



**CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**November 6, 2022**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

GATHERING MUSIC

9:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

**“Let Us Break Bread Together”**  
African-American Spiritual

Whitworth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Faith Comes Alive Stewardship Campaign

Driffill/Leslie Family

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Clint Dahlke

Leader: God is here!

**People: We, your people, meet to offer praise and prayer.**

Leader: May we find in fuller measure ...

**People: what it is in Christ we share.**

\* OPENING SONG

**“God Is Here”**

No. 409  
*Glory to God*

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## God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and  
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Clint Dahlke

Leader: God privileges us with time and attention. Let us not squander this time but approach our Redeemer with a humble and honest confession.

**All: We confess our discomfort with uncertainty. We confess our desire for personal power and our desperate grabs for control. We confess our need for everything to make sense. And yet, Great God of mystery, there is so much beyond us and our understanding. Remind us we are human. Humble us in your presence. Help us rest in the faith that your grace is sufficient. Amen.**

**Silence**

Leader: God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. 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

**"Sing to the Lord a Marvelous Song"**

Butler

Sanctuary Choir  
(adapted from Psalm 96; Joel 2:13)

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*(Following the Time for Young People, children age 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 206)*

\* SONG

**"Refuge"**

Smith, Brown, & Neesmith

Though the earth should change and the mountains slip away  
You will keep me safe. Who You are will still remain  
You're the place, you're the place that I call home  
You're the fire that I feel inside my bones  
You're the One, you're the One that won't let go

My soul it sings to you.

Oh God, you are my refuge

I will cling, I will cling to You

My shelter through the storm.

My peace when waves of troubles roll.

I will cling, I will cling to You

I could search the stars, I could sail across the seas  
Never find a love that's as strong as Yours for me  
I could search the stars, I could sail across the seas  
Never find a love that's as strong as Yours for me

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## SCRIPTURE READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

<sup>2:1</sup>As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup>not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup>He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup>Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

## SERMON

### *The Language of Thanksgiving*

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

## 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 THE TABLE

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God. Your Spirit hovered over the waters and brought forth all creation. You breathed into us the breath of life and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we lost our way, you called us back, then sent your own Son to save us.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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 your name. Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(Wherever you are, in the Sanctuary or at home,*

*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; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles.*

*Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.)*

\* COMMUNION SONG

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

No. 525  
Glory to God

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People: Amen.**

## OFFERING

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

Pastor: God of glory, we behold your creation with wonder and blossom under the nurturing care of your love. As a stream carves a path through rock, your Spirit guides us through the rough and confounding patches of life. There is so much we don't understand, God. So many questions for which we seek answers. We praise you for your presence, for the audience you grant us as we ask, seek, and knock at your door. In this time of prayer, grant us your wisdom and your grace.

The images of Ukraine continue to devastate us, God. Bombed-out buildings, mass graves, drones dropping grenades on civilian targets: these are scenes that fan the flame of rage and lead our cries for justice. Vindicate those who have lost everything to evil, warring leaders. Redeem and restore the lives of the innocent.

We see, too, the women of Iran, protesting their restrictive lives and storming the streets despite the risk. Vindicate the life of Masha Amini, God, and all those oppressed by patriarchy, power, and a code of purity to which no human can adhere. Mothering God, protect these women who have had enough, who boldly question the unquestioned regime and who risk imprisonment for the sake of freedom.

Steadfast God, you sent your son to live among us, to suffer as we suffer. We know you hear our prayers for the sick, the grieving, the victims of violence, the lonely, the tired, the overwhelmed, the frantic. We know you know the plight of the poor, the unhoused, the hungry, the marginalized. We know you are here for the dying, the despairing, and the desperate. Help us, Holy God, to be here too – to be your hands and feet, to be your witnesses and bearers of your good news.

Now, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying together,

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

*(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister)*

\* CLOSING SONG

**“How Great Is Our God”**

Tomlin, Reeves, & Cash

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead, Three in One; Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names, worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing how great is our God

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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