Carmel Presbyterian Church First Sunday in Lent Sacrament of The Lord's Supper March 6, 2022



Luke 4:1-13 The Temptation of Jesus

Order of Worship*

* Please stand, as able. Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

Greeting and Announcements – Pastor Peter

Prelude "Thee We Adore" (Adoro te devote)

Healey Willan

* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) - Pastor Peter

When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.

We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him.

In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

May our commitment be as strong.

May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey. Amen.

* Opening Hymn 81 "I

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

(ST. FLAVIAN)

Call to Confession - Pastor Peter

Prayer of Confession (In unison; adapted from Romans 10, Luke 4) – Pastor Peter

Our confession, O God, is that we believe. We believe in the power and presence of your goodness made flesh. In the face of big evils and little falsehoods, may your Word make its way from our hearts to our lips. May we confess you, as Jesus did in the wilderness. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, we pray...

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Kyrie Hymn 574
Sanctuary Choir

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"

(Kyrie)

Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively; From Romans 10) – Pastor Peter

Friends: hear the good news of the gospel. The apostle Paul reminds us that God is generous when people call out in faith.

In the name of Jesus, who is God's Word made flesh and raised to life, let us embrace God's abundant life.

Friends: believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Gloria – Hymn 567

"Glory to the Father"

(Gloria Patri)

* Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively) – Pastor Peter

Since God loved us so much, we are free to love one another.

Let us love one another, since love comes from God.

Now is the time to share Christ's love and forgiveness with one another. Let the Christ in you greet the Christ in another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

Peace be with you!

(Remaining in your pew, greet one another, sharing God's peace now and throughout the week.)

Children's Message – Pastor Peter

(Following the Children's Message, children third-grade and below are invited to depart for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison) – Led by Denise Abraham

Bring your word near to us, O God. May it rest not only on our lips, but also reside in our hearts. By the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to respond to your word with our whole lives until you become our dwelling place; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Read by Denise Abraham

The Old Testament lectionary reading is Deuteronomy, chapter 26, verses 1-11. We cried to the Lord, God of our ancestors, and God delivered us. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Once you have entered the land the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance, and you take possession of it and are settled there, take some of the early produce of the fertile ground that you have harvested from the land the Lord your God is giving you, and put it in a basket. Then go to the location the Lord your God selects for his name to reside. Go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him: "I am declaring right now before the Lord my God that I have indeed arrived in the land the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us."

The priest will then take the basket from you and place it before the Lord your God's altar. Then you should solemnly state before the Lord your God:

"My father was a starving Aramean. He went down to Egypt, living as an immigrant there with few family members, but that is where he became a great nation, mighty and numerous. The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. So we cried out for help to the Lord, our ancestors' God. The Lord heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land full of milk and honey. So now I am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, Lord, have given me."

Set the produce before the Lord your God, bowing down before the Lord your God. Then celebrate all the good things the Lord your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading – Read by Denise Abraham

Our second reading from the lectionary is Romans, chapter 10, verses 8b-13. The word is near to you; those who call on the Lord will be saved. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the message of faith that we preach). Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. The scripture says, All who have faith in him won't be put to shame. There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading – Read by Pastor Peter

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 4, verses 1-13. For forty days in the wilderness, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Jesus returned from the Jordan River full of the Holy Spirit, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. There he was tempted for forty days by the devil. He ate nothing during those days and afterward Jesus was starving. The devil said to him, "Since you are God's Son, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

Jesus replied, "It's written, People won't live only by bread."

Next the devil led him to a high place and showed him in a single instant all the kingdoms of the world. The devil said, "I will give you this whole domain and the glory of all these kingdoms. It's been entrusted to me and I can give it to anyone I want. Therefore, if you will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It's written, You will worship the Lord your God and serve only him."

The devil brought him into Jerusalem and stood him at the highest point of the temple. He said to him, "Since you are God's Son, throw yourself down from here; for it's written: He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you and they will take you up in their hands so that you won't hit your foot on a stone."

Jesus answered, "It's been said, Don't test the Lord your God." After finishing every temptation, the devil departed from him until the next opportunity.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pastor Peter

"Will You Enter the Wilderness?"

* Hymn 85 (Stanzas 1-2)

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

(WONDROUS LOVE)

Sharing Joys and Concerns – Pastor Peter

Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession & The Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors') – Pastor Peter

Invitation to the Offering – Pastor Peter

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

Offertory

"On Eagle's Wings" Michael Joncas (Text based on Psalm 91, the lectionary Psalm of the day.) Sanctuary Choir, Heather Coelho, flute

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in His shadow for life, say to the Lord; "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (Refrain)

For to His angels He's given a command to guard you in all of your ways; upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain)

- * Doxology Hymn 592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (DOXOLOGY)
- * Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts and Tithes Led by Denise Abraham

 God of signs and wonders, from the first fruit of the ground, we offer you, our gifts. Cultivate good things in us, we pray, for the sake of the world you love. Amen.

