# Carmel Presbyterian Church Third Sunday in Lent Mr. Rogers Day March 20, 2022



#### Order of Worship\*

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

Greeting and Announcements – Pastor Peter

Prelude

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Handbell Choir arr. Cathy Moklebust

\* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) - Pastor Peter

Everyone who thirsts:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who are hungry for righteousness:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

All who need the help of God:

Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

Come, let us worship.

\* Opening Hymn 87

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

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Call to Confession – Pastor Peter

Prayer of Confession (In unison; Allusions from Psalm 63 and Isaiah 55) – Pastor Peter

O God, our God, we seek you; our souls thirst for you. Sometimes it's like we haven't had anything to drink for days. We are parched. Yet, we've only sipped upon Living Water. We have failed to drink deeply of your wisdom...

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

Amen. Amen.

Kyrie 574

"Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us"
Sanctuary Choir

David N. Johnson

#### Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively) – Pastor Peter

Come, all who are thirsty, come to the water. Drink and have your fill. Live with mercy and you shall receive mercy. God's well of steadfast love will never run dry.

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

\* Gloria Patri – Hymn 579 "Glory Be to

"Glory Be to the Father"

Henry W. Greatorex

#### \* 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.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

#### Peace be with you!

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

#### **Anthem**

#### "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Carl Schalk Junior Choir; Heather Coelho, flute

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou God and man the Son, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

#### 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 Nancy Pinkowicz

We seek you in your word, O God, as though we are searching for water in a dry and weary land. But the power of your Holy Spirit, may this word be to us a rich feast, satisfying the soul. Then with our mouths, we will praise you; and with our lives, we will bless you, our Host and our Hope. Amen.

#### Old Testament Reading — Read by Nancy Pinkowicz

The Old Testament lectionary reading is Isaiah, chapter 55, verses 1-9. An invitation to the feast: everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; listen to me and live. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

All of you who are thirsty, come to the water!
Whoever has no money, come, buy food and eat!
Without money, at no cost, buy wine and milk!
Why spend money for what isn't food,
and your earnings for what doesn't satisfy?
Listen carefully to me and eat what is good;
enjoy the richest of feasts.
Listen and come to me;
listen, and you will live.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful loyalty to David.
Look, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a prince and commander of peoples.

Look, you will call a nation you don't know, a nation you don't know will run to you because of the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, who has glorified you.

Seek the Lord when he can still be found;
call him while he is yet near.
Let the wicked abandon their ways
and the sinful their schemes.
Let them return to the Lord so that he may have mercy on them,
to our God, because he is generous with forgiveness.
My plans aren't your plans,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my plans than your plans.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

\* Hymn (See insert) "O God, You Are My God Alone" GRATUS (From the lectionary Psalm 63: O God, you are my God, I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.)

#### New Testament Reading – Read by Nancy Pinkowicz

Our second reading from the lectionary is First Corinthians, chapter 10, verses 1-13. Our ancestors crossed the sea; they drank from Christ, the rock. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Brothers and sisters, I want you to be sure of the fact that our ancestors were all under the cloud and they all went through the sea. All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. They drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. However, God was unhappy with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. These things were examples for us, so we won't crave evil things like they did. Don't worship false gods like some of them did, as it is written, *The people sat down to eat and drink and they got up to play*. Let's not practice sexual immorality, like some of them did, and twenty-three thousand died in one day. Let's not test Christ, like some of them did, and were killed by the snakes. Let's not grumble, like some of them did, and were killed by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example and were written as a warning for us to whom the end of time has come. So those who think they are standing need to watch out or else they may fall. No temptation has seized you that isn't common for people. But God is faithful. He won't allow you to be tempted beyond your abilities. Instead, with the temptation, God will also supply a way out so that you will be able to endure it.

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 13, verses 1-9. Lessons from a tower and a fig tree; repent or you will perish; demand for genuine change. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied, "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did."

Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Let It Be" Pastor Peter

\* Hymn 357 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

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 "Just as I Am" Richard DeLong
Sanctuary Choir

Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down, Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of thy great love The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, Here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, (1789-1871)

\* Doxology 592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Genevan Psalter

<sup>\*</sup> Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts, and Tithes – Led by Nancy Pinkowicz

God of wilderness and Promised Land, in days of want and days of plenty you have been with us. By these gifts we now share, may others know of your providence and care. Send us—not only our

offerings, but our very selves—to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out, to listen, and walk beside your children everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* Hymn 281 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

\* Charge and Benediction – Pastor Peter

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

Postlude "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" Seth Bingham
Hymn tune: Rathbun

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#### **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 glorify God in loving memory Patricia Newman by Jan, Peter, Stephanie, PJ, Bailey, Annalise, Bennett, and Layna Heckman.

**TODAY CELEBRATE MR. ROGERS DAY!** – On the Presbyterian Church (USA) national calendar, it is Mr. Rogers Day this Sunday (his birthday). Fred Rogers was an ordained minister of word and sacrament for the PC(USA) and is a notable public figure whose work around peace and reconciliation is worth remembering. Rogers was also a pioneer in the world of Christian education and formation of young children. March 20th was his birthday and the day that the PC(USA) has chosen to highlight all we can learn from his work. In its designation for the day, the calendar writes, "Won't you be my neighbor? Celebrate Mr. Rogers' kindness and be one of the helpers."

**SO, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MISSION STUDY & VITAL CONGREGATIONS SURVEY?** Join with members of the **Transitional Ministry Mission Study Team** after worship today to learn about the **Mission Study** and the results from the **Vital Congregations Survey**. In Carmel Hall hear a brief presentation on the findings from our Vital Congregation's seven-week study last Spring and the congregation-wide survey this past fall. Your questions on the study and the survey findings will be entertained as we enjoy our Carmel Coffee Fellowship refreshments. The **Transitional Ministry Team** will present Carmel's Mission Study, approved by the Session and the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry, and highlight the Vital Congregations Survey. That's next Sunday after worship & Coffee Fellowship.

**ENJOY BINGO WITH EACH OTHER IN CARMEL HALL THIS FRIDAY, 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**: <a href="mailto:mdeacon782@comcast.net">mdeacon782@comcast.net</a> or call the Church Office.

**EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR THOSE FLEEING VIOLENCE IN UKRAINE** – Support the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s **emergency relief for those fleeing violence in Ukraine**. The Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, has produced the largest refugee crisis in Europe this century. In less than a week, 2 million residents – mostly women and children – fled their homes. Ukrainians face urgent needs for medical care and basic needs like food, water, and fuel. Your donation at this crucial moment can help save lives. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** has a specially designated account to supplement the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering to enable a significant response for humanitarian efforts to assist international refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Please drop a check marked **"Ukraine22"** in the offering plate or make your direct donation via **www.pcusa.org/ukraine22**. Your faithful giving is deeply appreciated.

GOOD HAPPENS WHEN YOU DONATE TO OGHS! – One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the way Presbyterians come together each year. The gifts are shared among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Self-Development of People, and a group of live chickens as a way to fight poverty. Special envelopes are in the pews and on the table in the back of the Sanctuary near the offering plate.

**CARMEL SEEKS PART-TIME BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR** – The Carmel Personnel Committee seeks applicants for the part-time Business Administrator position, who will be responsible for administrating the church finances. Accounting or bookkeeping skills are necessary for this 6 hour per week position. Applicants cannot be Carmel members. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume by email to: carmelpcjobs@presbycarmel.org. The Church Office will provide a position description – call 215-887-1074.

**EASTER FLOWER AND MUSIC MEMORIALS DUE APRIL 10**<sup>th</sup> – If you wish to contribute to the Easter Flowers and/or Easter Music (Memorials or In Honor of), please complete the information on the order sheet available in the Church Office. Both dedications of flowers and music enhance our Easter Worship service and recognition will be printed in the bulletin. Questions: please contact Deb Gates (215-887-1852) on the flower contributions and Abby Palmisano (*215-887-1074, Ext.3*) on the music contributions.

