



Communion

SUNDAY

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 3, 2026

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

MOMENT FOR CPC

Legacy Giving

ElizaBeth Phillips

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 31:1-5, 14-15)

Kathy Lewis

Leader: God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Leader: God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Leader: God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

People: Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

I have decided, I have resolved to wait upon You, Lord
My rock and redeemer, shield and reward
I'll wait upon You, Lord

As surely as the sun will rise, You'll come to us
Certain as the dawn appears
You'll come. Let Your glory fall as You respond to us.
Spirit, rain, flood into our thirsty hearts again
You'll come, You'll come

We are not shaken, we are not moved. We wait upon You, Lord
Mighty deliverer, triumph and truth
We wait upon You, Lord

As surely as the sun will rise, You'll come to us
Certain as Your word endures
You'll come. Let Your glory fall as You respond to us.
Spirit, rain, flood into our thirsty hearts again
You'll come, You'll come

Chains be broken. Lives be healed.
Eyes be opened. Christ is revealed.
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CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Kathy Lewis

Leader: God's grace is perfect and abundant, but we put limits on our pursuit of justice and how abundantly we love. When we confess our sins, we tell the truth and acknowledge where we fall short. Let us pray:

All: God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel they should earn the grace we receive freely. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth and ignore others who cry out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you.

silence

Leader: When we speak truth to our own power, we make room for God's just world. This is the good news: God raised Jesus and made room for us, calling us to live God's forgiveness by making sure there is room for all.

People: Alleluia, Amen!

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

ANTHEM

"Come My Way, My Truth, My Life"

text: George Herbert

Sanctuary Choir

music: Thomas Keesecker

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a Way as gives us breath,
Such a Truth as ends all strife; such a Life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a Light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length, such a Strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a Joy as none can move,
Such a Love as none can part, such a Heart as joys in love, as joys in love.

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.)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

* PROFESSION OF FAITH

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray together, beginning with our Prayer of Thanksgiving.

People: The Lord be with you.

Pastor: And also with you.

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

* SONG

"You Are"

Colton Dixon, Jared Martin,
Rhyan Shirley, & Mike Busbee

When I can't find the words to say how much it hurts, You are the healing in my heart

When all that I can see are broken memories, You are the light that's in the dark

You are the song, You are the song I'm singing

You are the air, You are the air I'm breathing

You are the hope, You are the hope I needed. Oh, oh, oh You are

And when my circumstance leaves me with empty hands

You're the provider of my needs

When all my sinfulness has left me helpless, You are the rain that washes me

You are the song, You are the song I'm singing

You are the air, You are the air I'm breathing

You are the hope, You are the hope I needed. Oh, oh, oh You are

If I had no voice, if I had no tongue, I would dance for You like the rising sun

And when that day comes and I see Your face I will shout Your endless, glorious praise

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SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God. Your Spirit hovered over the waters and brought forth all creation. You breathed into us the breath of life and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we lost our way, you called us back, then sent your own Son to save us.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing 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 the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

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; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. All communion bread is gluten free. Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether"

Harold Friedell

Sanctuary Choir

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them.

Alleluia, alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluia, alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be true disciples true.

Alleluia, alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING AND PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God, whom Scripture shows offering refuge for those who suffer, we know you search for and call those whose suffering goes unnoticed. We pray that you help us sense suffering and decry injustice.

Remembering your promises to people forced to be "aliens and foreigners," dispersed across an empire that was not their home, we sense the suffering of people today who are trying to make a home in places far from where they were born or raised. We pray especially for those who have come to the United States seeking refuge and opportunity, only to find hate and harm. We pray for an end to our government's persecution and prosecution of immigrants, and we pray for an end to all violent actions and rhetoric designed to intimidate and make our neighbors feel unsafe and unwelcome. We pray with gratitude for all those working against detentions and deportations and all those finding ways to show hospitality in the midst of hostility. We decry these injustices and pray that you grant justice.

