



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter
COMMUNION

May 2, 2021

Livestream

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”
Randy Benfield

Kretzschmar

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Keith L. DeVries

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Keaney Family
(from 1 John 4:7-8,11)

Leader: Beloved, let's love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. Anyone who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. Since God loves us, we also ought to love each other.

People: Come, let's worship God who is love!

HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

John Wallace

Leader: The steadfast love of God endures forever. Nothing we say or do can limit God's grace. As we are God's beloved, we admit the truth of our shortcomings and failures, confident that God's love will heal our brokenness. Let us pray in confession together:

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are the giver of life. You have made us in your image, yet we fail to see your image in our neighbors who look, speak, and live differently than we do. You have made us in your image, yet we still need forgiveness as we ignore your creative work and fail to exhibit your image to the world around. You have made us in your image, yet there are times when we have trouble loving ourselves and tending to our own needs. When we fall short in loving, we refuse your invitation to grow closer to you. Through your abiding love and mercy, open us to the ways we can love more fully.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The one who breathed into us the breath of life continues to be present with us. God, who reflected in us God's own image has made us into a new creation. Our sins are forgiven. Let us go forth with love and peace, upholding the sacred worth of all others as we travel along this road.

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.

ANTHEM

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Wood

Sanctuary Choir
(as recorded on April 12, 2015)

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SONG

"Carry Your Love"

Senseman & Young

We are called out; we are ransomed
We are not of the world we are in
We are chosen; we are blessed
To bring light to all God's children
So Father, sow Your seed, give us life in community
Wake us from our sleep
This is Your time; this is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking
Under Your grace, we are led by Your Spirit
You have redeemed us by the blood of Your Son
Give us Your Word, we are eager to hear it
Ready our hearts to carry Your love

You are sunlight, You are morning
You're the hope of a brand new day
You are comfort, You are blessing
And You wipe all our tears away
So change us from within, render miracles from our sin
Remind us once again
This is Your time; this is Your place
And we are vessels for breaking

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

SERMON

Horizons and Mirrors

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

SONG

"Consuming Fire"

Hughes

There must be more than this
O, breath of God, come breathe within
There must be more than this
Spirit of God, we wait for you
Fill us anew, we pray. Fill us anew, we pray
Consuming fire, fan into flame
A passion for Your name
Spirit of God, fall in this place
Lord, have your way, Lord, have your way with us

Come like a rushing wind, fill us with power from on high
Now set the captives free,
Leave us abandoned to Your praise
Lord, let your glory fall. Lord, let your glory fall

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Place a plate with bread or crackers on a table in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Break the bread and dip it in the cup. If you are with others, serve one another saying, "This is the bread of heaven. This is the cup of Christ.")

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Communion liturgy adapted from "The Sacrament of Holy Communion Celebrating Immigrants and Refugees" by Michael Mulberry on giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com

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