Carmel Presbyterian Church Second Sunday of Easter April 24, 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 "This Is My Father's World"

arr. Bill Ingram

Jesus Shall Reign arr. Cynthia Dobrinski (Prelude on Duke Street) Handbell Choir

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

God's strong and loving hands are outstretched to all Creation.

Let the world stretch forth and grasp God's hands with joy.

God's open hands are the gate of righteousness.

Let us enter into God's abundant life and give thanks.

In God's hands are new life, strength, and salvation.

Let us be thankful and sing unto our God with gladness.

* Hymn 118

"The Day of Resurrection!"

Lancashire

Call to Confession – Pastor Peter

Prayer of Confession (Read responsively; adapted from John 20:19-27) – Pastor Peter

God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts, when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice. When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When we are locked behind our doubts and fears, pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace...

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

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively; adapted from John 20:21-22,31) – Pastor Peter

Christ comes with healing light into our locked places and shadowy hurts, resurrecting our spirits and breathing into us new life.

As God's own forgiven people, let us go to bring peace, forgiveness, and new life to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

* Gloria – Hymn 567

"Glory to the Father"

John Weaver

* 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!

(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 "Zion's Walls" Aaron Copland

(Revivalist Song) (from "Old American Songs," Set II) Junior Choir

Come fathers and mothers come, Sisters and brothers come,
Join us in singing the praises of Zion, the praises of Zion.
O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion,
We'll shout and go round, We'll shout and go round,
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion, the walls of Zion.

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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

Living God, as the risen Christ came into the locked room of the first disciples, may your Word enter into us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who have not seen may yet believe. Amen.

First Reading — Read by Nancy Pinkowicz

The first lectionary reading is Acts, chapter 5, verses 27-32. Peter stands trial before the council: we must obey God. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The apostles were brought before the council where the high priest confronted them: "In no uncertain terms, we demanded that you not teach in this name. And look at you! You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching. And you are determined to hold us responsible for this man's death."

Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than humans! The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God has exalted Jesus to his right side as leader and savior so that he could enable Israel to change its heart and life and to find forgiveness for sins. We are witnesses of such things, as is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

* Hymn 481 "Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show" Llanfair (The lectionary Psalm is Psalm 150: Praise the Lord! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.)

New Testament Reading – Read by Nancy Pinkowicz

Our second reading from the lectionary is Revelation, chapter 1, verses 4-8. Jesus is coming; I am the Alpha and Omega, says the Lord. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

John, to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne, and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty."

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 John, chapter 20, verses 19-31. Jesus shares the Holy Spirit; a week later, he appears to Thomas. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Easter People—Let's Get Busy!"

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 119 "The Strife Is O'er" Victory

Sharing Joys and Concerns – Pastor Peter

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

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

Offertory

"Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful" Sanctuary Choir Heather Coelho, flute Healey Willan

Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin!

The round world keep high triumph, And all that is therein.

He is risen, He is risen, Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy, that hath no end.

From death to life eternal, From earth on to the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over With hymns of victory.
He is risen, He is risen, Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy, that hath no end.

Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend.

For Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy that hath no end.

He is risen, He is risen, Christ the Lord is risen, Our joy, that hath no end.

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 – Led by Nancy Pinkowicz

From our hearts and from our hands, we humbly and gladly present these gifts to you, O God, that they may be used to serve you and to bless your people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen! Alleluia!

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 376

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hyfrydol

* Charge and Benediction – Pastor Peter

By the power of your Spirit, O God, imbue us with the power of the Risen Christ's wounded hands.

May that power make us one in you.

May that unity cause us to love as mightily as you.

May your love move us to use our hands as you do—to do works of care and justice for your beloved Earth and all its people—works that heal, free, plant, hug, write, show, speak, and grow.

Give us grace and strength for abundant life! For this is the day that God as made, let us go forth, rejoice, and be glad in it!

Amen! Alleluia!

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

* Postlude

"Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"
(Arrangement of hymn 111, Gelobt sei Gott)

Healey Willan

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!

THIS MORNING, THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY glorify God and God's good creation in loving memory of Paul Ankrum by his daughter, Janet Simon, and of Hans Simon by his nieces, Jeanne and Linda Simon.

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.

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**?!

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. 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."

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.



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Donations accepted 4/24 – 4/27
HELP US HELP OTHERS
MASKS REQUIRED

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

WELCOME TO SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVE STREAMING ON SUNDAYS 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.

