



*World Communion*  
**SUNDAY**  
**CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**October 5, 2025**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**"I Love You, Lord"**

Laurie Klein  
arr. Laura Bergquist

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Habakkuk 1:3, 4 and Luke 17:5)

Jami McCray

Leader: Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

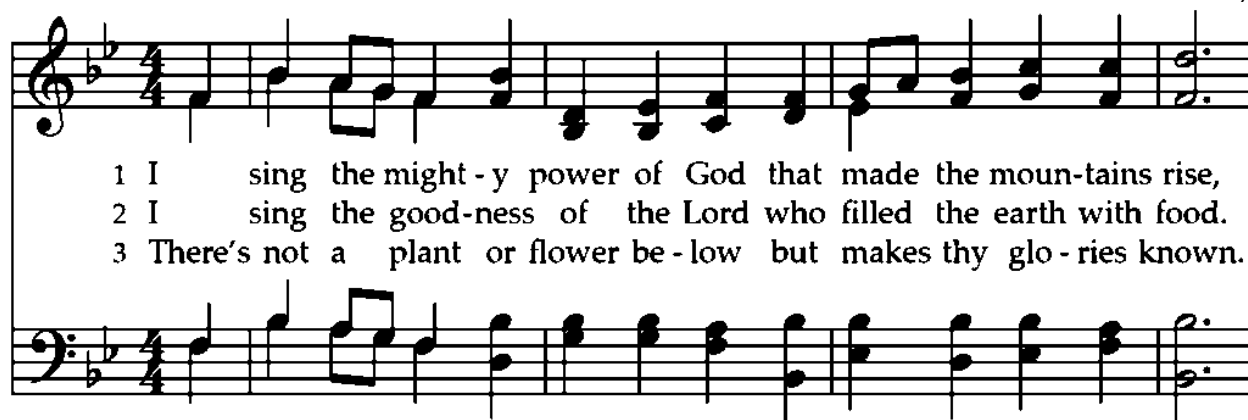
**People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.**

Leader: The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

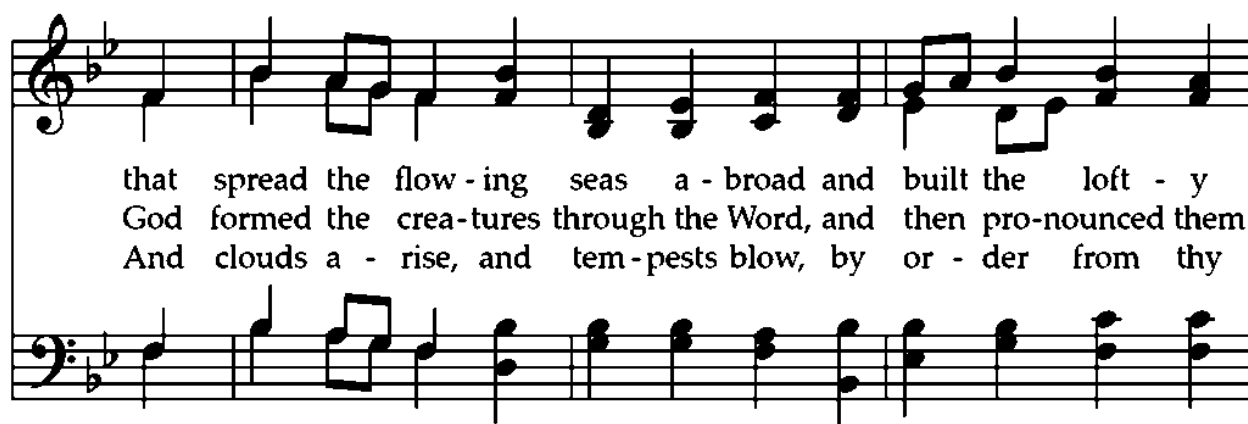
**People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.**

