



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 6, 2026

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated"

Henri A. Cesar Malan
arr. Molly Ijames

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Dani Romais

Leader: Come, all who labor and are weighed down.

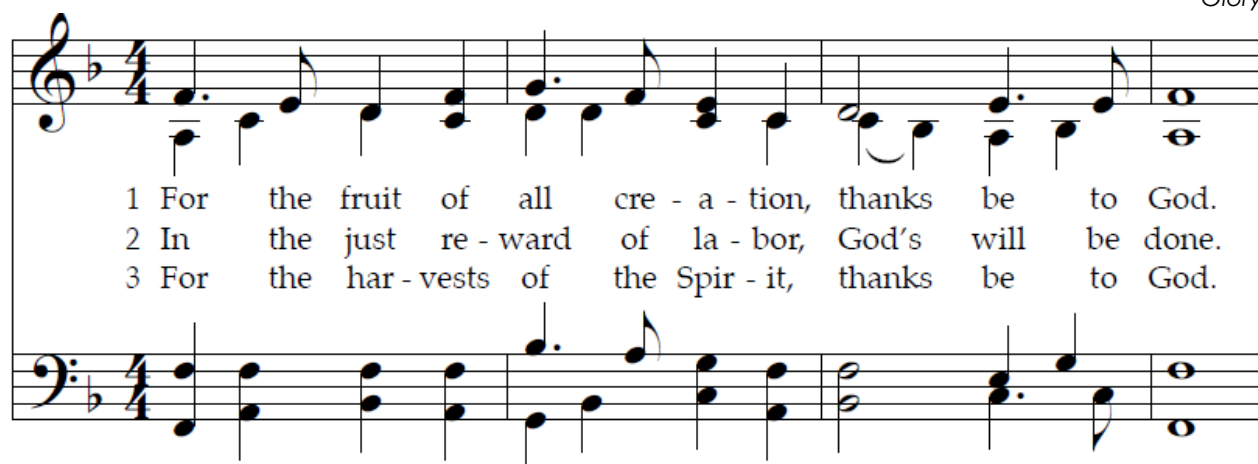
People: We are here because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.

Leader: Come, all who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.

People: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out commitments.

Leader: Come, sinner and saint, with your fears and your loves, your failures and your successes, your sorrows and your joys.

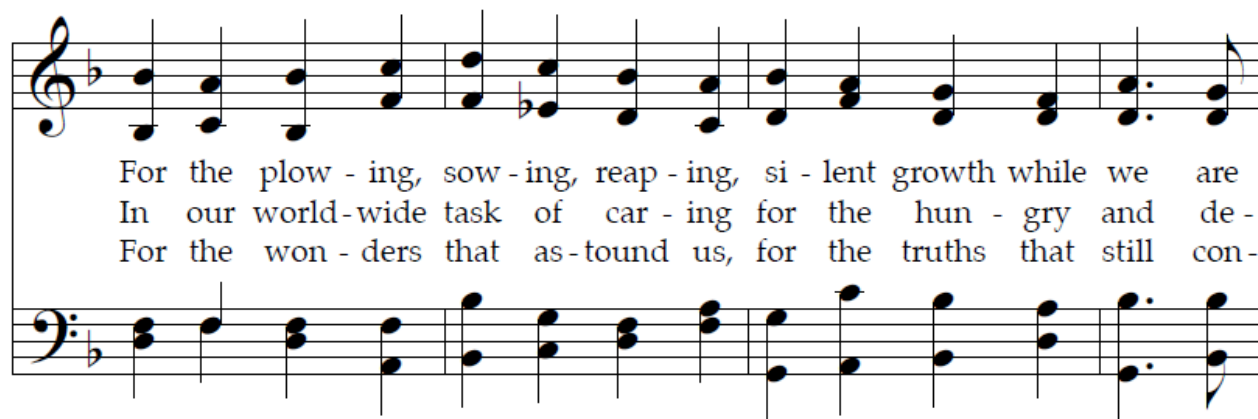
People: We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.



