



Communion
SUNDAY

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 7, 2021

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Let Me Be Thine Forever”
Randy Benfield, organ

J.C. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

CALL TO WORSHIP

Marsha Cook

Leader: On this day we celebrate God's many gifts.

People: We heed the call to joyfully give what we have in gratitude.

Leader: On this day we gather with our siblings near and far to worship and pray.

People: We are remade as we rekindle our common life together.

Leader: On this day we will share the bread and cup, which are signs of God's power and love.

People: We will open our hearts to accept these gifts, seeking the grace to walk in God's ways.

*HYMN

“When God Restored Our Common Life”

No. 74
Glory to God

When God Restored Our Common Life

74

(Psalm 126)



1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the
pressed. May those who long for what is right with



wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept
fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who



o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The
mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may



seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

Marsha Cook

Leader: God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Confident in God's grace, let us pray together:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, too often we turn only to those we know, people who are familiar, known and most like us. We fail to listen to marginalized voices. We fail to hear our stories as told by people from outside perspectives. Forgive us, God, and redeem us. Help us to seek your wisdom and your truth from people without power and privilege.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is that God forgives us and gives us Christ to be living water and true bread. Let us accept with joy these precious gifts of abundant life.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“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.

ANTHEM

“For All the Saints”

V. Williams

Sanctuary Choir

(as recorded on November 5, 2017)

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

“Your Love, O Lord”

Powell, Lee, Avery, Anderson, & Carr

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountain
And Your justice flows like the ocean's tide
I will lift my voice to worship You, my King
And I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. ²Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. ³Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” ⁵She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

¹³So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Give thanks with a grateful heart
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
 And now, let the weak say, “I am strong!”
 Let the poor say, “I am rich!”
 Because of what the Lord has done for us

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come for the food God gives. Here is no message, no commandment no promise, no warning, no blessing, though God gives those at other times. Come for food if you are hungry, or you have never been hungry, or if you remember hunger every day. Come if you plant and harvest, drive a truck, stock shelves, bus tables, toss pizza dough. Come if you work in the kitchen at a retirement community, school, restaurant, hospital, food pantry, or prison. Come to the Table and be filled by the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation.

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

Pastor: There are sacred stories about eating together that remember a garden with many trees, barley fields gleaned to feed the poor, a starving widow with a child who offered her last meal and oil to offer bread to a wandering prophet, a whale who saved another prophet by swallowing him to ferry him to safety.

There are sacred stories that celebrate festivals, the end of famines, the kindness of strangers, and even the generosity of ravens. We remember that Jesus made a wedding brighter, multiplied a small child's lunch, ate with those who were not welcome at respectable tables, while telling awkward parables that made people angry.

We remember a sacred story of a Passover meal when Jesus washed gnarly toes, dipped bread in the same cup as his betrayer, and with another he knew would deny him. He made sure everyone was fed before taking a small piece of holiness, and pouring a sip of compassion, and naming himself as food.

And so now we come, clothed in our own sad times and joys, replacing even the wisest of words with food and we pray ...

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: God, in this pot-luck we call church, you feed us as hungry guests, nourishing and fortifying us so that we can host your table of love every day. Our meals vary from fast food breakfasts and routine school lunches to joyful picnics and barbecues to the first Jell-o after surgery to the covered dish at a home of grief. May both commonplace and special meals remind us that Jesus' breath of peace hovers

over the meals of every child of God and your Spirit makes this bread and cup a miracle deep as faith and ordinary as hope. As we feast upon these gifts of bread and cup, join us with Christ, with one another, and with all your saints until we all feast together in glory. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

(Wherever you are, in the Sanctuary or at home, partake of the bread and the cup)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

DEDICATING OUR 2022 COMMITMENTS

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. We gratefully return these gifts to you along with our commitments to future ministries of your church in Carmichael and in your world. Please use us, and what we have gathered, so that we may share the good news of the gospel and feed the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: God who redeems, ground us in your ethic of love, tune our ears to voices long silenced, open our heart to each other and particularly those who suffer, and help us attend to the many extraordinary ways you are present to us in this world. In this moment of prayer, we pause to give thanks for...

Our lungs that fill with every breath, reminding us we are alive...

Our hearts that beat within us, leading us to love and relationship...

Our hands and feet that guide and support us in work and service...

Our minds that contemplate your great mysteries through Word and worship...

God of grace, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serve as we have been served in Jesus Christ. In this moment of prayer, we pause to remember...

Those who are overwhelmed by the burden of leadership...

Those who are exhausted from navigating uncertainty and change...

Those who are ill and their caregivers...

Those who are in need of courage to embrace change and move forward...

Merciful God, empower us to love and minister to all who are suffering. Break into our lives to reveal your eternal wisdom and your path of righteousness. Call us to journey together in common purpose and common mission, to be the body of Christ in this, your world.

Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together,

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.

POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue"

Zachow

*Please stand if you are able.

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