Leader: How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

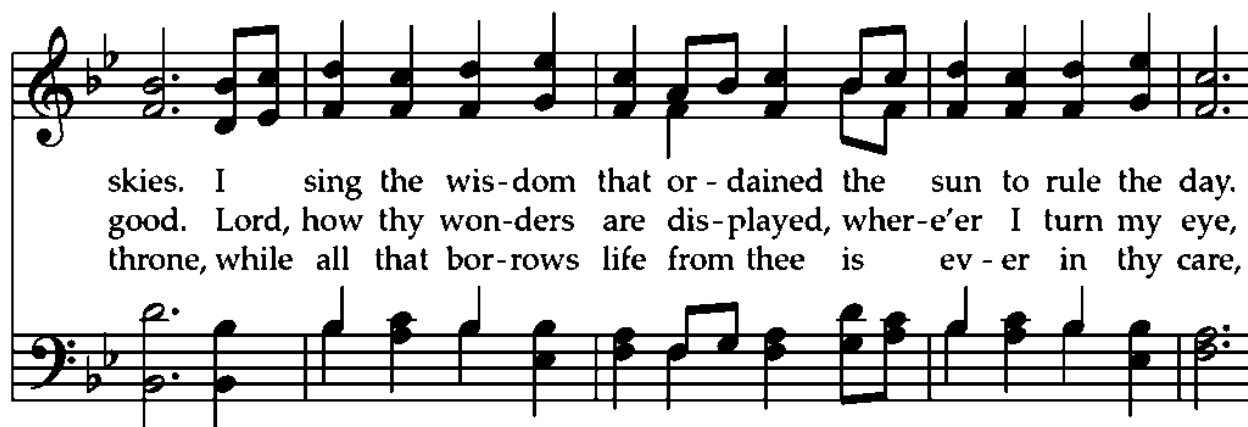
**People: The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still – the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!**



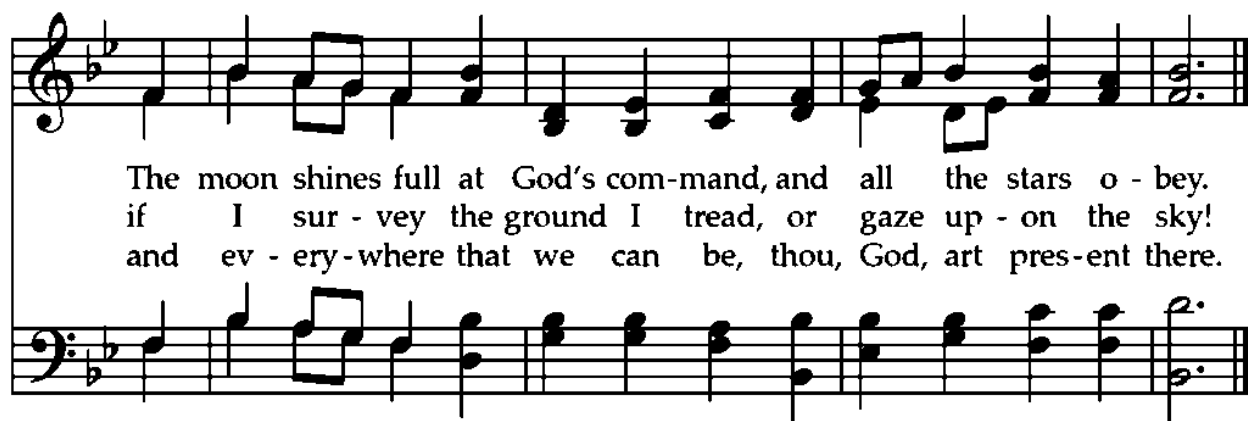
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

## CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jami McCray

**Leader:** God answers those who seek mercy; salvation comes to those who wait for the Lord. Therefore, let us confess all we have done, and what we have not done, trusting in God's grace.

**All:** **Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty. We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. We confess that in our own lives and in the church, we rely on our power rather than yours. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived. In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table. In Christ's name we pray.**

*silence*

**Leader:** The power of God has saved us: grace is given to us in Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light.

