

World Communion Sunday

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<u>October 6, 1</u>	2024 Livestream & In-Person	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
WELCOME	& ANNOUNCEMENTS Click <u>HERE</u> to register your attendance	Pastor Ivan N. Herman
* GREETING C	ONE ANOTHER	
PRELUDE	"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Trina Spivack, piano	Beethoven arr. Helvey
* CALL TO WO Leader: People: Leader: People: Leader:	ORSHIP O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the ear We proclaim your name to the whole human family. We praise you in the midst of this congregation. O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the ear 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? 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?

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

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:

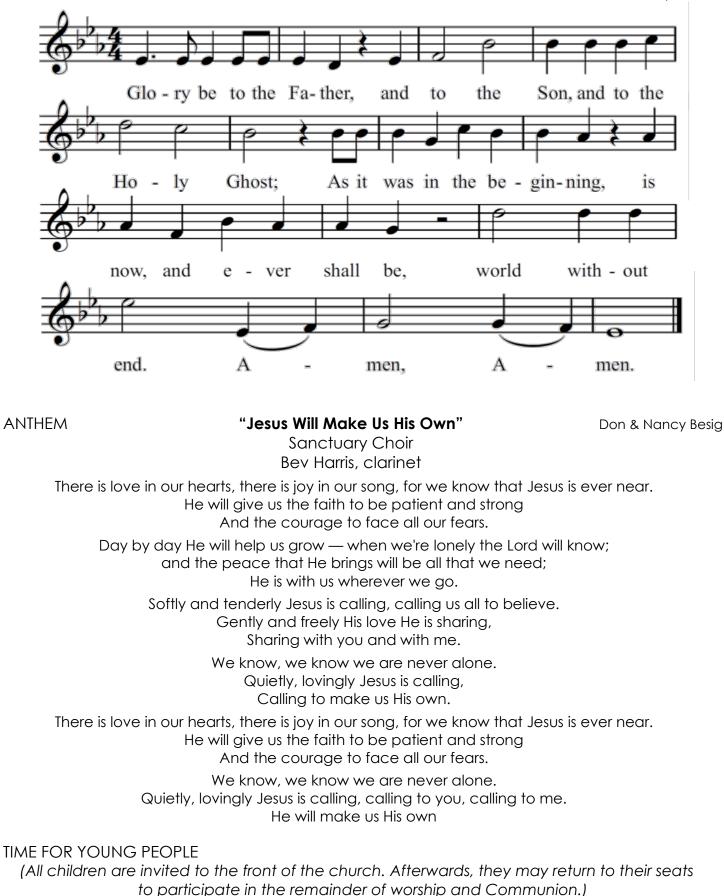
All: Sovereign God, who are we humans, that you pay any attention to us? And yet, you have entrusted us to care for all of creation. We confess the times we have thought too highly of ourselves, and the ways we have twisted our charge to care for creation into permission to dominate and subdue it.

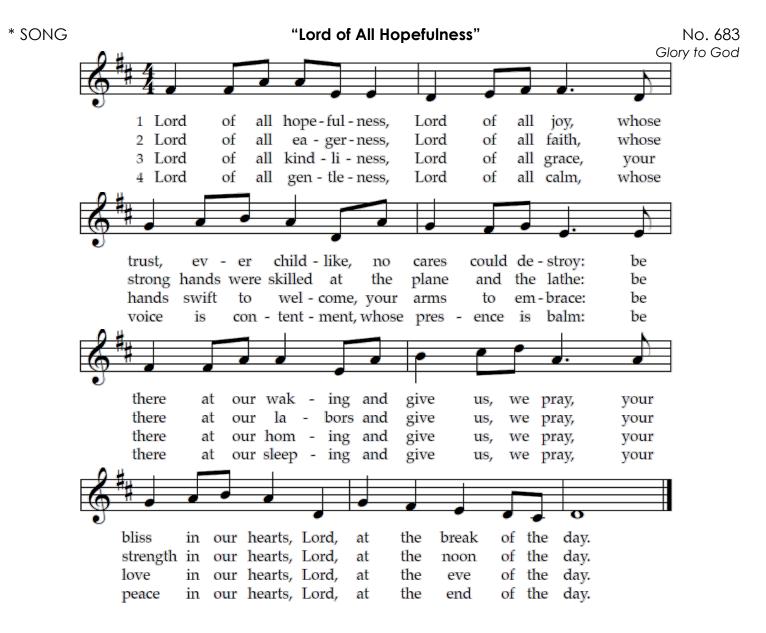
> We confess the same human tendencies to dominate and subdue other people. It is easy for us to ignore or take for granted our own privilege, rather than seeking to dismantle unjust systems of supremacy. Your desire is for peace, but so often we choose comfort and call it peace.

