



FIRST SUNDAY  
*in*  
LENT

**CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**February 21, 2021**

**Livestream**

**10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

**“Adagio”**  
Randy Benfield

Albinoni

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Ivan N. Herman

CALL TO WORSHIP

(based on Psalm 25)

Leader: O God, we lift up our souls and put our trust in you.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.**

Leader: O God, lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you we wait all day long.

**People: God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble God’s way.**

HYMN

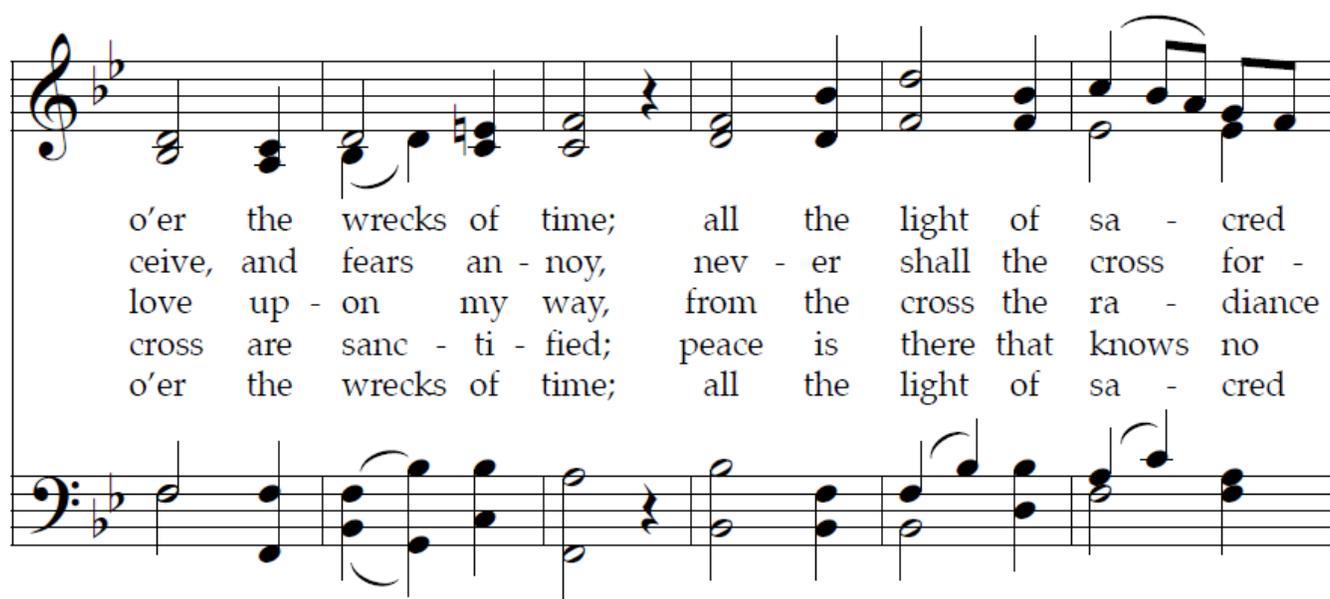
**“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”**

