



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**March 28, 2024**

**Livestream & In-Person**

**7:00 p.m.**

PRELUDE

**"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"**

ST. AGNES by John Bacchus Dykes

setting by Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Childcare is available in Room 102)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is a day of remembrance for us.

**People: We lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: Throughout generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us:

**People: the bread of his body; the cup of the new covenant; proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.**



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he  
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his  
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,  
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still  
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may  
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be  
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.  
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.  
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.  
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Pastor: Our hearts are a battleground between faithfulness and betrayal. We are weak, but Jesus is steadfast. Trusting in the unwavering love of Jesus Christ, who has delivered us from sin and death, let us confess our sin.

Lord, Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts,

**People: and still you love us-you have loved us to the end.**

Pastor: We have denied you,

**People: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.**

Pastor: We have betrayed you,

**People: and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.**

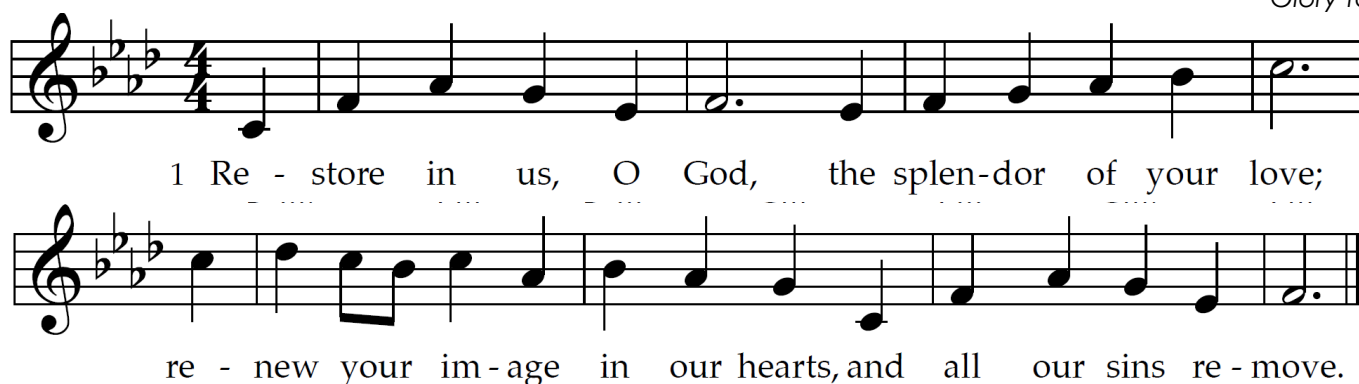
Pastor: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us.

**People: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray.**

**Silence**

Pastor: Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. Now the promise is fulfilled, and love's redeeming work is done: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

DRAWING NEAR TO THE TABLE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:14-30

REFLECTION

excerpts from sermon by Doug Bratt

THE LORD'S SUPPER

SONG

**"Nearer, My God to Thee"**

Lowell Mason &amp;

When bread and wine are shared, broken and poured;

Bethany Besteman

When saint and sinner kneel and call you Lord,

Your welcome beckons me nearer, my God, to thee;

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise. It is our joy and our peace at all times and in all places to give thanks to you, O Lord, our God, author of the universe.**

Pastor: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: We give thanks to God that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this feast of his sacrifice until he comes again. At the Last Supper, the Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said: "This is my body which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup and said: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this in remembrance of me." For whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**



## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share the communion of the body and blood of your Son may be united in him. And may we and all your saints remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. Amen.

This table tells us the story of God drawing near in Jesus Christ. And this table is an invitation to us, that we might draw near to God through Jesus Christ.

*If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers and a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home worship space.*

*Wherever you are, 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.*

## SONG

### "In the Singing"

No. 533  
Glory to God

1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pec - tant,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac -

o - pen, in the bless - ing, in the break - ing,  
cep - tance, in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing,

in the Pres - ence at this ta - ble  
in the cir - cle of your peo - ple

*All*  
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace:

Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

## \* COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Take, eat, remember, and believe that the body of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

Take, drink, remember, and believe that the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was given for the complete forgiveness of all our sins.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Creator God, we give you thanks that you have fed us at your heavenly table just as Jesus fed his disciples. Like the disciples, we prepare now to walk with Jesus toward his death on the cross. We pray that you would prepare our hearts for this time of contemplation and participation in the suffering and death of our Lord. Grant us the grace of drawing nearer to you as we are guided by your Word to remember and empathize with Jesus in his suffering.