> 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!





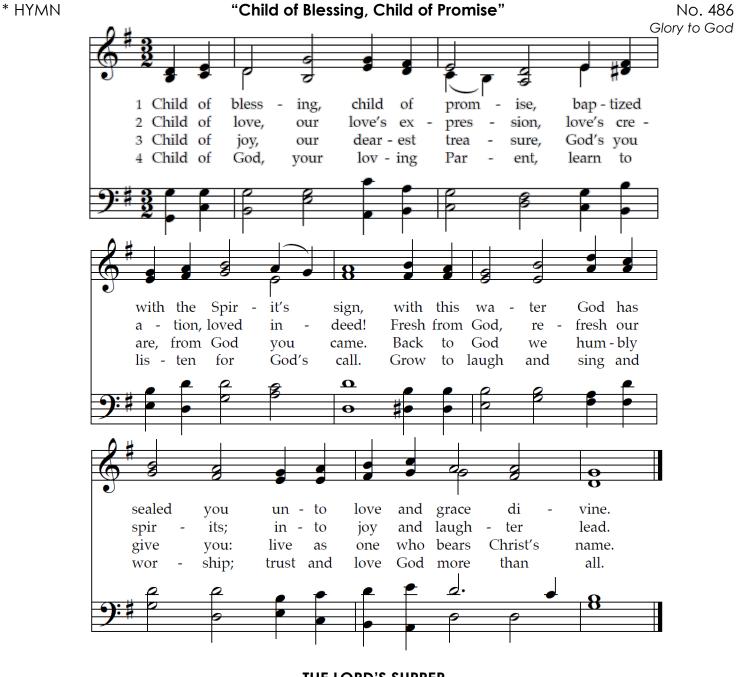
SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 10:2-16

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

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

¹³ People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴ But 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. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.



<u>THE LORD'S SUPPER</u> 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"

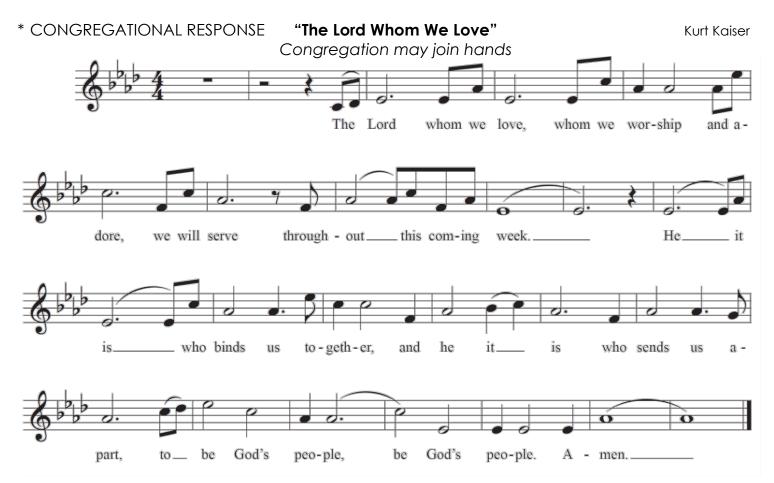
Go and find a world where my name Has never been said, and say it there Let it ring like a song, ring like a song Go and find a world where my face Has never been shown and show it there Let it shine like the sun, shine like the sun

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 Jami Smith

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



* 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.)

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> Audio/Video: Michael Gray and Noor Bitar Music Director: Keith Atwater Guest Pianist: Trina Spivack Piano: Gabe Bisho Drums: Will Condrey Guitar: Michael Schwab Vocalists: Karen Gray, Anita Lawson, and Laura Leek