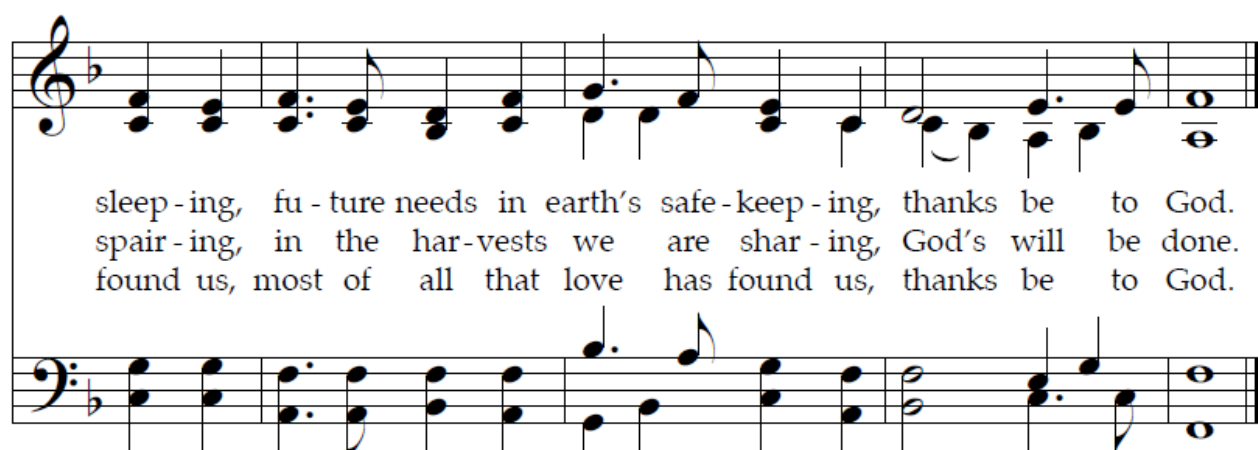
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dani Romais

Leader: In Jesus Christ, God worked to reconcile all things, making peace through the good news of his life, death, and resurrection. Trusting that God's grace is good news for our life and our work, let us confess our sin.

All: We are workers, God, just like you, but we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor you or our neighbor.

We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods made by people who are paid too little or who work in unsafe conditions.

We admit that we have failed to end unjust systems in which some workers have jobs that provide good wages and benefits, while others may have no job, or one that pays little and provides few benefits.

Creator God, help us to be your people, working for a world where all workers are valued. A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

silence

Leader: Our God is a God of grace and transformation.

People: God forgives us and gives us the courage to live our faith in the workplace, marketplace, and sanctuary.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Return to God"

Marty Haugen

Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Now the time of grace has come, the day of salvation;
Come and learn now the way of our God.

Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

I will take your heart of stone and place a heart within you,
A heart of compassion and love.

Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

Return to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and mercy;
Come seek the tender faithfulness of God.

If you break the chains of oppression, if you set the prisoner free;
If you share your bread with the hungry, give protection to the lost;
Give a shelter to the homeless, clothe the naked in your midst,
Then your light shall break forth as the dawn.

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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.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 119:33-40

- ³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.
³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.
³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees and not to selfish gain.
³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; be gracious to me according to your word.
³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.
³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.
⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness be gracious to me.

SERMON

The Good Life

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* HYMN

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

No. 526
Glory to God



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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 INTERLUDE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

William Moore
arr. Molly Ijames

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Liberating God, in the power of your Holy Spirit, we continue to pray and advocate for fairness. We pray for all who bear the weight of oppression, exploitation, and dehumanization in all forms in their places of work.

We pray for those whose work transcends employment, and we are thankful for those who volunteer their time and talents to contribute to common life. We also pray for justice and stand in solidarity with those whose work and contributions to common life go unappreciated, are minimized, or are discounted. We also bring before you those who know the frustration of underemployment and unemployment, and we ask that you comfort them and inspire them with your grace and hope.

Industrious God, as people of your covenant, we give you thanks for the gift of work. Remind us of the diverse movements in our history that fought so that fairness, dignity, and humanity can be the standard for workers everywhere. Holy God, as your community of faith, continue to remind us that work is about mutual responsibility, fair practices, fair treatment, fair wages, and fair bargains. As your church, show us the ways in which we can support public policies and measures that seek fairness for all who labor. We ask that you walk with those who have retired from their labor and remind them that in you, their work is not in vain.

Show us how to see Jesus in all who pick, prepare, instruct, advocate, drive, serve, sell, clean, and protect — we ask that you bring joy and safety to them.

God of redemption and shalom, we pray for protection those who face danger and harassment in their places of work.

We give you thanks for your Imago Dei that reminds us that we as your people are to be advocates for access so that all people can attain opportunities to gain fair, equal, equitable, and safe employment.

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.

All creation cries to You,
Worshipping in spirit and in truth
Glory to the faithful One,
Jesus Christ, God's Son
All creation gives you praise.
You alone are truly great
You alone are God who reigns for eternity
God is great
And God's grace fills the earth,
Fills the heavens
And Your name will be praised
Through all the world
God is great,
Sing God's praise all the earth,
All the heavens
'Cause we're living for the glory of Your name
The glory of Your name
All to You, O God, we bring.
Jesus, teach us how to live
Let Your fire burn in us
That all may hear and all may see
God is great
And God's grace fills the earth,
Fills the heavens
And Your name will be praised
Through all the world
God is great,
Sing God's praise all the earth,
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* 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

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Call to Worship written by Lavon Baylor, *Flames of the Spirit*, Ruth C. Duck, ed., Pilgrim Press, 1985, 52. Adapted.

Confession and Pardon written by Dr. Edie Russell, former Minister for Economic Justice with the United Church of Christ. Adapted

Prayers of the People written by the Rev. Dr. Alonzo T. Johnson, Manager, Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, 2025. Adapted.

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