



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 6, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 14:16-17, 20)

Carol Jones

Leader: God willingly satisfies our greatest needs when we bring what little we have.

People: **Let us love our neighbor as ourselves joining in God's miracle-working power.**

“Indescribable”

Laura Story & Jesse Reeves

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming,
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. All powerful, untamable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees and we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God.

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to give us the coolness of night? None can fathom,
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God. Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing God.

“Made New”

*Josiah James Meeker, Lincoln Brewster
& Colby Wedgeworth*

You're calling me over. You're pulling me close
With love You surround me. You give me hope.
You're taking me deeper. You're making me whole.
With grace You redeem me. You restore my soul.

Now I'm made new because of You
You hold my head up. You remind me who I am.
You hold my head up. I'm alive in You again.
I'm made new. I'm made new.

You're making me stronger. You're healing my heart.
With Your hands You hold me in. You set me apart.

You are my salvation; I will not fear, no
You're the strength of my life; I won't fear.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Carol Jones

Leader: In this world of multiple pandemics and the promotion of individualism, there are many claims on our lives. In this moment, we remember the nature of our baptism, rooted in God's grace. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed the model set before us in Jesus Christ.

With every confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

All: **O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourselves, ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity. But in our own distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires.**

We are sick and have turned away those who are hungry and crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you with our little, to multiply it with your great power.

Forgive us, O Lord. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

Silence

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all of creation. Believe this good news and give thanks:

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

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE "Glory Be to the Father (*Gloria Patri*)"

No. 581
Glory to God

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men." The melody is simple and homophonic, using mostly quarter and eighth notes.

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.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

Enough!

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Beautiful"

Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

Keith Atwater & Laura Leek

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: We come to the Lord's Supper as a community of believers, renewed by the memory of Christ's life and death, by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit, and by the promise of his coming again.

People: Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.

Pastor: He offers his body broken for our sake and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

People: We accept his promises and gifts and depend on his life to sustain ours.

Pastor: In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving to the risen Lord who has conquered death.

People: So we celebrate his victory here and now and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom. Reunited around one loaf and cup, we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.

(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.)

WORDS OF REMEMBERING

Pastor: We remember that Jesus came to lead followers to feed those who are hungry, shelter those unhoused, clothe those naked, and comfort those afflicted.

We remember that Jesus came to lead followers to destroy injustices, lift up those who are oppressed, break the yokes of those victimized and, at the same time, stop pointing fingers of blame.

And we remember that Jesus sealed the covenant not in a fast of deprivation, but a feast of hope, as he sat at a Passover meal celebrating escape from oppression, and claiming that the new Way is bread and fruit and love.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Spirit of Christ, we thank you that your Bread is Body and your Cup is poured for all. Feed us now that we might shake into the world the seasoning of love. Shine on our lives today and give us enough for everyone's tomorrows.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

(Wherever you are, in the Sanctuary or at home, you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup. If you are worshipping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. Servers 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: Faithful God, now that we are fed, we recognize how many there are who need a lighted lamp to be lifted high, and it may take several hands to hold it. Now that we are fed, we recognize how many there are who need a taste of hope for tomorrow and who need a sip of courage to face it. Let us not hide the brightness of hope or intensity of courage, for we are your light that shines in the world, revealing your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Fantasia in D minor”

Johann Pachelbel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Compassionate, healing, and all-providing God, your Word in the Gospel of Matthew says, when the people heard of your coming, they followed you on foot and you had compassion on them and healed them.

Without question, judgement, or classification, you met the crowd where they were and through your power, provided every need. Your church is in need today, Gracious God.

We are in need of your compassion, Jehovah — our Shepherd. Save us from our selfish modes of individualism that seeks to look out, far beyond the crowd rather than seeing what's right in front of us.

We are in need of your healing, Jehovah — our Healer. For those who are weak, suffering and vulnerable; For those impacted by mental illness, anxiety and depression; calm their fears. May they be surrounded with your healing presence and know they are not alone.

We are in need of your provision, Jehovah — our Provider. Feed us your everlasting Word that sustains us from day to day. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, you lead us to green grass in dry desolate places where you multiply what little we have and feed us until we want no more.

Abba God, your people are following you today, seeking to be transformed by your Holy Spirit. Create in us, hearts to become miracle-working change-agents in the world, proclaiming the might of your awesome deeds.

Hear our prayer, as Christ taught us to pray,

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. 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 HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

No. 462
Glory to God

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **“The Lord Whom We Love”**

Kurt Kaiser

Congregation may hold hands

The Lord whom we love,
Whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week.
He is it who binds us together,
And He it is who sends us apart
To be God's people,
Be God's people. Amen.

* POSTLUDE

“Toccata in E minor”

Johann Pachelbel

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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