

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day
April 17, 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.

Prelude

Fanfare
Trumpet Voluntary
William Fehringer, trumpet

Jean Joseph Mouret
John Stanley

*** Call to Worship (Spoken responsively; adapted from Acts 10:34-43) –**

Jesus walked the earth with God's message of peace, blessing all creation:

Abundant life for all!

Jesus preached God's love—justice for the poor, full sharing of earth's bounty; he rattled the authorities with—

Hope and healing; forgiveness and welcome!

Worldly powers tried to stop him: led him to a tree and crucified him; laid him on the earth: a garden tomb. Three days on the earth, and then:

Like the seed that dies to live, so Jesus rose to new life!

And so let us celebrate the risen Christ, alive in our midst even today.

May we be hands and feet, hearts and minds of that risen Christ, proclaiming the good news of abundant life for all.

*** Hymn 123**

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

Call to Confession –

Prayer of Confession (Read responsively; adapted from Isaiah 65:17-25) –

Creator God: you made this day, this life, this planet, and all that is in it. All is a gift from you. All of creation is holy and You have given it into our care and yet we must confess:

Our care-less actions wound and scar our earth home:

Forgive us, Holy One, you, who are always creating a new heaven and a new earth!

We rob and do not restore life-giving riches to our lands and waters:

Forgive us, Holy One, you, who invites us to a feast of justice on your holy mountain!

We foster systems that fail to house and feed and heal all our people:

Forgive us, Holy One, you, who promise a world in which people build houses and inhabit them, plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.

Risen One: teach us that your resurrection brings new life to all creation.

Today of all days, empower us with vision and courage; let us work for your realm in which there is justice for all; where everyone has enough, sharing your abundant life.

Save us, God, from our mistakes. Teach us to be a resurrection people, rising from the ashes of our errors to live in a new way on this Earth...

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

Amen. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively) –

In the Risen Christ, we are forgiven!

We are empowered again to be builders of that new heaven and new earth.

For that good news, we say,

“Alleluia!”

*** Gloria – Hymn 567**

“Glory to the Father”

Gloria Patri

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

As forgiven, freed, and risen people, testify to the joy of resurrection as you pass the peace of Christ. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

Peace be with you!

(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.

Anthem

**“We Welcome Glad Easter”
Festival Choir and trumpet**

Michael Bedford

*We welcome glad Easter when Jesus arose,
And won a great victory over his foes.
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians and sing,
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.*

*We tell how the women came early that day,
And there at the tomb found the stone rolled away.
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.*

*We sing of the angel, who said, "Do not fear!"
Your Savior is risen, and he is not here."
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.*

*We think of the promise which Jesus did give:
"That he who believes in Me also shall live!"
Then raise your glad voices, all Christians, and sing,
Bring glad Easter praises to Jesus, your King.*

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison) – Led by David Rice

God of abundant life, you have made this day, and so we rejoice and are glad in it. By the gift of your Spirit, tune our hearts and minds to hear your living Word afresh in this day and for this time. May our lives answer your eternal Word with resurrection hope. Amen.

Old Testament Reading —

The Old Testament lectionary reading is Isaiah, chapter 65, verses 17-25. God promises a new creation, where all creatures will live in safety. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Look! I'm creating a new heaven and a new earth:
past events won't be remembered;
they won't come to mind.
Be glad and rejoice forever
in what I'm creating,
because I'm creating Jerusalem as a joy
and her people as a source of gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad about my people.
No one will ever hear the sound of weeping or crying in it again.
No more will babies live only a few days,
or the old fail to live out their days.
The one who dies at a hundred will be like a young person,
and the one falling short of a hundred will seem cursed.
They will build houses and live in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They won't build for others to live in,
nor plant for others to eat.
Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people;
my chosen will make full use of their handiwork.
They won't labor in vain,
nor bear children to a world of horrors,
because they will be people blessed by the Lord,
they along with their descendants.
Before they call, I will answer;
while they are still speaking, I will hear.
Wolf and lamb will graze together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
but the snake—its food will be dust.
They won't hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading —

Our second reading from the lectionary is 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 19-26. As death came through Adam, resurrection comes through Christ. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died. Since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead came through one too. In the same way that everyone dies in Adam, so also everyone will be given life in Christ. Each event will happen in the right order: Christ, the first crop of the harvest, then those who belong to Christ at his coming, and then the end, when Christ hands over the kingdom to God the Father, when he brings every form of rule, every authority and power to an end. It is necessary for him to rule until *he puts all enemies under his feet*. Death is the last enemy to be brought to an end.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading –

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 24, verses 1-12. Women find Jesus' tomb empty; he has been raised from the dead. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"From Wondering to Wonder"

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.

*** Hymn 115**

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

St. Kevin

Invitation to the Offering –

(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 it online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

Offertory

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

John A. Behnke

Festival Choir and trumpet

*Now all the vault of heaven resounds In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!*

*Eternal is the gift he brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life
And by his presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!*

*Adoring praises now we bring And with the heavenly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending! Alleluia!*

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

*** Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts, and Tithes –**

Generous God, we offer these gifts as our testimony to your glory and as our commitment as your disciples. Risen Christ, bless these gifts, along with our very lives, to your work in the world and to your reign here on earth. Through your blessing, may death be destroyed and hope fill all of creation. May gifts and givers alike be dedicated to your work of love, hope, justice, and peace. Amen.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Sharing Joys and Concerns –

Invitation to The Lord's Table (Responsive)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your voices to speak of this great love!

