



Sixth Sunday of Easter

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 5, 2024

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Gifts & Bequests

Bill Dunn

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Alice Jordan

American Folk Melody NETTLETON

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lisa Benadom

Leader: The psalmist encourages us to praise God for all the marvelous things God has done.

People: We join with all creation in praise, for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.

Leader: We sing because God chooses us out of God's great love.

People: We choose God's love, which bears us in fullness beyond compare.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lisa Benadom

Leader: There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

All: Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray.

Silence

Leader: Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

People: Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.

Leader: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

People: Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! 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 e - ver shall be, world with - out
end. A - men, A - men.

ANTHEM

"This Is My Commandment"

Larry Shackley

Sanctuary Choir

Margo Scandella, cello

This is my commandment that you love one another, love one another as I have loved you.
This is my commandment that you love one another, love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that they lay down their life for their friends.
Greater love has no one than this, that they lay down their life for their friends.

You are my friends; you are my friends if you do whatever I command you.

This is my commandment that you love one another, love one another as I have loved you.
This is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(All 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.)

* SONG

“I Will Follow”

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram,
and Reuben Morgan

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move; I will follow
All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure.
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life,
I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move; I will follow You
Whom You love, I'll love, How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You. I will follow You
Light unto the world, Light into my life,
I will trust in You alone
You're the one I seek knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You there's life everlasting.
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy, unending joy and I will follow

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON

God, Jesus, Love!

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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:

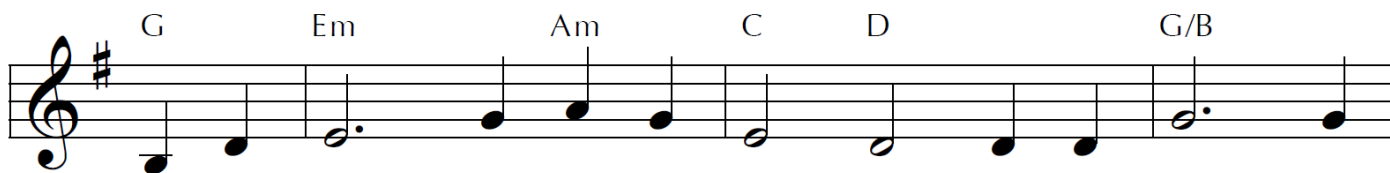
People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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.

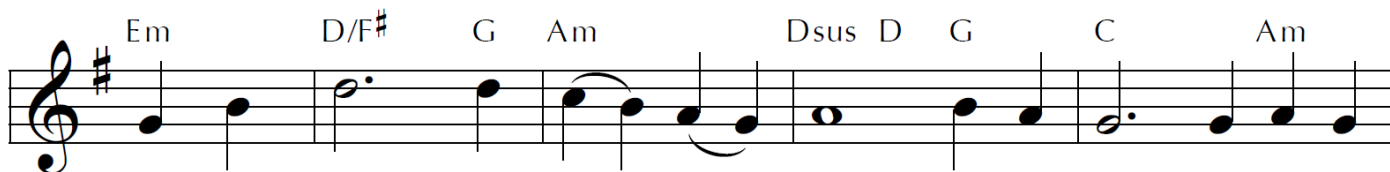
If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.



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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“Cantad al Señor (O Sing to the Lord)”

Charles Callahan

Traditional Brazilian Melody CANTAD AL SEÑOR/CANTAI AO SENHOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God of joy and peace, we thank you for life and health, for morning and evening, for rain and sun, for all you give us to sustain life; and most of all for Jesus, who died and rose again to make real the promise of new life. We thank you for your unfailing mercy.

We ask, God, for a church that ministers every day to bring people together in your name, for hearts that will not judge, for minds that recognize injustice and oppression in all its forms, for hands that are open to answer your call. Hear us, God, and help us be your church.

Powerful God, the nations of this world are many and full of marvels. We pray for their well-being; for leaders and workers, teachers and soldiers, scholars, artists, parents, and peacemakers, and especially for nations and peoples in conflict, that your abundant love be known in all the lands. Hear us, God, and help the world find peace.

Turn our hearts, Holy One, to respect and honor those we think are different from us; let us see in peoples of every nation the beauty of the diversity you have created. Hear us, God, and help us be compassionate.

Into your hands we place our prayers and all whose welfare we trust you to watch over. Bless them and all who have needs only you know.

Grateful for all your gifts, we pray in the name of the one God, creator of us all, and through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, 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

“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.

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

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 hold my head up.
You hold my head up.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"The Lord Whom We Love"
Congregation may join hands

Kurt Kaiser

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.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef 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. The first line begins with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The second line starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, 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, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The third line begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, 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, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3. The fourth line starts with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, 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, a quarter note G3, and a quarter note F3.

* POSTLUDE

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Martin Smith

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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