



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**October 4, 2026**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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**\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

PRELUDE

**"Shout to the Lord"**

arr. Mark Hayes

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Janet Olson

Leader: People will come from east and west,

**People: from north and south,**

Leader: and will eat in the kingdom of God.

**People: Thanks be to God for welcoming us to the table.**

Leader: We gather with hope in our hearts,

**People: for God is forever faithful.**

**\* OPENING SONG**

**"Forever"**

Chris Tomlin

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King. God's love endures forever

For God is good and is above all things. God's love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm God's love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn God's love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us, forever.

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us, forever.

From the rising to the setting sun God's love endures forever

By the grace of God we will carry on. God's love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us, forever.

Forever God is faithful; Forever God is strong, Forever God is with us, forever.

# CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Janet Olson

**Leader:** Sin leads us to believe we stand apart from our creator and from each other. But God's grace is healing from separation and isolation. Let us confess what keeps us apart, so we may be brought together by grace.

**All:** **God of all nations and peoples, we stand apart from you. We stand apart from each other. Hidden behind walls, we fling our stones at each other. We cause harm instead of bringing healing. Our divisions do not honor you. Help us remember that you are boundless, but still intertwined with our lives, binding us to you and to each other.**

*silence*

**Leader:** Nothing can stand against our God. Not sin, not death, not prejudice, not division.

**People:** **We stand together in truth and grace. We stand together in power and love. No border, boundary, or difference can keep us apart. We are being made whole and holy by God's mercy and grace. We are standing on the promises of God.**

## \* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### "Standing on the Promises"

No. 838  
Glory to God

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;  
stand - ing, stand - ing,  
I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

## ANTHEM

### "Cornerstone" Sanctuary Choir

Shawn Kirchner

Refrain: O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.  
The stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.  
The stone that the builders rejected, the stone that the builders rejected,  
The stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground and suffer through the winter's cold,  
Only to rise right up again and bear the seed a thousand-fold. (Refrain)

Never can our journey fail; a little child will lead the way, whose eyes are filled with a shining light,  
To whom the night is bright as day. (Refrain)

The love that rolls the stone away gives us life that we may sing  
"Grave where is thy victory? Death, o death, where is thy sting? (Refrain)

## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

*(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

### \* SONG

### "Only You Satisfy"

Jami Smith & Janet Hubbell

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:33-46

<sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

<sup>43</sup> "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. <sup>44</sup> The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

<sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly  
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir-it, sure foun - da - tion,  
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to  
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra-tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;  
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;  
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,  
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -  
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each  
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -  
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the  
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong  
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to  
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.  
 faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.  
 do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.  
 church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Book of Common Worship 624-625)*

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 right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, loving God, creator and sustainer of life. You planted the first fields — wheat, barley, rice, and maize — and made us in your image to care for your creation. You fed your people in the wilderness with manna from heaven, leading them to a land of milk and honey. When human greed trampled the poor you spoke through the prophets, calling us to worship you with justice and peace.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, the living bread, to lift up the oppressed and lowly and fill the hungry with good things. Therefore we praise you, joining the faithful who hunger and thirst for righteousness and singing the hymn of the whole creation:

**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 the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: We praise you, most holy God, for Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. He taught us to share the abundance of your love, feeding the multitude, eating with sinners and strangers, offering his own body to save us, and pouring out his life for the world. When the risen Christ appeared to his disciples, he made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Even now he sets the table for us, inviting all to taste and see that you are good. We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way Jesus took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Remembering all that you have done in Jesus Christ, we offer our lives to you with great thanksgiving as we share this feast of love and grace.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, and one with all who share this meal, a great multitude from every nation. Keep us faithful to Christ's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers, sharing our goods with one another, and giving our possessions to those who are in need, so that all people may have their daily bread, this day and every day. Just as the grain, once scattered across the hills, was gathered together in this loaf of bread, gather your people from the ends of the earth, so that we may feast with you in glory in the joy of your new creation.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**People: 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; 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

#### "In Remembrance of Me"

Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red

Sanctuary Choir; Susan Herman, flute

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.  
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time  
when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.  
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of me, open the door  
and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;  
drink and remember too,  
that this is my body and precious blood  
shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.  
In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don't look above,  
but in your heart, look for God.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### OFFERING AND PRAYER

#### OFFERTORY

#### "I've Got Peace Like a River"

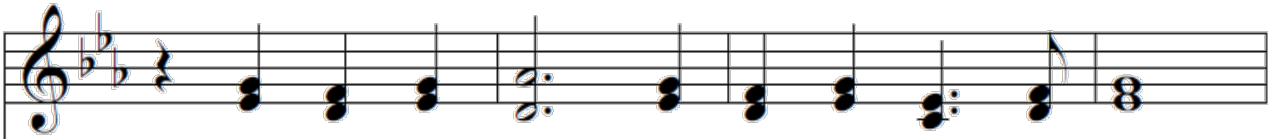
arr. Mark Hayes

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

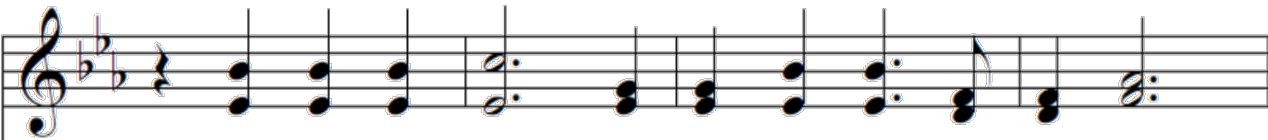
**All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

\* 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

**"Forever"**

Chris Tomlin

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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