: We come together to observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to praise God with festive songs and shouts of joy!

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to hear the voice of our Savior calling us to compassion.

People: Renew us by your Spirit, Lord.

Leader: We come together to experience freedom in God's grace.

People: Let us worship God.

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King God's love endures forever For God is good and is above all things God's love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm God's love endures forever For the life that's been reborn God's love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise Forever God is faithful: Forever God is strong Forever God is with us, forever. From the rising to the setting sun God's love endures forever By the grace of God we will carry on God's love endures forever Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise Forever God is faithful: Forever God is strong Forever God is with us, forever.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Alexis Davidson

Leader:

In the midst of busy lives, our time of corporate confession gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect on how we spend our time. Have we dedicated ourselves to loving others? Have we spent our energy on things that bring life to us and those around us? Christ invites us to bring our best and worst to him in prayer, that he might offer us his healing and his peace. Let us pray.

All: Lord of Life, you call us to rest, but we are too busy working. You call us to offer rest to others, but we are too busy demanding. You call us to remember that you are always at work in our lives, but we are too busy worrying. Forgive our constant striving and our obsession with work. Remind us that our value comes from you, not from anything we generate or how productive we appear to others. Teach us the rhythms of your grace, and grant us rest for our weary souls.

Silence

Leader:

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Christ lifts the heavy burdens of sin and frees us for new life in his name. Trust that you are forgiven, and be at peace.



STEPPING STONES QUILT PRESENTATION

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)



¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. 14But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. 15Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.



Je - sus Christ,

be

the bread

of peace.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers and a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home worship space. Wherever you are, 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.

* COMMUNION SONG

"In Our Midst"

Jenny DeVries

Lord, we take this bread.
We eat remembering you
Lord, we take this cup.
We drink remembering you
Every time we eat this bread,
Every time we drink this cup
You are here in our midst.

You said this is the new covenant.
This is the new covenant
Sealed with my blood,
Your sins are washed away
To let my love pour in

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life.

Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Mother, you have fed us with your grace.

Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, your grace

with all.

Blessing and honor and glory to you, holy, holy, holy Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Johann Christoph Bach

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

God of grace, we thank you for the gift of Sabbath rest. You have not created us for endless labor but have, instead, created us in your image. You created the world and called it good, and you give us the power to create beauty, too. You fashioned the world for love, and you call us into the work of love, too. You rested on the seventh day, and you invite us to rest, too. Help us to accept the good gifts you offer to us. Teach us to resist the temptations of our productivity-obsessed culture. Give us the grace to make time for connection, for wonder, for joy.

We pray for those who are overworked, whether by necessity or out of anxiety. We pray for those who work endlessly but still do not have enough to make ends meet. We pray for those who are searching for work without success, or who find themselves unfulfilled by the work they do. Grant rest to exhausted bodies and frazzled minds. When we have the opportunity to ease someone else's burdens, move us to offer grace. And lead us to seek social changes that would enable all to have good work to do, enough to meet their needs, and freedom to enjoy the life that you have given to us.

We pray, too, for your overworked creation, Sovereign God. Remind us of your commandment not only to let ourselves rest, but to let the Earth rest, as well. Curb our greed and teach us to reduce our consumption, that the ecosystems you have created would have the chance to flourish alongside the human beings you have created. Make us partners in your healing work, Lord.

We pray for those we love who are in need of your healing in body, mind or spirit, Loving God. Make us instruments of your peace and bearers of your compassion. We pray for the church in this place and in every place. Fill us with deep and holy joy, that we might reflect your goodness to the world around us. May we join you in drawing the whole creation into your divine rhythms of work and rest. We ask these things in Christ's name, and together we pray as he taught us:

All: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

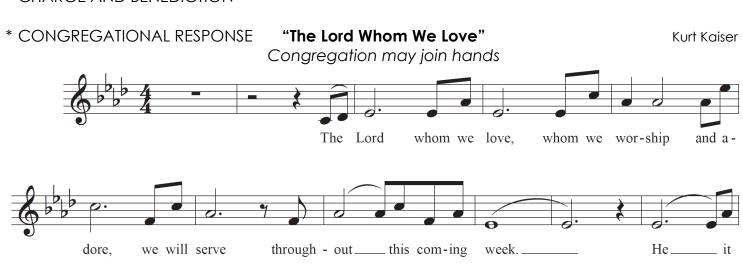
(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.)

It is the cry of my heart to follow You
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life

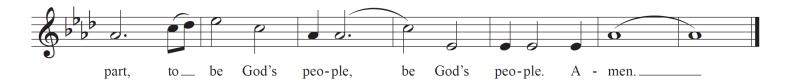
Teach me Your holy ways, Oh Lord, so I can walk in Your truth Teach my Your holy ways, Oh Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do Open my heart up more and more and make it wholly devoted to You

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION







* POSTLUDE

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Gläser, setting by Paul Manz

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Vocalists: Debbie Berke, Karen Gray, Anita Lawson, and Laura Leek