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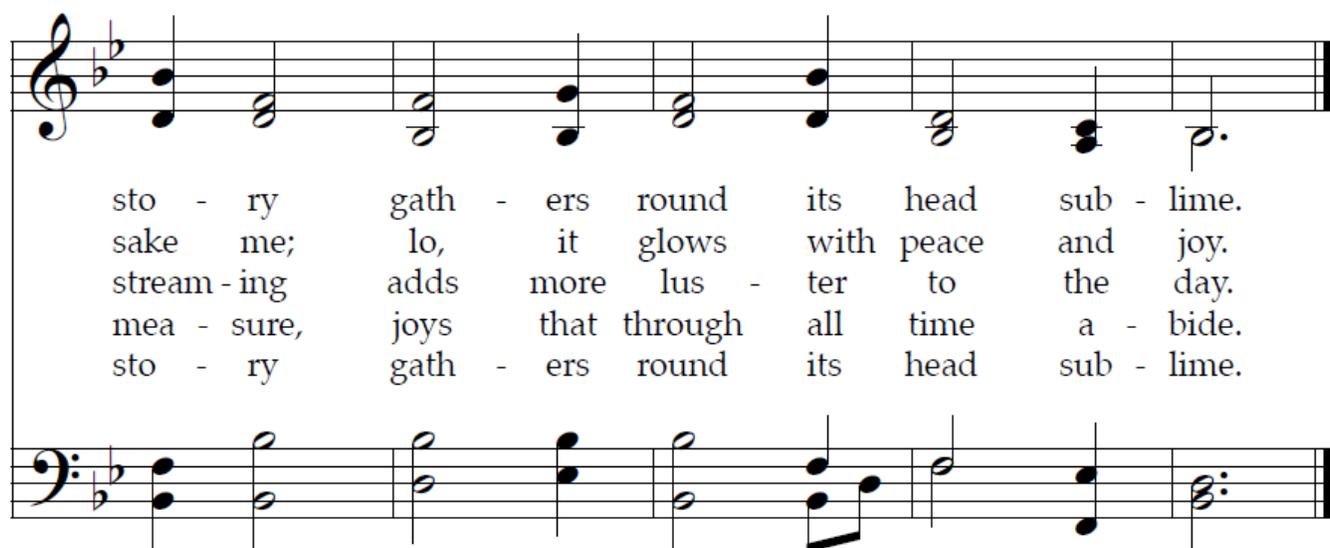
# In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -  
love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no  
o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We come to our 40-day journey of Lent with penitence in our hearts. The polarization, enmity and fissures that have scarred our country and world are in us as well. We yearn for truth, peace and justice. Yet we know that we have not lived as those who are formed in the truth, peace and justice of Christ. We confess our sin, assured of God's mercy and empowering grace.

## UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess our complicity in the divisions that have wounded our country and our world. We have turned aside from your way. We have failed to love you and our neighbor, neglected justice and ignored your truth. Forgive us, and restore in us your Spirit of compassion and justice-seeking love. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God in Christ is steadfast in love and mercy. So friends, hear the good news of the gospel. In Christ we are forgiven and set free from the sins that bind and enslave us. We are empowered to love God with all of who we are, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Thanks be to God.

## RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### **"The 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.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

### **"Take My Life and Let It Be"**

Courtney

Marsha Benfield

## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

## SONG

### **"Today is the Day"**

Brewster & Baloché

I'm casting my cares aside; I'm leaving my past behind  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day You have made. I will rejoice and be glad in it  
And I won't worry about tomorrow, I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day!  
I'm putting my fears aside; I'm leaving my doubts behind  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to you, Jesus.  
I'm reaching my hands to Yours; believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good, is good.  
I will stand up on Your truth. All my days I'll live for You

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

SERMON

**God of the Undrawn Bow**

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

SONG

**“Way Maker”**

Okoro

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.

OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, we pray that you would empower us with courage and faithfulness as we embark on this Lenten journey. We seek renewal and restoration during these 40 days. Help us to remember Jesus' faithfulness in the wilderness, tempted by Satan. Be with us in our temptation. Let your grace follow us and go before us in each step of this journey. Enable us to accept spiritual disciplines for this journey. Let us pray daily and be especially attentive to the needs of others, and to our own needs.

God of the nations, we pray for peace with justice throughout the world, so that all your children may dwell secure, free of war and injustice. Move the hearts of leaders throughout the world to hear the cries of the poor and hungry, and to ensure a rightful share of the resources needed to sustain life.

And as we continue to grapple with overwhelming pandemic challenges, we pray that you would grant special measures of strength and endurance to healthcare workers and other essential workers who labor on the frontlines of this struggle. And we pray for all who are now facilitating vaccination and for those who are providing the vaccines. We pray for your comfort for all who are sick and for all who have lost loved ones. Grant us all wisdom and courage for the living of this hour. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying,

**Unison: 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.**

## THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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