DRAWING NEAR IN THE GARDEN

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:36-46

## PRAYER

Pastor: Dear God, who sees the suffering of all your children and knows what it is to suffer, be gentle with those who endure much in this life and hold out to all of us the hope and light of paradise that helps us take and drink the cup we are given. Amen.

## HYMN

**"Go to Dark Gethsemane"**

No. 220

*Glory to God*

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the  
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall; view the Lord of  
 3 Cal - vary's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing  
 4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his

tempt - er's power; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see;  
 life ar - raigned; O the worm - wood and the gall!  
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,  
 breath - less clay: all is sol - i - tude and gloom.

watch with him one bit - ter hour; turn not from his  
 O the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - fering,  
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete; "It is fin - ished!"  
 Who has tak - en him a - way? Christ is risen! He

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
 shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
 meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

DRAWING NEAR DESPITE BETRAYAL

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:47-75

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, we thank you that though you faced betrayal and abandonment, you did not abandon us or your disciples. Even as on the cross you ensured the protection of your mother, so today you give us each other. Help us to cherish the communities we have in you.

ANTHEM

**“When You Prayed Beneath the Trees”**

Lloyd Larson

Sanctuary Choir

Margo Scandella, cello; Caron Treon, flute; Dave Mathews, saxophone

When you prayed beneath the trees, it was for me, O Lord;  
when you cried upon your knees, how could it be, O Lord?  
When in blood and sweat and tears you dismissed your final fears,  
when you faced the soldiers' spears, you stood for me, O Lord.  
When their triumph looked complete, it was for me, O Lord,  
when it seemed like your defeat, they could not see, O Lord!  
When you faced the mob alone you were silent as a stone,  
and a tree became your throne; you came for me, O Lord.  
When you stumbled up the road, you walked for me, O Lord,  
when you took your deadly load, that heavy tree, O Lord;  
When they lifted you on high, and they nailed you up to die,  
and when darkness filled the sky, it was for me, O Lord.  
When you spoke with kingly power, it was for me, O Lord,  
in that dread and destined hour, you made me free, O Lord;  
earth and heaven heard you shout, death and hell were put to rout,  
for the grave could not hold out; you are for me, O Lord.

DRAWING NEAR TO CHRIST IN HIS SUFFERING

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 27:11-31

PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, we read of your suffering at the hands of the powers of the world, and it turns our eyes toward those who suffer today in unjust systems or under oppressive governments. Grant us boldness to speak up for those whose voices are ignored or who are forced to remain silent in the face of oppression. And when we have no words, give us courage to bear witness and stand in solidarity with those who suffer. Teach us to love the least of these as you do. Amen.



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord  
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -  
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of  
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

## SILENT REFLECTION

## ANTHEM

## "Lord of All, Most Holy"

Hal H. Hopson

Sanctuary Choir

Lord of all, most holy, how shall we give thanks? How, for a broken body?

Lord of all, most holy, how shall we give thanks?

How for a crown of thorns? What thanks have we, O Lord;

O Lord, what thanks have we?

Yet if that body of Jesus be not broken, our broken lives will not know the joy of healing  
 If He, the Lord, the Most Holy be not mocked, our mocking words of the truth will not be barred.

And so we praise You, alleluia, alleluia!

And if the Lord of all life be not risen, our mortal lives will not rise in fullest measure.

If He not reign as the Lord of heaven and earth, our fainting souls will not find eternal joy.

Lord of all, most holy, hear our thankful praise, hear our supplication.

Lord of all, most holy, thanks for Your life poured out. Thanks for your broken body.

Indeed, we too would serve the world and praise Your name forevermore.

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE

**"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

(verses 1 and 4)

No. 223

Glory to God

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next two lines. The third system contains the final line and a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with the first line of each system corresponding to the first line of the hymn and the second line corresponding to the second line.

\* SENDING IN SILENCE

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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