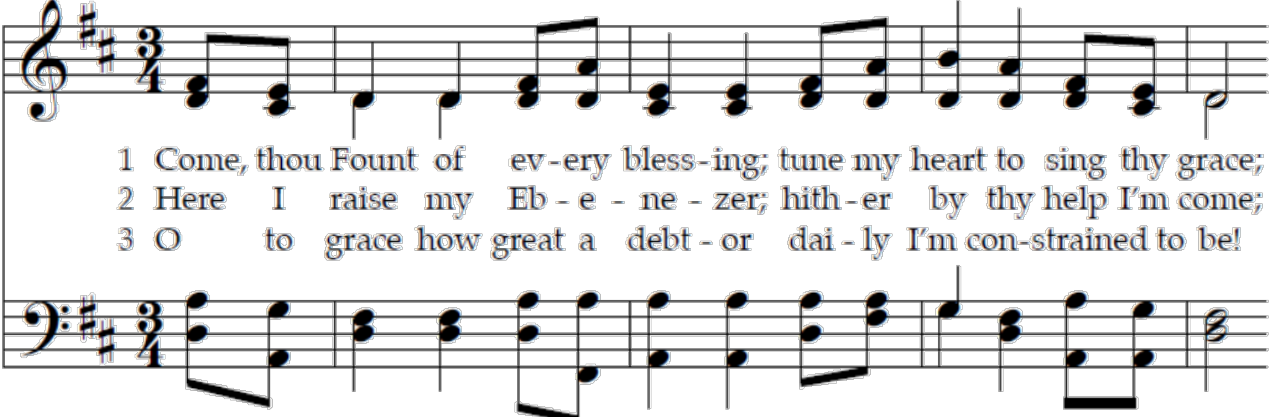
In the midst of many who cry "persecution," we sense the suffering of those whose cries and persecution have no platform. We pray for transgender folks who fear going out in public where laws have been passed to prosecute their access to bathrooms, identification, and healthcare. We pray for those whose lives and livelihoods have been silenced due to the defunding of initiatives designed to build equity. We pray that you grant justice.

As we commemorate May Day and labor rights and advocacy, we sense the suffering of workers and those seeking work. We remember stories from scripture that highlight unjust conditions that ancient laborers faced in homes, vineyards and fields. We pray that you sit in solidarity with those who work, with those who demand better pay, hours and labor conditions. We pray for those who are struggling to find work, for those worried for their job security, those whose wages are stolen, those who work in unsafe conditions, and for those whose jobs drain and strain body, mind, and soul.

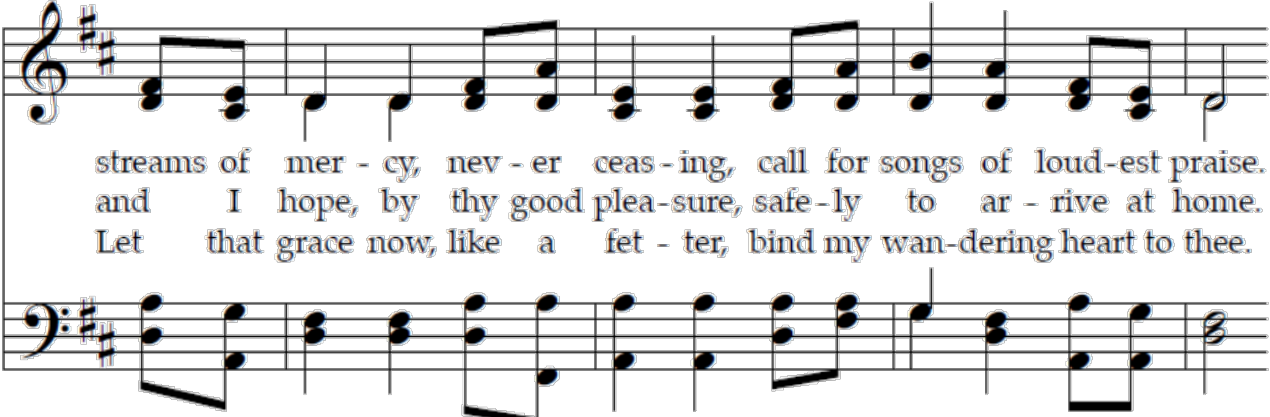
God, we sense suffering and decry injustice even as we sense the warmth of spring and visible signs of new life that reminds us of the resurrection we continue to celebrate. In this time of Easter, we affirm that, even when faced with brutal injustice, your justice rises for all, as we know from the teachings of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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.