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### "Come to the Table of Grace"

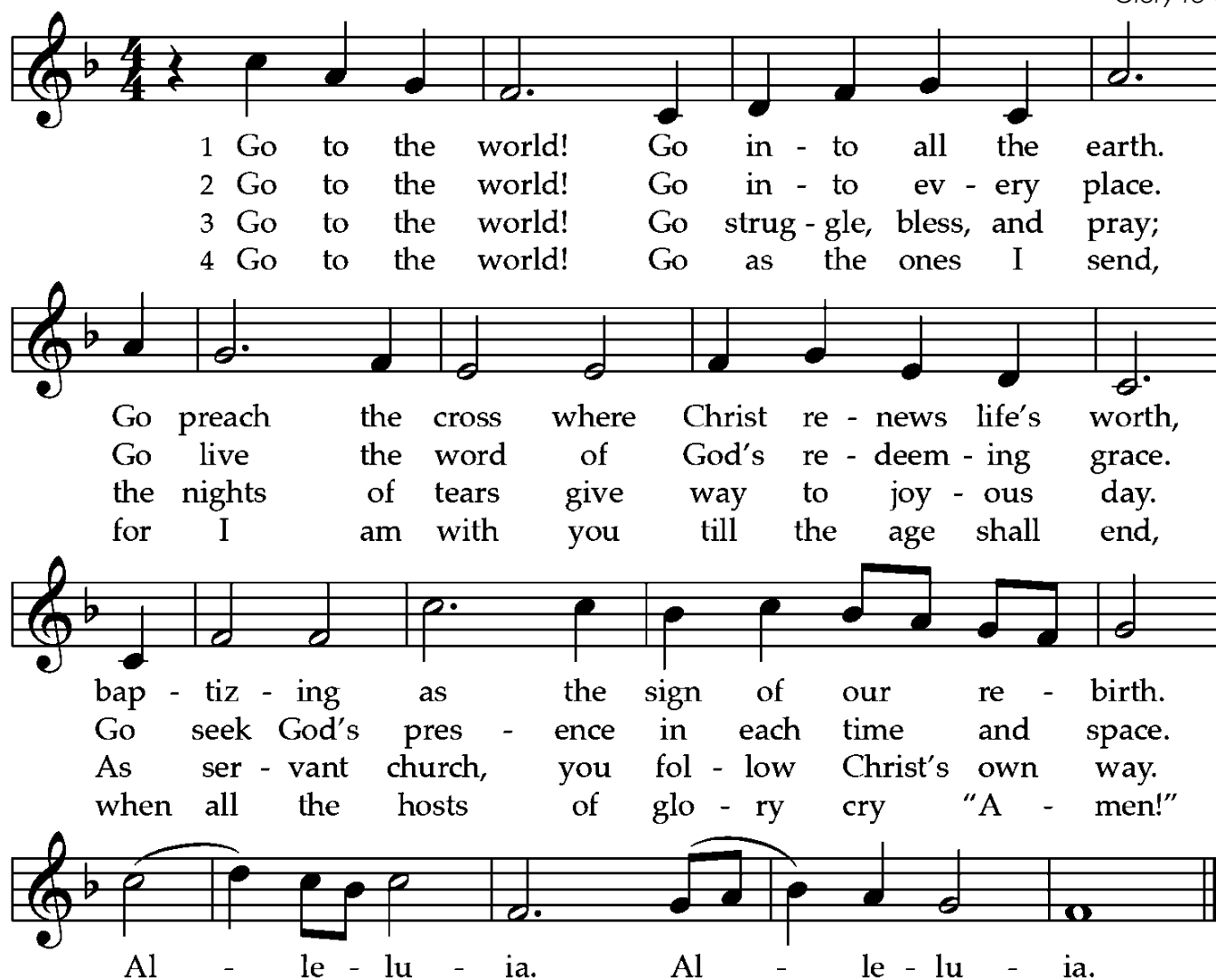
No. 507  
*Glory to God*

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.

The musical score is written on three staves in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the start of the response. The second staff continues the melody, and the third staff concludes it with a double bar line.