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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Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor
James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus
Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
Nancy Pinkowicz, Liturgist
Handbell Choir Co-Director, Heather Coelho
Pianist for the Junior Choir, Lynne Schutt
Flutist, Heather Coelho
Choirs: Handbell Choir, Junior Choir & Sanctuary Choir
TBA, Ushers/Greeters
Beth Cherry and Barbara Knox, Shepherds
Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member
Gary Moll, Jay Raulinaitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators

Katey Schuyler, Coffee Fellowship in Carmel Hall (11:00 am)

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The Day of Resurrection!

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Glory to the Father

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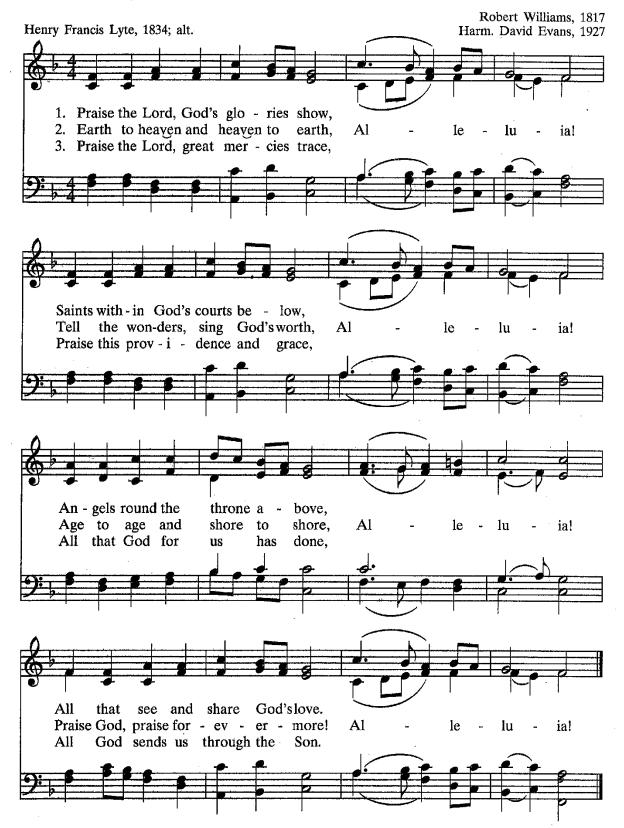
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Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show 48

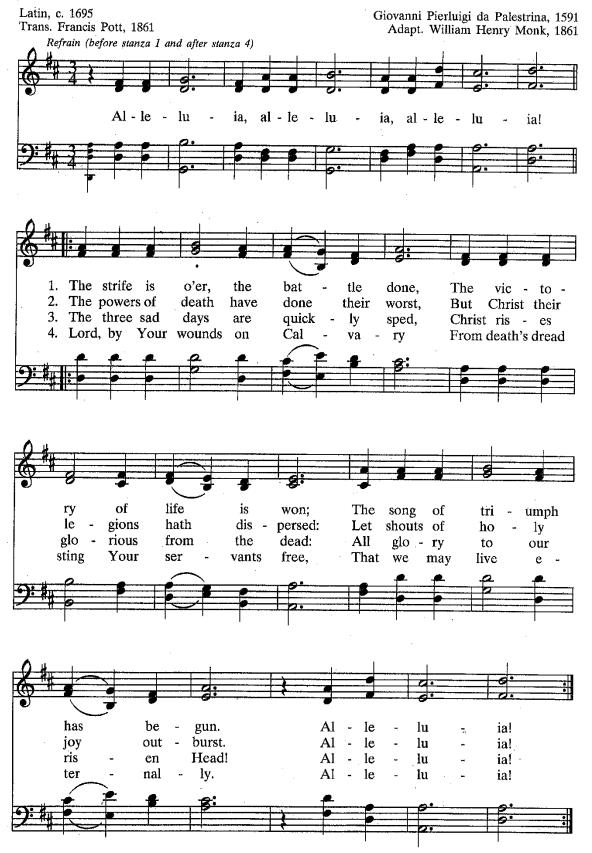
LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7 with alleluias



The Strife Is O'er

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VICTORY 8.8.8 with alleluias



592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



* Or "God."

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7 D Charles Wesley, 1747 Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831 1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov -Spir - it In ing to ev - ery de - liv - er, 3. Come, Al - might - y to Let all us Thy Pure 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy cre - a - tion; new and spot - less come down, Fix Thy hum dwell - ing, earth in us ble trou - bled breast! Let us all Thee in in her - it, Sud - den life re - ceive; ly re turn, and nev er, let be; Let us see Thy great sal va tion All Thy faith-ful mer - cies crown! Je Thou art all sus, com prom-ised rest; us find the Take way the love of a -Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee would be we al - ways in - to Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it with us sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as bless-ing, Serve Thee as Pray, and Thy hosts a - bove; praise Thee Till we glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, cast our



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