

*Celebration of the Life of
Carey Gardiner Mack*

March 21, 1974 - October 16, 2021



Zion Lutheran Church
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Saturday, October 30, 2021
2pm

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

GATHERING

We come together as the beloved people of God. Words said by the pastor/leader are in plain type; words said by the congregation are in bold.

WELCOME

Please rise together, in body or spirit.

Welcome in the name of Jesus,
the Savior of the world.
We are gathered to worship,
to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,
to remember before God our sister Carey,
to give thanks for her life,
to commend her to our merciful redeemer,
and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him
by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

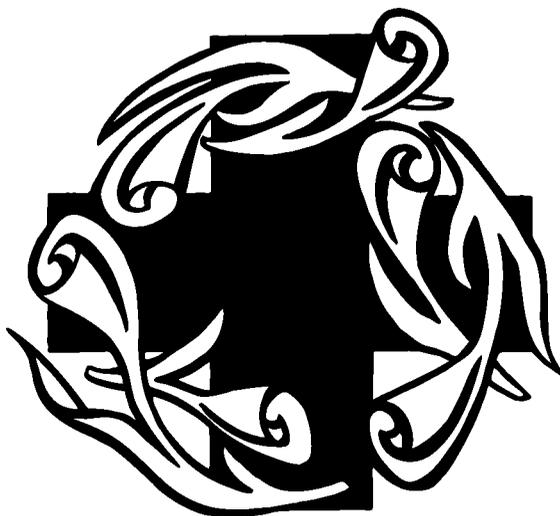
We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.



GATHERING HYMN

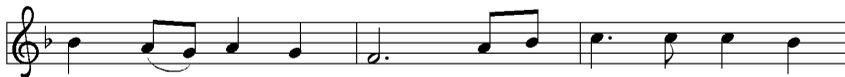
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain
Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our sister, Carey.
We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up
in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call,
we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

WORD

The Word of God is proclaimed within and by the gathered assembly. Please be seated.

FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 31:31-34*

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it

on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM 46

¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present¹ help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the¹ earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths¹ of the sea;**

³though its waters¹ rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble¹ with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit-¹y of God,
the holy habitation of¹ the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall¹ not be shaken;
God shall help it at the¹ break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the¹ kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth¹ melts away.**

⁷The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works¹ of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up-¹ on the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in¹ all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the¹ shields with fire.

¹⁰**"Be still, then, and know that¹ I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted¹ in the earth."**

¹¹The LORD of¹ hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob¹ is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: *Romans 3:19-28*

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

SPECIAL MUSIC

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

Vocalists: Paul Archer, Caryn Archer, Jack Levoska, Stephanie Levoska

Keyboardist: Brian Manzo

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Abraham Maraire

We rise together, in body or spirit.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL *John 8:31-36*

The holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

HOMILY

Rev. Elizabeth Friedman

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

After hearing the sermon, the word of God is proclaimed in song. We rise together, in body or spirit.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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THE PRAYERS

Prayers are offered for the Church, the world, God's people in need and the special needs and concerns of this community of faith.

Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.
 God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection
 may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.
God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.
God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

PEACE

After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gifts of Christ's peace.

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Before the Lord's supper is shared, the presiding minister leads us into thanksgiving. With the whole creation, we join the angels' song.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



PROPER PREFACE

The grace of God's gift is always proclaimed in Jesus' own words of command and promise at the table. A full thanksgiving also includes praise to god for creation and salvation; remembrance of the crucified and risen Christ; and prayer for the Holy Spirit in this meal. The thanksgiving concludes with the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns.

The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, the Lord's life, death, and resurrection, we await Christ's coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Christ. Through whom all glory and honor is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

As Christ has taught us, let us pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Holy Communion in a gift of God's grace for all of God's people. All are welcome at the Lord's supper. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may still come forward for a blessing, and simply cross your arms across your chest.

AGNUS DEI



Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man
O Lamb . . of God, you take . . . a - way . . . the sin of the

syn - nin, ar - mah - da mei - tä, ar - mah - da mei - tä.
world; . . have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man syn - nin,
O Lamb of God, you take . . a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .

an - na meil - le rau - ha - si ja siu - na - uk - se - si.
grant us vi - sion, grant us jus - tice, grant us your own true peace.

MUSIC: Matti Rantatalo
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HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Jesus, Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The musical score for 'Jesus, Remember Me' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The musical score for 'Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is three flats (E-flat major or C minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;' and 'set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.' The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We rise together, in body or spirit.

Let us pray:

O God, our life, our strength, our food,
we give you thanks for sustaining us
with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,
that more and more we will give you praise
and serve your earth and its many peoples,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Carey.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive her into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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 Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God!

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Participants

Presiding Minister: Bishop Donald Kreiss

Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Friedman

Organist: Brian Manzo

Vocalists: Paul Archer, Caryn Archer, Jack Levoska, Stephanie Levoska

Musician: Tim Krohn

Technology: Thomas Murphy

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Carey Gardiner Mack

Carey was born on March 21, 1974, in Watertown, Wisconsin, to Thomas Frederick Mack and Mary Josephine Ellen Gardiner Mack. Carey's earthly journey ended October 15, 2021, after a brief illness. She is survived by members of her immediate family, including her mother, Josie Mack, her brother, John Mack, her maternal grandmother, Emmy Gyaki, and numerous aunts, cousins, nephews, and her niece. Carey also leaves behind many friends and chosen family members. Throughout her lifetime she forged deep and lasting friendships across the rich, diverse humanity she sought, accepted and embraced.

A graduate of Watertown High School, Carey was a proud Gosling and participated in the band and theater programs. After graduating from Valparaiso University, she obtained a Masters of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Chicago, and was ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Carey dedicated her life to helping others. In recent years she found great joy working with youth programs, and in expressing her talents as a creative visual artist.

Carey shared her family's passion for rooting for the St. Louis Cardinals, all things NPR, and fighting for equality. She believed in the fundamental goodness of people, and she believed in love. She brightened every room and every life she entered. Carey loved music, great satire, books, the Simpsons, and SNL (especially Chris Farley). Her sense of humor was infectious, as was her laugh, and her enormous, persistent will toward a life of compassion.

There will be two memorial services for Carey: One in Ann Arbor, Michigan, followed by another in Watertown, Wisconsin. In lieu of flowers, we hope that you can honor Carey's life invested in creating a more just and equitable world. Please consider making a donation to organizations Carey supported, like the Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan or FedUp Ministries, or to a social justice organization, in her memory.