



World Communion Sunday

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 6, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Trina Spivack, piano

Beethoven

arr. Helvey

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Jones

Leader: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: We proclaim your name to the whole human family.

Leader: We praise you in the midst of this congregation.

People: O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: Let us continue to praise our majestic creator.

* OPENING SONG

“Our God”

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin,
Chris Tomlin and Jesse Reeves

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You, none like You
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You
Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power, Our God, our God
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You, none like You
Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power, Our God, our God
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Carol Jones

Leader: When we reflect on the goodness and majesty of God, we cannot help but recognize our own mortal frailty and failing. And yet, God cares for us. Emboldened by God's love, we can be honest in confession, assured already of God's grace. Let us confess together:

All: Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us? And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for creation into permission to dominate and subdue it. We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other people. It is easy for us to ignore or take for granted our own privilege, rather than seeking to dismantle unjust systems of supremacy. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace. Remind us of who we are, and whose we are. Remind us of our interdependence with creation, and our dependence on you, our creator. Set our hearts and minds on your will, made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Silence

Leader: Hear the good news: the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all children of the one God. Jesus is not ashamed to call us his beloved siblings. Our sin is forgiven, we are made one with Christ and with each other.

People: Thanks be to God!

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out
end. A - men, A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a four-part vocal setting of the Gloria Patri. It is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below the notes. The score consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men." The word "end." is written below the first staff, and "A - men, A - men." is written below the fourth staff.

ANTHEM

“Jesus Will Make Us His Own”

Don & Nancy Besig

Sanctuary Choir
Bev Harris, clarinet

There is love in our hearts, there is joy in our song, for we know that Jesus is ever near.
He will give us the faith to be patient and strong
And the courage to face all our fears.

Day by day He will help us grow — when we're lonely the Lord will know;
and the peace that He brings will be all that we need;
He is with us wherever we go.

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling us all to believe.
Gently and freely His love He is sharing,
Sharing with you and with me.

We know, we know we are never alone.
Quietly, lovingly Jesus is calling,
Calling to make us His own.

There is love in our hearts, there is joy in our song, for we know that Jesus is ever near.
He will give us the faith to be patient and strong
And the courage to face all our fears.

We know, we know we are never alone.
Quietly, lovingly Jesus is calling, calling to you, calling to me.
He will make us His own

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.)



1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose
 2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose
 3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your
 4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: be
 strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be
 hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: be
 voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: be



there at our wak-ing and give us, we pray, your
 there at our la-bors and give us, we pray, your
 there at our hom-ing and give us, we pray, your
 there at our sleep-ing and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:2-16

²Some, testing him, asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

* HYMN

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

No. 486
Glory to God

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2 Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign, with this wa - ter God has
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re - fresh our
 are, from God you came. Back to God we hum - bly
 lis - ten for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and

sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 spir - its; in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 give you: live as one who bears Christ's name.
 wor - ship; trust and love God more than all.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

In celebration of World Communion Sunday, the Communion table is filled with breads representing many parts of God's world

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: On this World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that we join our Christian siblings across the globe as we gather around this table. This table extends far beyond our place of worship, and there is room for all. Can you see it? Can we envision the great diversity of God's children, celebrating today in a global diaspora, foreshadowing God's beloved community? At this table, Christ is our host, and we are all guests, invited to be renewed in our discipleship as we share in a taste of what is yet to come. Come taste and see that God is good!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: There is nothing more right than to give you thanks and praise. In a dance of creative spark and divine love, you made all that is: dazzling galaxies and pulsing protozoa, canopies of green leaves and ocean floors of living coral. You created humanity and called it very good. You gave us intellect and the capacity for growth, but we misused our gifts. We turned from you, but you did not turn from us. You sent Jesus to show us the depth of your love for us, to call us back to faithfulness by the example of his own life, and to welcome us as his siblings and your beloved children. Therefore, we praise you, joining the heavenly chorus and the global choir, singing forever to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: We thank you for your son, Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. He came as a teacher, a healer, and a peacemaker, but in living out your love, he encountered and confronted the death-dealing systems of this world. In sharing and showing your love, he held nothing back, until his mission was complete. He suffered as we suffer, even the sting of death, but death did not have the final word. He rose from the grave, conquering death itself, and now lives eternally with you. He will return to redeem and reconcile all of creation, to make all things new. In thanksgiving, we offer our lives in love and joyful service.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive communion; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. Servers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.

COMMUNION SONG

“O Lord of Life and Lord of Love” text & arrangement: Keith Atwater
Sanctuary Choir tune: “Forest Green”

O Lord of life and Lord of love we humbly call to thee,
that through our faith here face to face your grace will set us free.
In the stillness we pause now, our daily lives transcend;
teach us amid the cares of life on You we can depend.

O Lord our God in human form, whose precious life was giv'n;
to You alone we now draw near, we seek your peace within.
Here Lord we find redeeming love, here on this table spread;
the holy sacrifice of Christ, through this to You we're led!

Congregation, please join in singing:

Lord, we your children at this feast commune with every race;
we celebrate with wine and bread beyond all time and place.

O lead us all to sacrifice ourselves, our lives to You.
Around this table strife will cease, our hearts, our souls made new!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Majestic and eternal God, you have fed us with the bread of life and satisfied us with the cup of salvation. As we rise from this table, may we remember its expanse, and our connection to our siblings in Christ around the globe. Make us instruments of your peace and messengers of your love in thought, word, and deed. Make us one with you and all of creation through the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Siciliano”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Mikhail Sumarokov, organ
Mary Blanchette, violin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Bless the bread we break and the cup we share. In this holy communion, make us one with you and with each other, so that we may become the body of Christ, given to the world. Remembering our connection to each other, we offer now the prayers that are on our hearts, for the church, the world, and those we love.

Silent reflection

Through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor belong to you, almighty God, now and forever. We continue our prayer as Jesus taught us, saying,

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.

* CLOSING SONG

“Find a World”

Jami Smith

Go and find a world where my name
Has never been said, and say it there
Let it ring like a song, ring like a song
Go and find a world where my face
Has never been shown and show it there
Let it shine like the sun, shine like the sun
I am with you always. I am with you always
For all of this life and even in death, I am with you always
Go and find a world where my word
Has never been said and say it there
Let truth fall like the rain, fall like the rain
Go and find a world where my love
Has never been shown and show it there
With a love that is pure, love that is pure
I am with you always. I am with you always
I am with you always. I am with you always
For all of this life and even in death, I am with you always

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **"The Lord Whom We Love"**

Kurt Kaiser

Congregation may join hands

The Lord whom we love, whom we wor-ship and a-
dore, we will serve through - out this com-ing week. He it
is who binds us to-geth-er, and he it is who sends us a -
part, to be God's peo-ple, be God's peo-ple. A - men.

* POSTLUDE

(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.)

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Drums: Will Condrey
Guitar: Michael Schwab
Vocalists: Karen Gray, Anita Lawson, and Laura Leek

