



World Communion Sunday

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 1, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Saints of God - Past, Present and Future

Tim Farley

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Len Tozier

Leader: We share the stories of our ancestors,


People: things we have heard and known:

Leader: how the Lord divided the sea and let the peoples pass through


People: and God's people crossed the Jordan and made a stone memorial to remind God's people of God's mighty acts.

Leader: We will not hide these stories from our children;


People: we will tell the coming generations about the glorious deeds of the Lord.




1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir-it, sure foun - da - tion,
3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra-tion, house - hold of the




mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing



let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com-
may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and



mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the



work of build - ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Len Tozier

Leader: Nobody—not even one of us—is perfect. Even on our best days when we seem to do so well, we still sin. Everyone sins. That means we come up short of living how God created us to live. Join me in confessing our sin together and asking for forgiveness from Jesus.

All: **Thank You, Lord, for the good plans You have for us: plans for our future and plans that give us hope. Instead of following those plans, we admit that we often make our own. We think we have our next steps ordered and our future figured out. We ignore Your wise ways and instead pursue the popular ones. Forgive us. Fix our attention on the best things. Turn our hearts, our minds, and our strength to the goodness of Your plans. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silence

Leader: The Psalms say: “I admitted my sin to God and I did not hide my mistakes. I confessed my sin and God forgave me and the guilt of my sin.” God's power in Jesus can always make anyone new.

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

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

No. 581
Glory to God

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 musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, primarily using quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

Joshua 4:1-7

When all the people had crossed the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, "Now choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Tell them, 'Take twelve stones from the very place where the priests are standing in the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up at the place where you will camp tonight.'

So Joshua called together the twelve men he had chosen—one from each of the tribes of Israel. He told them, "Go into the middle of the Jordan, in front of the Ark of the Lord your God. Each of you must pick up one stone and carry it out on your shoulder—twelve stones in all, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. We will use these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the Lord's Covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever."

SERMON

Milestones

Pastor Karl Schafer

* SONG

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

No. 529
Glory to God



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Pastor: This is the table to which Jesus invites us! Let us participate joyfully!

(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.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

(Wherever you are, in the Sanctuary or at home, you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup. To commemorate World Communion Sunday, the communion elements include breads from around the world. 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. Servers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.)

COMMUNION SONG

“Only You Satisfy”

Jami Smith & Janet Hubbell

Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us
Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us
Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us
Living Water, Bread of Life, satisfy us, satisfy us
Jesus, open up my heart. Jesus, open up my mind.
Jesus, open up my life, Jesus, 'cause only you satisfy
You are the Christ, You are the blood
You are the Holy Spirit living in us
You are the truth, You are the life
You are the bread; only you satisfy

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”
SCHMÜCKE DICH by Johann Crüger, 1649

setting by Donald Busarow

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Savior God, you are the bread of life, and we are a hungry people. You gather us from east and west, from north and south for nourishment at your table, to fill our empty cups, to meet the longing of our hearts. On this World Communion Sunday, we gather with our global siblings, remembering the breadth of our Christian community.

As your bread is broken and your cup is shared, we remember the people of the world who are suffering and struggling, those in particular need of your love and grace, and the planet entrusted to our care. As we participate in your kingdom feast, we also praise you for the blessings you have bestowed upon us. Incline your ear to us, Holy God, as we raise our prayers for our planet and the world's people.

Savior God,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: For nations at war and their citizens, we pray for peace. No one wins in a world addicted to domination and violence. Help us see the error of our violent ways. Help us chart a new course and build a more just society that prioritizes the welfare of all your people.

Savior God,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: For our earth, our partner in service and our home, we pray for renewal. As our planet warms, our climate changes, and natural disasters wreak havoc on all of life, help us value our natural resources and treat them with respect. May the urgency of the earth's need galvanize us into action.

Savior God,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: For developing countries in Africa, Asia, and South America, we pray for opportunity, for economic security, for education and healthcare. May the poor be embraced and poverty eradicated. May all lives be regarded with the love and respect your children deserve.

Savior God,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: Ground us in your good news, O God, and hearten us with your hope-filled promise of redemption through Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the ways you are active and at work in our world and we revel in your presence. Keep us steady on Christ's path, following his teachings, loving as he loved.

Finally, hear us as we pray 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. 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

“Find a World”

Jami Smith

Go and find a world where my name
Has never been said, and say it there
Let it ring like a song, ring like a song
Go and find a world where my face
Has never been shown and show it there
Let it shine like the sun, shine like the sun
I am with you always. I am with you always
For all of this life and even in death
I am with you always

Go and find a world where my word
Has never been said and say it there
Let truth fall like the rain, fall like the rain
Go and find a world where my love
Has never been shown and show it there
With a love that is pure, love that is pure

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Kurt Kaiser

Congregation may hold hands

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line starts with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a quarter note G3. The second line starts with a half note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, and a quarter note F1. The third line starts with a half note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, and a quarter note F1. The fourth line starts with a half note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, and a quarter note F1.

The Lord whom we love, whom we wor-ship and a-
dore, we will serve through - out this com-ing week. He it
is who binds us to-geth-er, and he it is who sends us a -
part, to be God's peo-ple, be God's peo-ple. A - men.

* POSTLUDE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”
Jamaican Folk Song, adapted by Doreen Potter

setting by John A. Behnke

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Audio/Video: Steve Parker and David Stoffel
Music Director: Keith Atwater
Organist: Rick Schlosser
Piano: Gabe Bisho
Drums: Will Condrey
Guitar: Michael Schwab
Bass: Merlyn Van Regenmorter
Vocalists: Karen Gray and Julie Ueltzen

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