## 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 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'

## SERMON

***Finding Faith Amidst the Ordinary***

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

Living Water, Bread of Life,  
Satisfy us, satisfy us  
Living Water, Bread of Life,  
Satisfy us, satisfy us  
Living Water, Bread of Life,  
Satisfy us, satisfy us  
Living Water, Bread of Life,  
Satisfy us, satisfy us  
Jesus, open up my heart  
Jesus, open up my mind  
Jesus, open up my life  
Jesus, 'cause only you satisfy  
You are the Christ, You are the blood  
You are the Holy Spirit living in us  
You are the truth, You are the life  
You are the bread; only you satisfy

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: People will come from east and west and north and south to sit at table in the Kingdom of God.  
They will come with hope and they will come with doubts.  
They will come with faith and they will come with fears.  
They will come with love and they will come with regrets.  
They will come from all over. They will come across all sorts of barriers and boundaries. They will come. They will all come for God longs for it to be so.  
Joining God's people across the globe and joining the saints of every time and place, we come to this table today. Everyone is welcome. God longs for it to be so. God longs to feed us – all of us – with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

#### GREAT 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: Blessed are you, O God our Creator, whose image dwells in every face of the human family. In the faces of the matriarchs and patriarchs of Israel, we see your desire to raise up a chosen people. In the faces of judges and rulers, we behold the sanctity of your law. In the faces of your priests and prophets, we witness your passion for justice and righteousness.  
So now, joined with the global chorus of our siblings in Christ around the world, we glorify you and pray for the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of you as waters upon the face of the sea.

Pastor: When the world could wait no longer, you sent your Son into the world to show  
(Spanish) us your many faces: unexpected child, unwelcomed refugee, unhoused wayfarer, teacher and rebel, healer and provocateur, lover of the unlovable, toucher of the untouchable, forgiver of the unforgiveable, loved by the least, feared by authority, friend of the weak, foe of the strong. In all of these faces, we beheld love's true form until the world could stand him no longer, so we made him a cross.

Pastor: When heaven could wait no longer, O God, you the broke powers of death and raised Christ to new life.

Pastor: Come, Mighty Spirit, upon this bread and cup that they may be the communion  
(Spanish) of the body and blood of Christ. As once you set your face to Jerusalem to relieve your people's suffering once and for all— send now your Holy Spirit to the people of Palestine, starving and tired of being starved... the people of Burundi, impoverished and tired of being impoverished... the people of Ukraine, war-ravaged and tired of being war-ravaged... the people of El Salvador, corrupted and tired of being corrupted... the people of North Korea, silenced and tired of being silenced... the people of the United States, divided and tired of being divided. By your Spirit unite all peoples in Christ until we feast with him and all the saints in light.

**All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

## 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.*

*You can choose intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) from the servers nearest the center aisle or bread and individual cups from the servers nearest the outside aisles.*

*Gluten-free bread will be available from the servers nearest the outside aisles.*

*Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.*

### COMMUNION INTERLUDE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome, and for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for those who hunger for your good news. Amen.

## OFFERING AND PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

### **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

William Runyon  
arr. Fred Bock

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: We pray for your world, so in need of healing and reconciliation.  
Rekindle in us the sincere faith of Christ and make us willing and faithful servants. In unmerited grace, in startling new mercy, you chose to call us not servants, but friends. You have opened to us a place at your table of grace. We would be good stewards of your grace and glad of the company you call us to keep around your table, which is larger than we have yet imagined. In gratitude for the bread and cup you share, we will honor you by sharing our bread with others, by offering without reserve the cup you bless. Great is your faithfulness. O God, we hope in you.

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray as he 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.**

*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

### "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  
For all of this life and even in death  
I am with you always

## \* 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.

The image shows a musical score for a congregational response. It consists of four staves of music in 4/4 time, written in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, a half note F5, and a quarter note G5. The second staff continues with a half note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, a half note C5, a quarter note D5, a half note E-flat5, a quarter note F5, a half note G5, and a quarter note A5. The third staff begins with a half note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E-flat5, a half note F5, a quarter note G5, a half note A5, and a quarter note B-flat5. The fourth staff continues with a half note C6, a quarter note D6, a half note E-flat6, a quarter note F6, a half note G6, a quarter note A6, a half note B-flat6, and a quarter note C7.

\* POSTLUDE      **"Find a World"**

Jami Smith

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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