



## CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**May 7, 2023**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance.

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on John 14:1-7)

Dave Studer

Leader: Gather us, O God.

**People: There is room for us all.**

Leader: Dwell with us, O God.

**People: Show us the way.**

Leader: Guide us, O God.

**People: We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way, truth, and life.**

\* OPENING HYMN

**"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"**

No. 624  
*Glory to God*

# I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624



1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;



my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:  
and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;



who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,



I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.



CONFESSION AND PARDON

Dave Studer

Leader: No one is lost to God. All are welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace. Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

**All: You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony.**

**Silence**

Leader: Christ has transformed us. Christ has renewed us. Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

<sup>1</sup>'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.' <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"?' <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

SERMON

***Can I Have This, Please?***


Maggie Harmon

\* HYMN

**"Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"**

No. 496  
*Glory to God*


# Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed 496



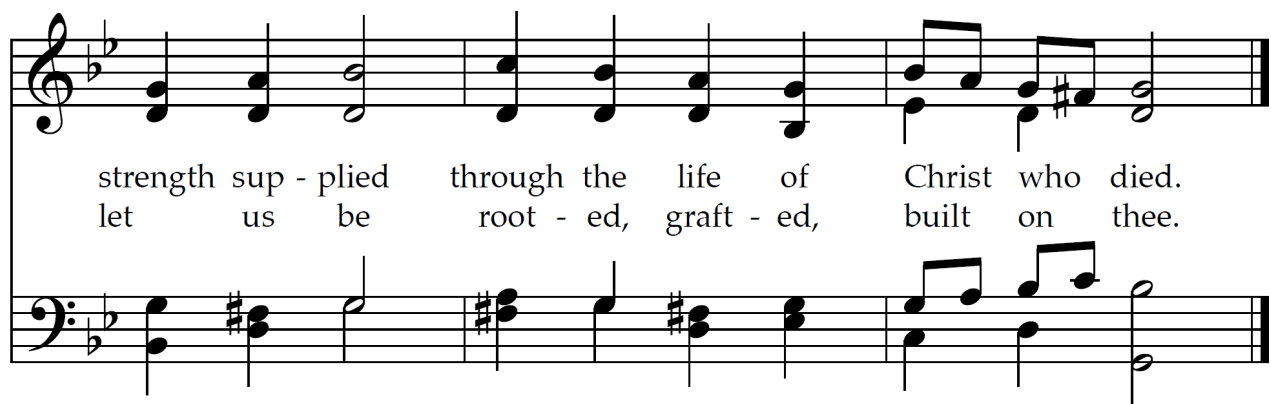
1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thou art our  
2 Vine of heaven, thy love sup-plies this blest cup of



food in - deed. Ev - er may our souls be fed  
sac - ri - fice. 'Tis thy wounds our heal - ing give;



with this true and liv - ing Bread, day by day with  
to thy cross we look and live. Thou our life! O



strength sup - plied through the life of Christ who died.  
let us be root - ed, graft - ed, built on thee.

## 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

Pastor: When Jesus was at table with his disciples he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat. Whenever you do this, remember me.

In the same way he took and poured the cup, saying: Take and drink. Whenever you do this, remember me.

Now whenever we eat and drink at this table, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Christ is the bread of life.

**People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes in glory.**

### 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

**“Remembrance”**

Chris Davenport & Benjamin Hastings

I take the bread of life, broken for all my sin  
Your body crucified to make me whole again  
I will recall the cup poured out in sacrifice  
To trade this sinner's end for Your new covenant  
Hallelujah! I'll live my life in remembrance  
Hallelujah! Your promise I won't forget  
I'll walk salvation's road with fear and trembling  
Your way borne as my own as Christ is formed in me  
Hallelujah! I'll live my life in remembrance  
Hallelujah! Your promise I won't forget  
If ever I should lose my way, if ever I deny Your grace  
Remind me of the price You paid  
Hallelujah! I'll live in remembrance  
You've been so, so good to me. You've been so, so good to me,  
Oh, to think where I would be if not for You, if not for You  
As far as heights reach from the depths, as far as east is from the west  
So far Your grace has carried me  
Until I see You face to face, until at last I've won my race  
Remind me You're not finished yet  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I'll live in remembrance

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and juice. Unite us with Christ and with all who trust in him, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

Traditional Irish Hymn

Keith Atwater and Jim Wurz

MOMENT FOR CPC

Dorcas Circle Quilt Project

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

(based on Psalm 31 and a prayer by Howard Thurman)

Pastor: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge and strength. In your righteousness, deliver us. Incline your ear to us and hear us as we pray these prayers of your people.

Open unto us – courage for our fear.

Open unto us – wisdom for our confusion.

Open unto us – peace for our turmoil.

We are fraught and fearful, Holy God, devastated by gun violence, war and evil powers that seek to dominate and destroy. Guide our steps in your holy path so we can find our way to your peaceable kin-dom.

Open unto us – strength for our weakness.

Open unto us – love for our hates.

Open unto us – forgiveness for our sins.

Remind us, Gracious God, that Easter is not a thing of the past, but a continuous miracle; a death-defying promise worth our constant proclamation. Be with those who are ill and grieving loss. Hear the cries of those who are in pain. Comfort those searching for answers to horrors that can't be explained.

Open unto us – joy for our sorrow.  
Open unto us – hope for our despair.  
Open unto us – light for our darkness.

Ground us in your good news, O God, and help us hold on to your promises of hope. Keep our feet steady on Christ's path as we seek to be his faithful followers, praying the prayer Jesus taught us, saying,

**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

**“Way Maker”**

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

You are here, moving in our midst. I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, working in this place. I worship You, I worship You.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,  
Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,  
Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching every heart. I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, healing every heart. I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around. I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, mending every heart. I worship You, I worship You.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,  
Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

You are way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper,  
Light in the darkness. My God, that is who You are.

That is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are  
That is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are, that is who You are

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.  
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**“On Eagle's Wings”**

Michael Joncas  
setting by Douglas E. Wagner

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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