



# World Communion Sunday

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**October 3, 2021**

***Livestream***

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

**“Allegretto”**  
Randy Benfield, organ

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Ivan N. Herman

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Gloria Ulloa,  
Presbyterian Church of Colombia

Leader: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north, to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace. This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us. We praise God's name! Amen!

HYMN

**“This Is My Song”**

No. 340  
*Glory to God*

## This Is My Song

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.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Shant Agoushian,

Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East

Leader: Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jameel Maher Khadir,

Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ," through whom our sins were forgiven. May he help us to continue to "preach peace to those who are near and far." Amen.

### RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**"The Gloria Patri"**

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

### TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

### ANTHEM

**"O Zion Haste"**

Courtney

Sanctuary Choir

(as recorded on June 4, 2017)

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup> He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>5</sup> Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup> But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? <sup>7</sup> You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup> but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was

made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

SERMON

**Reference Point**

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SONG

**"In Our Midst"**

DeVries

Lord, we take this bread. We eat remembering you  
Lord, we take this cup. We drink remembering you  
Every time we eat this bread, every time we drink this cup  
You are here in our midst.

You said this is the new covenant. This is the new covenant  
Sealed with My blood, your sins are washed away  
To let my love pour in

THE LORD'S SUPPER

*(Place a plate with bread or crackers on a table in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: This is the table to which Jesus invites us! Let us participate joyfully!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love, embracing all people and all nations. We thank you that you have sent Jesus to us to break down the walls of hostility which divide the earth's people, and to reveal your all-encompassing love, making us all one. Through the power of your Spirit, may this unity become reality.

Now, by your presence, make sacred this feast as we remember Jesus Christ. As this broken bread was scattered like grain on the hillsides, and then, when gathered together, became one loaf, so may your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your eternal realm. Like Christ, who was offered up to you that we might live, and like this cup, which was poured out that all might share in the signs of new life, so may the lives of your people be poured out in compassion, and in solidarity with the poor, the oppressed, and the hungry of this world. For it is in the name of Jesus Christ, your Servant, that we pray. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Break the bread and dip it in the cup. If you are with others, serve one another saying,  
"This is the bread of heaven. This is the cup of Christ.")*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: From every place on this planet, we turn our face to you, O God. Gather us, all your people, together, to pray. In the midst of the forces which would separate us, bind us in your love as the Church, together. Strengthen us through the grace of your people gathered, no matter how we gather, with the truth of your presence.

In a world aching to be made new, we cry out with those who suffer the pains of what powers and principalities extract from the world's poorest. We cry out with those suffering from illness and disease, at whom the world turns a callous glance. We cry out with those stinging from the sins of white supremacy. We cry out with those seeking justice, equality, and peace — peace, at all times, in all ways.

In a world stretching toward wholeness, we celebrate with those whose lives bear the fruit of your Spirit and seek to share in your call to partnership. We celebrate with those whose efforts are making the world new. We celebrate with all who gather to earnestly seek your transforming work in the world.

Make us a world that grows into the shape of your communion table, where all are welcomed and all are fed. Make us a people who grow your family by practices of mutuality, generosity and justice. And may we be found to be witnesses, when Jesus returns, to the truth of who we were created to be — people who belong to each other, people who belong to you, O God, in your Son, Jesus. In whose name we pray together, saying,

**Unison: 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,  
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,  
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

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