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

* Communion Hymn 85 (Stanza 3)

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

(WONDROUS LOVE)

Introduction - Pastor Peter

Great Thanksgiving –Pastor Peter
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.

Blessed are you, of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Sanctus – Hymn 581 – "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" (Sung by the congregation.)

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer – Pastor Peter

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us praying as Jesus taught us:

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.

Communion of the People and the Words of Institution – Pastor Peter

(In-person worshippers are invited to come forward using the center aisle for bread and wine/juice, returning to their seats by the side aisles. An elder will place the bread in your cupped hands for you to partake of the bread; then, please move to receive the "red" wine or "clear" grape juice; and partake of the cup, disposing the cup in the container. Live-streaming worshippers may have the elements prepared nearby and partake along with those in the sanctuary. All who are baptized are invited to share in Christ's Table.)

Communion Music

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken", Charles Callahan

"Meditation on the Divine Sacrifice" (Hymn tune: Cross of Jesus)

Prayer after Communion (In unison, adapted from 1 Corinthians 6:15-20.) — Pastor Peter

Holy God, we give you thanks that you have claimed us as your own and nourished us in this meal as members of Christ's body. By the work of your Spirit within us give us the grace to glorify you as one, living body in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn 414

"As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

(FOREST GREEN)

* Charge and Benediction (Read responsively) - Pastor Peter

The journey has begun. Embrace it!

We will not fear its depths.

Expect angels. God is with you.

We will find refuge in the shadow of God.

Go forth to learn, to teach, to serve.

We will bring peace and hope to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Go in peace!

Amen.

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Postlude

"Praise to the Holiest in the Height"

John Marsh

Announcements

Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will gather with us again soon. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for a weekly email of future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with the Pastor if you are interested in membership. A Virtual Fellowship Time is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building. Welcome!

THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning point us to the glory of God.

SPECIAL THANKS TO HEATHER COELHO – Special thanks to Heather Coelho for her gifts of flute music today.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX – Lenten devotionals: Family devotional bags, "**Reflections on the Heart**," with a Lenten calendar and family activities, and a separate Adult devotional guide, "**Full to the Brim**," are available on the table in the Narthex. Take one or more home to use during Lent. Provided by the Christian Education Committee.

CELEBRATE EASTER – JOIN THE FESTIVAL CHOIR – You are invited to join our **Sanctuary Choir** to help form a special **Festival Choir** for our **Good Friday** and **Easter** services. It is just a commitment of five weeks. Carmel members and friends who cannot make that weekly Thursday night commitment throughout the academic year, but would like to sing in a choir, are invited for these special services. Anyone who can match pitch and can smile is welcome to sing. **Rehearsals** for **Easter** begin on Thursday, March 17, at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will run for five weeks: Thursdays, March 17, March 24, March 31, April 7 and Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 PM. We will be singing for the **Good Friday** service on April 15 at 7:30 PM and the 10:00 AM **Easter** service on April 17. Please contact **Abby Palmisano** and let her know that you can come, or just come to as many of the rehearsal dates as you can make. If you have any questions, please call Abby at 215-887-1074 (press #3). Hope to see you then!

SUPPORT CARMEL NURSERY SCHOOL'S EASTER GERTRUDE HAWK CANDY SALE – The orders for Gertrude Hawk are due this weekend and will be delivered in plenty of time for Easter (March 28) in the Nursery School office or Church Office by arrangement. See the order forms in the Narthex and lobby. Order today!

ENJOY BINGO WITH EACH OTHER IN CARMEL HALL ON MARCH 25 – Join together in Carmel Hall for a good old-fashioned game of **BINGO**. **Food** starts at 6:30, games at 7:00 on Friday, March 25, 2022. Come one, come all, bring the kiddos, introduce them to this nostalgic fun. Please let us know you can join us so we can prepare appropriately. Contact **Melissa Deacon**: mdeacon782@comcast.net or call the Church Office.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN CARMEL HALL IS BACK! – Session approved the return of **Coffee Hour Fellowship** after Sunday worship downstairs in Carmel Hall. Join us for coffee/tea, baked goods, and good conversation with fellow members and friends.

