Carmel Presbyterian Church Palm/Passion Sunday April 10, 2022 10:00 am



Order of Worship

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

WE GATHER TOGETHER

We gather as a community of faith to meet God in new ways, and we reflect on the hope and promise of God's gift to us through Jesus Christ.

Greeting and Announcements – Pastor Peter

Prelude

Ellacombe Robert J. Powell ("Hosanna, Loud Hosanna")

* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively; adapted from Luke 19:35-40) – Pastor Peter

They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered them:

"I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

* Processional Hymn 88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Call to Confession – Pastor Peter

Prayer of Confession (In unison) – Pastor Peter

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna! ...

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

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively) – Pastor Peter

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the one who comes with abundant grace and boundless mercy.

Blessed is the one who has done for us

What we could never do for ourselves, bringing us life and love forever and ever. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Gloria Patri – Hymn 579 "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 all! Peace be with you! (Greet one another sharing God's peace now and

(Greet one another sharing God's peace now and throughout the week.)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.

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 Deb Gates

Eternal God, quiet within us all worldly voices, that through the story of the passion and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading — Read by Deb Gates

The Old Testament lectionary reading is Isaiah, chapter 50, verses 4-9a. The Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The Lord God gave me an educated tongue to know how to respond to the weary with a word that will awaken them in the morning. God awakens my ear in the morning to listen, as educated people do.
The Lord God opened my ear; I didn't rebel; I didn't turn my back.
Instead, I gave my body to attackers, and my cheeks to beard pluckers.
I didn't hide my face from insults and spitting.
The Lord God will help me;

therefore, I haven't been insulted. Therefore, I set my face like flint, and knew I wouldn't be ashamed. The one who will declare me innocent is near. Who will argue with me? Let's stand up together. Who will bring judgment against me? Let him approach me. Look! The Lord God will help me. Who will condemn me?

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

* Hymn 230. "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made" NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET EHR' (From the lectionary Psalm 118: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.)

New Testament Reading – Read by Deb Gates

Our second reading from the lectionary is Philippians, chapter 2, verses 5-11. See the mind of Christ, who was humble, but exalted by God. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Adopt the attitude that was in Christ Jesus:

Though he was in the form of God, he did not consider being equal with God something to exploit.
But he emptied himself by taking the form of a slave and by becoming like human beings.
When he found himself in the form of a human, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Therefore, God highly honored him and gave him a name above all names, so that at the name of Jesus everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth might bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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 19, verses 28-4**0**. Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt; the disciples praise God with joy. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

After Jesus said this, he continued on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

As Jesus came to Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he gave two disciples a task. ³⁰ He said, "Go into the village over there. When you enter it, you will find tied up there a colt that no one has

ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying it?' just say, 'Its master needs it.'" ³² Those who had been sent found it exactly as he had said.

As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

They replied, "Its master needs it." ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their clothes on the colt, and lifted Jesus onto it.³⁶ As Jesus rode along, they spread their clothes on the road.

As Jesus approached the road leading down from the Mount of Olives, the whole throng of his disciples began rejoicing. They praised God with a loud voice because of all the mighty things they had seen. ³⁸ They said,

"Blessings on the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens."

Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, scold your disciples! Tell them to stop!"

He answered, "I tell you, if they were silent, the stones would shout."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

"Good and Gracious King" Pastor Peter

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Inspired by the promise of God's Word, let us give our thanks and praise – so we may continue God's work as we move into God's week.

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE

Sharing Joys and Concerns -

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer (Using 'debts' & 'debtors')

Invitation to the Offering -

(Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as a community church—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give it online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

Offertory

Sermon

* Hymn 89

"Hosanna in the Highest" Junior Choir and Sanctuary Choir

David W. Music

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Daughter of Zion, rejoice and see, your King comes to you. Shout now, O daughter of Jerusalem, your King comes to you. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

* Doxology 592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Genevan Psalter (An Usher will bring the Offering Plate forward, returning it to the rear of the Sanctuary.)

* Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts, and Tithes – Led by Deb Gates

Holy One, we give you thanks for the great deeds of salvation that you have done and continue to do. Today we dedicate our gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing and all the good that it does helping people throughout the year. Bless these offerings of thanksgiving that they may further your kingdom in this world; through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

Renewed and refreshed by our experience with God and God's congregation, we go into the world to share God's love.

* Hymn 91

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

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* Charge and Benediction – Pastor Peter

When you leave this gathering, sing hosannas! Carry their glad cry into this new week! However popular or unpopular the cause, we wish to follow Jesus Christ.

God overlooks our past and sends us into the world as representatives of the good news.

God and Christ is bringing wholeness to our lives and giving us opportunities to minister to others.

We have been commissioned and empowered to make a difference in the quality of life around us.

Hosanna! Blessed are all who go forth to serve. Glory to God in the highest!