**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!

**ZOOM ADULT STUDY WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT: PRACTICE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES!** – Join the Lenten adult group with Pastor Peter as we *Practice Spiritual Disciplines* each Wednesday in Lent—through Wednesday, April 6—on ZOOM from 7:30-9:00 pm. 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 practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Pick up *Practice Spiritual Disciplines: An Adult Reflection Booklet* available now in the Church Office. This week's session is "**Embrace Simplicity**".



The Schedule for Holy Week: April 10-17

#### Passion/Palm Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 am

**Passion/Palm Sunday** begins **Holy Week**, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion; Jesus receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed. Come and wave your palm branch in the procession of the palms!

#### Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 pm

*Maundy Thursday* begins the *Three Days* (or *Triduum*), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. Activities begin with a gathering in Carmel Hall at 6:30 pm for a simple meal of soup, rolls, and sweets (with meal-to-go available for those choosing not to gather at this time). **Communion** will follow in the Sanctuary at 7:15 pm.

#### Good Friday Tenebrae Service, April 15 at 7:30 pm

**Good Friday** is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion. We will follow a **Tenebrae Service** to commemorate the time Jesus hung on the cross. It is an especially important time to pray for the church and the world for whom Christ gave his life. Nursery care will be available upon request made by April 13 at noon at the Church Office.

#### Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day, April 17 at 7:30 am and 10:00 am

The festival of the *Resurrection of the Lord* (or *Easter Sunday*) is the center of the Christian year. Two worship possibilities are offered: an *Early Dawn Service* with *Communion* will be held in the Memorial Garden at 7:30 am followed by coffee and baked goods. *Easter Day Sanctuary Worship* will be at 10:00 am with all the traditional music and Communion in the Sanctuary. There will be no coffee hour following the service to allow for all Carmel members to enjoy festivities with family and friends. On this occasion, the church joyfully proclaims the good news that is at the very heart of the gospel: that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP EACH SUNDAY IN CARMEL HALL** – **Coffee Hour Fellowship** is weekly downstairs in Carmel Hall following Sunday worship. Join us for coffee/tea, baked goods, and good conversation with fellow members and friends.

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, at 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 online here: <a href="https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship">https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship</a>

**WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19** – Masking in the building is now optional in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's revised guidelines. Those whose health is compromised should consult their healthcare provider as to whether to continue wearing a mask. Visitors and members are welcome to wear a mask if they wish. Masking requirements will automatically fluctuate accordingly as Montgomery County moves between the various CDC levels of low, medium, and high, with masks only required when at the high level. Members will be notified as levels change and updated signs will be placed on the front door of the church.

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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
Nancy Pinkowicz, Liturgist
The Sanctuary Choir
Heather Coelho, Co-Handbell Choir Director and flutist
Lynne Schutt, Junior Choir accompanist
Kristin Waldner and Margie White, Greeters/Ushers
Kristin Waldner 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
Deb Gates and Katey Schulyer, Hosting Coffee & Fellowship

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

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw</a>
Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409</a> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409
"Virtual Fellowship Time" may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

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# The Glory of These Forty Days

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# Glory Be to the Father



# 696 O God, You Are My God Alone

#### (Psalm 63)



- 1 O God, you are my God a-lone, whom ea ger ly I seek,
- 2 Your faith-ful love sur-pass-es life, e vok-ing all my praise.
- 3 Through-out the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to mind;



though long-ing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my bod - y weak. Through ev - ery day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll raise. in dark-est hours I med - i - tate how God, my strength, is kind.



Just as a dry and bar-ren land a-waits a fresh-ening shower, My deep-est needs you sat - is - fy as with a sump-tuous feast. Be - neath the shad-ow of your wing, I live and feel se - cure;



I long with-in your house to see your glo - ry and your power. So, on my lips and in my heart, your praise has nev - er ceased. and dai - ly as I fol-low close, your right hand keeps me sure.

Given its wide range of references, scholars have proposed many occasions and uses for Psalm 63. Because of the imagery that opens stanza three in this paraphrase, for example, the great Reformed theologian and scholar Theodore Beza regularly recited this psalm at night.

# 357

### O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee



\* Or "God."

# 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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# Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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