zoom Adult Study Wednesday During Lent: Practice Spiritual Disciplines. Be part of the discussion each Wednesday in Lent—through Wednesday, April 6—on ZOOM from 7:30-9:00 pm. Make the Season of Lent more meaningful; prepare for Holy Week and Easter's new life! God's central invitation to followers of Jesus is to draw near to God in Christ and to allow God, through the Holy Spirit, to transform us into Christ's image. Christian spiritual disciplines and spiritual practices are ways in which we do that. Spiritual disciplines are usually thought of as those things that help us draw near to God and might include different forms of prayer, meditation, study, and service. Spiritual practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Many of the spiritual disciplines covered in this unit have emerged over the centuries as Christians have experimented with ways to make space in their lives to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to transform them. Pick up *Practice Spiritual Disciplines: An Adult Reflection Booklet* available now in the narthex and in the Church Office. More copies are on order. Copies of this week's session on "Prayer" are available in the Church Office.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering Nursery Care and Children's Worship (third grade and below) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are being led by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, Marleen Heintz for Nursery Care and Melissa MacFarland for Children's Worship. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, please call the Church Office by Friday noon, so that the nursery is staffed. Children's Worship will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after the Children's Message. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen or Melissa.

CARMEL YOUTH GROUPS OASIS AND REFUGE & CONFIRMATION CLASS NOTES: Refuge will meet on designated Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm, in person, in Carmel Hall and welcomes all in grades 3-8. Safety protocols will be followed with dinner and a rotating activity each week: service or craft project, Bible lesson, gym or game room activity and monthly special activities. **Oasis** meets designated Sundays, 7:00 pm in the Loft and welcomes all in grades 9-12. Join in the Fellowship and, as always, friends are welcome. The **Confirmation Group** meets Sundays at 9:00 am in the Chapel.

WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not to miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! Live Streaming Worship continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone and on Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUPPLIES, HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BIBLES and ORDERS OF SERVICE are available from the Ushers.

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – All are requested to wear masks at all times and practice social distancing at your and other's comfort levels during worship and when inside the church facilities.

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Participating in Worship this Morning (and clergy)

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor
James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus
Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
Denise Abraham, Liturgist
Melissa Deacon, Barbara Podrost & Janet Simon, Assisting in The Lord's Supper
The Sanctuary Choir
Heather Coelho, Playing the flute
Cindy Keshishian and Margie White, Usher/Greeters
Cindy Keshishian and Margie White, Shepherds
Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member
Gary Moll, Stefanie O'Gara, Jay Raulinaitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators
Hosting Coffee & Fellowship

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live streamed at 10:00 am)

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw
Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409
and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

"Virtual Fellowship Time" may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

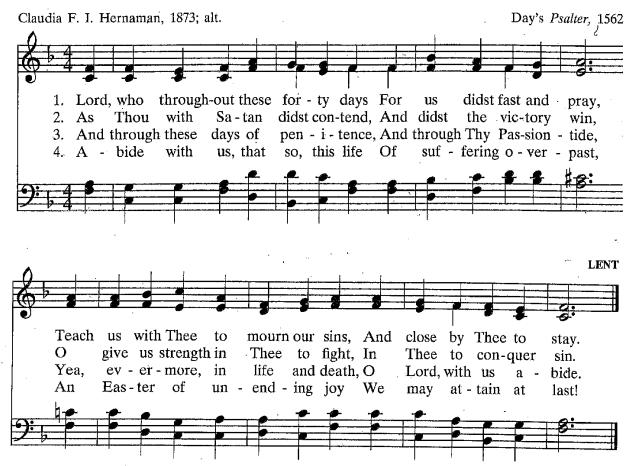
Signup to Help with Worship!

Each Sunday we have several spots you can assist. Click here: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

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ST. FLAVIAN CM



Glory to the Father

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*May be sung as a canon.

What Wondrous Love Is This

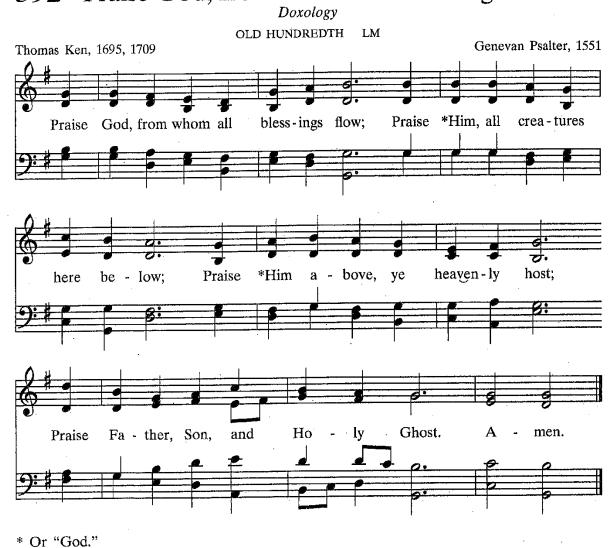
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*Or "dreadful curse" (as original text).

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Joseph Roff, 1980 God of pow-er and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high est. Bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in

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FOREST GREEN CMD



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