



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 6, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

Held

Randy Benfield, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Dunn

Leader: God asks, "Whom shall I send?"

People: Here I am.

Leader: Jesus says, "Follow me and share in my work."

People: Here I am.

Leader: The Holy Spirit gathers each one of us for worship.

People: Here we are to worship God.

* HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 12
Glory to God

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!



CALL TO CONFESSION

Bill Dunn

Leader: As we stand in the presence of God, let us confess the ways we have strayed and failed in faithfulness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you call us to humble service, to love our neighbors and our enemies, to do justice and offer mercy. But we do not respond as we should. We pretend we do not hear your call. We excuse ourselves from Christian work, citing self-doubt and fear. Our desire for comfort outweighs our desire to do your will. Forgive us, God. Have mercy upon us. Return us to you and your way. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Isaiah 6:7)*

Leader: "Your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

* 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

"Song of Aspiration"

Courtney/Wilkinson

Sanctuary Choir

(as recorded on January 24, 2016)

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day,
By His love and power controlling all I do and say.
May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through His power.
May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.
May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.
May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus as I onward go.
May His beauty rest upon me, as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only Him.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

* HYMN

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

No. 434

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples 434

KINGSFOLD CMD

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

English Country Songs, 1893
Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,
2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might-y stream,
4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,

To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,
To live as stew-ards of the earth, Re - spond-ing to God's grace.
With righ-teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.

To feed the hun-gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,
But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,
For God is long-ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,
As stew-ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord

To serve the poor and home-less first, Our ease and com-fort last.
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat-ens all of life.
A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.
To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 138

- ¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- ² I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.
- ³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
- ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- ⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
- ⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

SERMON

A Song of Thanksgiving

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* HYMN

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

No. 516

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA 11.10.11.10

Fred Pratt Green, 1977

Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681
As in La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

1. Lord, we have come at Your own in - vi - ta - tion,
2. Here, at Your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion,
3. When, at Your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,

Cho - sen by You, to be count - ed Your friends;
Give it Your seal of for - give - ness and grace;
Vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored:

Yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion,
Teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
May we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing

Ours a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
Lord, in Your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.
All that it means to ac - cept You as Lord.

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

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 THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Merciful God,

Hear our prayers for the church and the world, for all your children, no matter their place or position. Hear our prayers for the hungry and the overfed, the mourners and the mockers, the victims and the oppressors. All are in need of your wisdom. All are in need of your love. All must be encouraged to hear and heed your call.

As the psalmist says, "deep calls to deep," yet we splash in shallow water. Call us to deeper relationships, Holy God, by listening to each other in love and seeking the story beneath others' stories. Call us to practices of spiritual nourishment rather than the junk food that tastes good but fails to meet our deepest needs. Steep us in your Word and practices of prayer that stretch us and expand our

potential. Surround us with community that calls us to account and encourages us to be our best selves.

No matter how far we wander, thank you, God, for always calling us home. We praise you for your grace and mercy. In these pandemic days of frustrating change and constant uncertainty, remind us that you are always our home, our safe place, our care and comfort. Thank you for the many ways you stand with those who are suffering and empower those facing unimaginable trials. Speed the day, Eternal God, when this pandemic will end, suffering will cease, your people can rest, and all creation can know your promised peace.

United as the Christ's body, we lift these prayers to you, Savior God. 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

"Rondel"
Randy Benfield, organ

Callahan

Please remain after the postlude for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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