

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 4, 2024 Livestream & In-Person 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MOMENT FOR CPC

"Building a Real Welcome"

Rebecca Cameron

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP Beth Lindley

Leader: Let us live a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called,

People: Let us live with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one

another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond

of peace.

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,

Leader: one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

People: one God and Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Leader: Let us worship God!

* OPENING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Though Great Jehovah"

No. 65 Glory to God



Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But Leader:

sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us

seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

Merciful God, in Jesus, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks All: out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults

easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move

closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

Silence

Leader: Relentlessly God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God

seeks us out. This is good news!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!



TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 207)

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You. I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing Holy, Holy, Holy

> Holy, Holy, Holy Holy, Holy, Holy Holy, Holy, Holy I want to see You

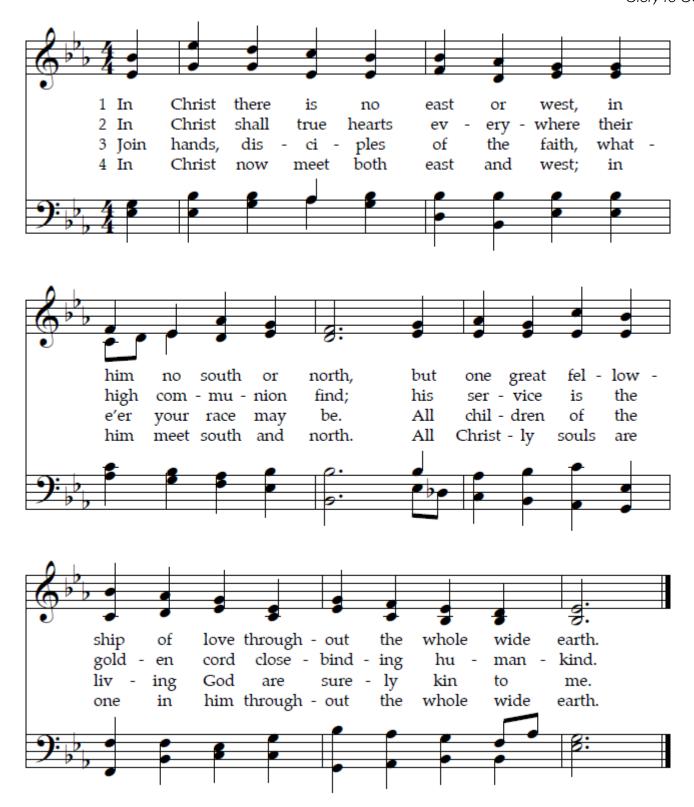
SCRIPTURE READING John 6:24-35

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' ²⁶ Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' ²⁸ Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' ²⁹ Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' ³⁰ So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' ³² Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' ³⁴ They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

³⁵ Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

SERMON Breaking Bread Pastor Keith L. DeVries



THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: This is the table to which Jesus invites us! Let us participate fully!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:

We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love, embracing all people and all nations. We thank you that you have sent Jesus to us to break down the walls of hostility which divide the earth's people, and to reveal your all-encompassing love, making us all one. Through the power of your spirit, may this unity become reality.

Now, by your presence, make sacred this feast as we remember Jesus Christ. As this broken bread was scattered like grain on the hillsides, and then, when gathered together, became one loaf, so may your church be gathered together from the seeds of the earth into your eternal realm. Like Christ, who was offered up to you that we might live, and like this cup, which were poured out that all might share in the signs of new life, so may the lives of your people be poured out in compassion, and in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, and the hungry of this world. For it is in the name of Jesus Christ, your Servant, that we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

If you are worshiping via livestream, 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.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING AND PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor:

Holy God, eternal yet immediate, beyond yet near, we praise you for all that you have made, for grace that amazes, for mercy that cleanses, and for love that never lets us go. Hear our prayers, our shouts and our sighs, our whispers and our cries, and that which we can only speak deep within. Hear our prayers, for we long for all to be well, for all to be right, and for all to be whole.

Comfort the sick and encourage those who strive to heal them.

Hold the mournful and grant them peace that passes understanding.

Enlighten our leaders and give them a vision that promotes the common good.

Shelter those reeling from stormy blasts. Sustain those starting on new adventures. Satisfy those who hunger and thirst for justice.

We pray for teachers and students, for parents and children, for caregivers and care receivers, for gifts of knowledge and wisdom passed one to another.

Refresh you church. Give us a creative spirit as we travel together, sharing life and ministry. Renew our commitment to using well your abiding gifts of faith, hope, and love.

You have shown us in Jesus an example or courageous compassion and risky generosity and both truth-telling. Help us to follow in his way so that we might know the fullness of life you intend for us all.

God of each day and all days, hear us, hold us and keep us, for the sake of Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray like this:

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.)

* CLOSING SONG

"Cornerstone"

Eric Liljero, Ruben Morgan & Jonas Myrin

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

Christ alone, cornerstone, Weak made strong in the Savior's love Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE "Toccata in E Minor" Johann Pachelbel

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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