



Communion SUNDAY



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 2, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

John Wallace

Leader: Love is patient.

People: Love is kind.

Leader: Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

People: Love does not insist on its own way.

Leader: Love is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing.

People: Love rejoices in the truth.

Leader: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

People: Love never ends.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord who loves us without boundaries.

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

John Wallace

Leader: The Lord is our hope and our trust, our refuge and our fortress. With confidence born out of faith in God's power to save and deliver us, let us confess our sin.

(based on Psalm 71:1-6)

All: Lord, we confess that we doubt your capacity to work through us. We hold on to fears that we are unworthy to speak your words, so we stay silent even as your Spirit pulls at our tongues. We struggle to fathom the wholeness of your claim over us, so we ignore the light of your love as it emerges in the dark places of our lives. We seek refuge in temporary towers, and are numb to the grasp of cruelty.

Forgive us. Help us to trust you, to lean upon you, to speak your word to a weary world and accept the completeness of your loving claim on our lives.

silence

Leader: Hear the good news: Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. We know this love through Jesus Christ, and by this love, we know that we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace! May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.

(based on 1 Corinthians 13:7)

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Glory Be to the Father (*Gloria Patri*)"

No. 581
Glory 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.

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.)

* SONG

“Your Love Awakens Me”

Phil Wickham & Chris Quilala

There were walls between us.
By the cross You came and broke them down, You broke them down.
And there were chains around us
By Your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.
You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
You called my name and then my heart came alive.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
Feel the darkness shaking,
All the dead are coming back to life, I'm back to life.
Hear the song awaken, all creation singing
We're alive 'cause You're alive.
You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.
You called my name and then my heart came alive.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
Your love is greater. Your love is stronger.
Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.
And what a love we've found!
Death can't hold us down. We shout it out;
We're alive 'cause You're alive!
And what a love we've found!
Death can't hold us down. We shout it out;
We're alive 'cause You're alive!
And what a love we've found!
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We're alive 'cause You're alive!
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SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:21-30

²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

SERMON

Dealing with Distractions

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* HYMN

"Come to the Table of Grace"

No. 507
Glory to God

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the
 ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's
 not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: We come to the Lord's Supper as a community of believers, renewed by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again.

People: Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.

Pastor: He offers his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours.

Pastor: In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death.

People: So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

Pastor: We remember that Jesus came to lead followers to feed those who are hungry, shelter those unhoused, clothe those naked, and comfort those afflicted.

We remember that Jesus came to lead followers to destroy injustices, lift up those who are oppressed, break the yokes of those victimized and, at the same time, stop pointing fingers of blame.

And we remember that Jesus sealed the covenant not in a fast of deprivation, but a feast of hope, as he sat at a Passover meal celebrating escape from oppression and claimed that the new Way is bread and fruit and love.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Spirit of Christ, we thank you that your Bread is Body and your Cup is poured for all. Feed us now that we might shake into the world the seasoning of love. Shine on our lives today and give us enough for everyone's tomorrows.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

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.

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

"At the Foot of the Cross"

Tre Sheppard

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Faithful God, now that we are fed, we recognize how many there are who need a lighted lamp to be lifted high, and it may take several hands to hold it. Now that we are fed, we recognize how many there are who need a taste of hope for tomorrow and who need a sip of courage to face it. Let us not hide the brightness of hope or intensity of courage, for we are your light that shines in the world, revealing your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Etude in G minor Op. 33”

Sergei Rachmaninoff

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (inspired by Luke 4:21-30)

Pastor: God, you are hope in hopeless situations, love amid loveless treatment, and presence in the deepest loneliness. Hear the desperate prayers of your people for this world, for our neighbors, and for ourselves as we call on you, God our sovereign, hear our prayer.

Lord, you are the fulfillment of your Word. Hear our prayer this morning and do not turn your face from us in our time of need. We pray these things in your name, by your Spirit, and unified in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught his followers to pray, 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

“Your Grace Is Enough”

Matt Maher

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Great is your love and justice, God our maker
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of our salvation
And all Your people sing along
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, Oh God
Your grace is enough, Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me. God, I see
Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **“The Lord Whom We Love”**
Congregation may join hands

Kurt Kaiser

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 **“Fuga sober un tema de Handel”**

Manuel Ponce

*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 remain in the Sanctuary for the annual congregational meeting.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Guitar: Michael Schwab

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