We lift them up in joyful acclamation!

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Living God... And so, we raise our voices in praise:

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.

We remember the life and ministry of Jesus: we raise our voices to proclaim this timeless truth:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us.... now and for all time!

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

May the Spirit of God bless the Great Table of Christ. May the Spirit of God help us recognize God's grace in the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the cup. May the Spirit of God encourage us to embrace our divine callings, as we all work to create God's realm here on earth.

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all people and nations.

We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by that same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants to the world. And now, like your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray:

O God, who called us from death to life: we give ourselves to you; and with the church through all ages, we thank you for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray: "Our Father...." Amen.

Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

(You are invited to come forward when invited to receive the bread and the juice (white) or wine (red). Approach the chancel walking down the center aisle and return by the side aisle, socially distancing as you walk. Your juice/wine cup may be placed in the receptacle.)

Communion Music

"Beautiful Savior"

Flor Peeters

Post-Communion Prayer (Unison)

Almighty God, from the first Easter dawn your Church has proclaimed the resurrection of Christ and preached peace in his name. We thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and, by that love, discourage us from the unfaithful acts that we might rejoice as your servants to the world. 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 104**

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hymn to Joy

*** Charge and Benediction –**

Go forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you. Live as if your lives count for something—because they do.

God calls us in abundant love to serve something greater than our own finite lives, a greater cause for which we would even lay down our lives, as Jesus did.

For just as death on a tree could not stop the Christ, so our lives in service to God become larger than ourselves, part of the ever in-breaking realm of God—

That realm of justice and truth, of enough for all and not too much for anyone.

Go in peace, to love, to serve, and proclaim: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*** Response**

***Hallelujah Chorus from "Messiah"
Festival Choir***

G. F. Handel

Postlude

Trumpet Finale

Domenico Gabrielli

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!

WELCOME TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER DAY WORSHIP – The festival of the **Resurrection of the Lord** (or **Easter Sunday**) is the center of the Christian year. We offer two worship opportunities: an **Early Dawn Service** with **Communion** to be held in the Memorial Garden at 7:30 am followed by a Continental Breakfast in Carmel Hall at 8:30 am. **Easter Day Sanctuary Worship** is at 10:00 am with all the traditional music and The Lord's Supper 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!

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION TO BE HELD SUNDAY, MAY 1 – The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, May 1, 2022, following worship for the purpose of electing Church Officers.

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 www.pcusa.org/ukraine22.

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. **Christ is Calling Ukraine Project Update:** The Ukrainian Women's Council is unable to collect physical goods currently as they concentrate on shipping important medical equipment to Ukraine. **They would appreciate monetary donations for shipping.** Please don't buy any additional items at present for the Carmel collection for Ukraine. Thank you to those who already filled our bins. We delivered three cartons of goods early this past week. If you have already purchased more items, put them in the bins and we will seek other collection sources. If you would like to donate for shipping to Ukraine, you can make **checks payable to UNWLA Philadelphia Regional Council** at 700 N. Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046. If you have any questions, contact Carmel's project coordinators Mary Ellen Thomas and Janet Simon. The two local Ukrainian groups wrote, "With your generous help, we have collected and shipped thousands of boxes of humanitarian aid to the brave soldiers confronting an evil Russian regime, and also to the citizens of Ukraine that are suffering the brutality of this war."

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, usher, 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

David Rice, Liturgist

William Fehringer, trumpet

Barbara Podrost, Kelly Rose, Elders Assisting with Communion

Festival Choir

Bob and Cindy Gerhard, Ushers/Greeters

Cindy Keshishian and Margie White, Shepherds

Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member

Gary Moll, Jay Raulinaitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahler, Live-Streaming Operators

Melissa Deacon and Nancy Pinkowicz, Continental Breakfast (Carmel Hall, 8:30 am)

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.

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7 with alleluias

Stanzas 1-3, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708
 Stanza 4, Charles Wesley, 1740

Lyra Davidica, 1708
 Adapted from *The Compleat Psalmist*, 1749
 Desc. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1955

Descant

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

EASTER

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef. The middle staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, featuring chords and melodic lines. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, featuring a bass line. The lyrics are centered between the middle and bottom staves. The word 'EASTER' is printed in the top right corner.

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

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John Weaver, 1978

*
 Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

*
 Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is

now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*May be sung as a canon.

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Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain 115

ST. KEVIN 7.6.7.6 D

John of Damascus (c. 675-749)

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1859; alt.

Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900); alt.

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst His pris - on,

God hath brought forth Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness;
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath ris - en.

Loosed from Phar - aoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
Now re - joice, Je - ru - sa - lem, And with true af - fec - tion

Led them, with un - moist - ened foot, Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host;

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.

The third system of musical notation concludes the doxology. The treble staff ends with a double bar line, and the bass staff continues with a few final notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

* Or "God."

104 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns of de - spair.
3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!