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

Postlude

"Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty" (Winchester New) John A. Behnke

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. Should you wish for Hearing Devices and/or Large Print Bibles & Hymnals, they are available from an usher. 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 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). **Please RSVP to Deb Gates at Gates gatesdl@comcast.net** or call the Church office at 215-887-1074 so that we can plan for the meal and bring a sweet treat to share. A *Communion Service* 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!

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

THIS MORNING, THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY glorify God and God's good creation.

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. Why not volunteer to host a future **Coffee Fellowship**?!

EASTER FLOWER AND MUSIC MEMORIALS DUE TODAY – APRIL 10th – 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.

SPECIAL NEED FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – Volunteers are needed for an individual reading in the Tenebrae Service. See Deb Gates or Pastor Peter for more info!

TODAY WE DEDICATE OUR OGHS GIFTS! – This **Palm Sunday** we dedicate our **One Great Hour of Sharing** (**OGHS**) gifts to the yearly special offering. **OGHS** helps alleviate hunger, ease the pain of natural or humancaused disasters, and fund development in areas of oppression. The gifts are shared among **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, **Self-Development of People**, and a group of live chickens as a way to fight poverty. Please use the **OGHS** envelopes in the pews racks (including your number, if you know it) and place them in the offering plate at the rear of the Sanctuary.

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 produced the largest refugee crisis in Europe this century. Ukrainians face urgent needs for medical care and basic needs like food, water, and fuel. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** has a specially designated account to supplement the **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering to enable a significant response to humanitarian efforts to assist international refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). Please drop a check marked **"Ukraine22"** on the offering plate or make your direct donation via <u>www.pcusa.org/ukraine22</u>.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL "CHRIST IS CALLING" PROJECT FOR UKRAINE – Session approved the "Christ Is Calling" local hands-on-mission opportunity for Carmel to participate in volunteering or donating needed items to the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center (UECC) of Abington Township for Ukrainian relief efforts. Coordinated by Mary Ellen Thomas and Janet Simon, each week specific needed items may be dropped off in labeled plastic bins at Carmel, where they will be delivered to the EUCC at 700 N. Cedar Road, Jenkintown. See the Carmel email which lists the requested items each week or make a donation with UECC marked in the check notation space.

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.

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 on 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 ON 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.

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist: liturgist, ushers, greeters, and host for coffee hour. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign up online here:

https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

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 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 Lynne Schutt, pianist Deb Gates, Liturgist The Sanctuary Choir

The Junior Choir

(See above to signup online), Ushers/Greeters Kristin Waldner and Margie White, Shepherds Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member Gary Moll, Jay Raulinaitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators (See above to signup online), Hosting Coffee & Fellowship

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live-streamed at 10:00 am) YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw</u> Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409</u> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409 "Virtual Fellowship Time" may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

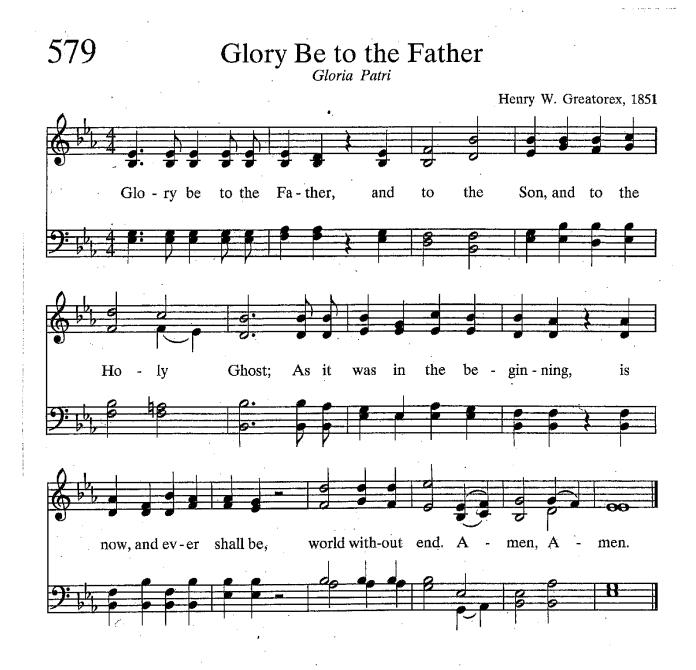
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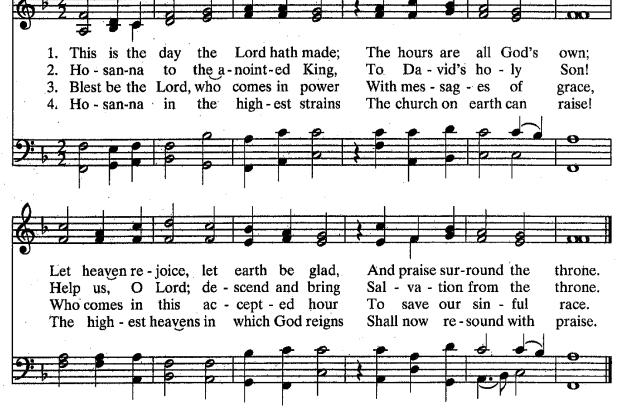
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