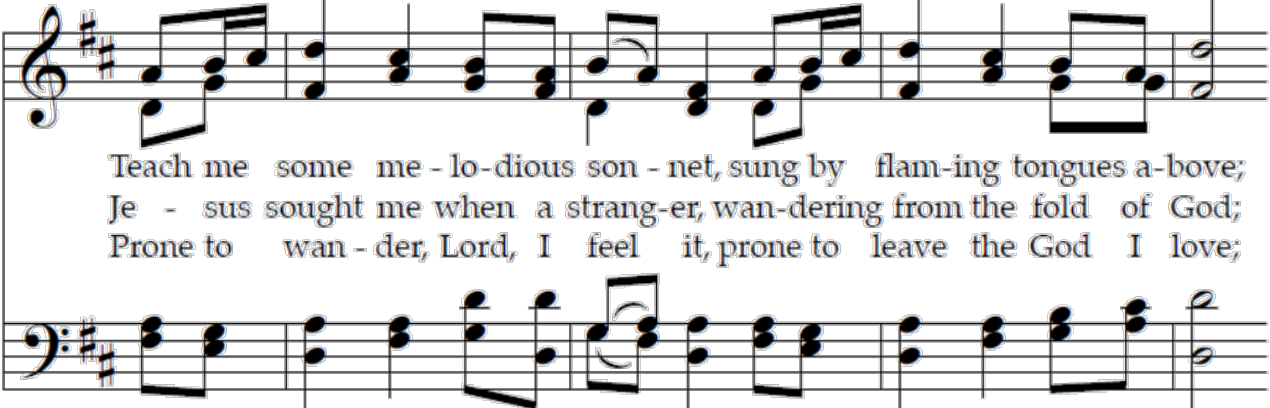
If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.



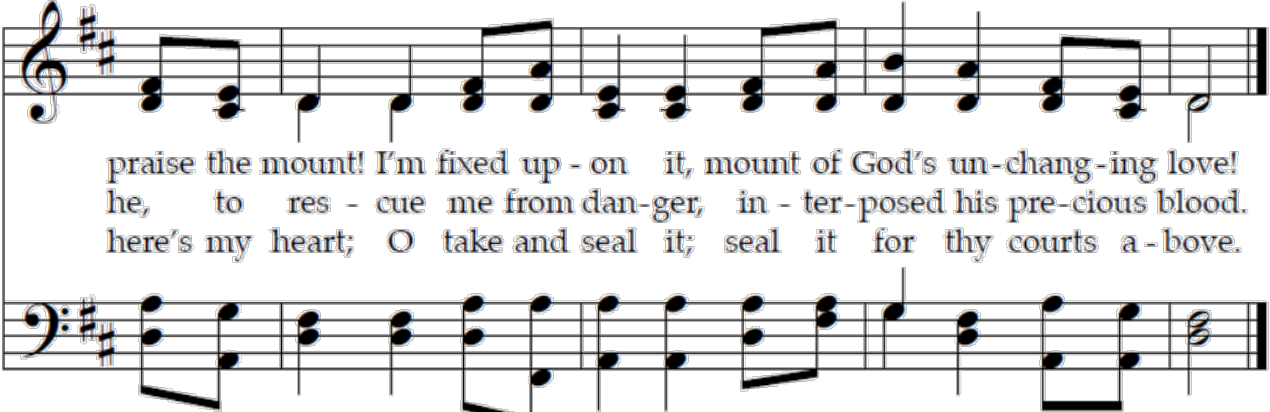
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

* 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

"Festival Flourishes"

Ovid Young

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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