

Communion SUNDAY



Fifth Sunday in Lent

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 3, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S SONGS

9:45 a.m.

Beth Lindley

PRELUDE

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TEAM COMMISSIONING

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 43:18-19)

Anne Parker

Leader: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

People: I am about to do a new thing;

Leader: Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

People: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

In the secret, in the quiet place
In the stillness You are there
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait only for You
‘Cause I want to know You more
I want to know You, I want to hear Your voice
I want to know You more
I want to touch You, I want to see Your face
I want to know You more
I am reaching for the highest goal
That I might receive the prize
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside
Out of my way, ‘cause I want to know You more

CALL TO CONFESSION

Anne Parker

Leader: If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gifts of resurrection – a new and abundant life. With confidence in God's generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Philippians 3:9, 13-14)

Leader: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away – and a new life has begun.

People: Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.


STEPPING STONES OF FAITH SACRAMENTS CELEBRATION

ElizaBeth Phillips


TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children are invited to the front of the church. They may return to their seats afterwards to participate in worship and Communion)


Verse 1 solo;
 Congregation join in singing verses 2 and 3




1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,




What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;



What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,



To bear the *heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,



To bear the *heav - y cross for my soul!
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." ³ The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. ⁵ May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. ⁶ Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

SERMON

Collective Nostalgia

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

"Jesus, Messiah"

Carson, Tomlin, Cash & Reeves

He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness

He humbled Himself and carried the cross

Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn

Love so amazing, love so amazing

All our hope is in You; all our hope is in You

All the glory to You, God, the Light of the World

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(If you are worshiping via livestream, place a plate with bread or crackers on a table in your home worship space with a cup of 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 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

(If you are with others, serve one another saying, "This is the bread of heaven. This is the cup of Christ.")

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, in this season of Lent, ready us for Easter, for the hope of restoration and new life in Christ. Called to pray for the needs of the church, the whole human family and all the world, hear us as we lift these prayers to you.

That Christians of all traditions discover their unity in Christ and their commitment to love and exercise their gifts in service to all,

We pray to you, O God:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That the earth be freed from our neglect and abuse, cleansed of poison and restored for the glory of all God's creatures,

We pray to you, O God:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That leaders exercise their power with care and humility, that greed give way to grace, that violence be put down in favor of peace,

We pray to you, O God:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That our nation be emboldened to pursue just priorities, global alliances and diplomatic solutions on behalf of the whole world's safety and security,

We pray to you, O God:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That those in our community know health and safety and meaningful work, that neighbors support neighbors no matter the fences we build,

We pray to you, O God:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: That the oppressed and marginalized be empowered and encouraged, that the powerful and privileged understand their own need for liberation,

We pray to you, O God:

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, as a potter fashions a vessel from humble clay, you form us into a new creation. Shape us, day by day, through this spiritual season of Lent and Christ's companionship, until all our acts are loving and just.

Hear us now as we pray the prayer Christ taught us,

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.

* SONG

“You Are My All in All”

Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again, I bless Your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down, You pick me up
When I am dry, You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name
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* THE CHARGE AND BLESSING

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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