Carmel Presbyterian Church
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
Mother's Day
May 8, 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.

Welcome and Greetings -

Prelude "Brother James' Air"

Noel Rawsthorne, Christopher Tambling

* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) -

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.

Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

And we will dwell in God's house forever. Amen.

* Hymn 151

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Diademata

Call to Confession -

Prayer of Confession (In unison) - Pastor Peter

Anger, hatred, anguish blare at us from the newspapers, media. The shouts of hurt and pain harden our hearts, merciful God. We cannot bear the hurts, so we turn away. We hide and want the hurt to disappear. When we hear the words of the Psalmist singing about the green pastures, still waters, our souls long for this place of peace. We think that it can be found outside ourselves, yet this is a reminder of the peace and hope that your love offers us from within. We know that we will have struggles and hard times, but help us, Lord, place our lives in your care and trust in your comfort and guidance.

Forgive our stubborn resistance to your compassionate love. Heal us again and place us on the right path. For we ask this in Jesus' Name...

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

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively; From Psalm 23, John 10, Revelation 7) -

Even in the darkest valley, though death's shadow may threaten us, we need not fear, for the Lord is with us.

God will comfort and shelter us.

No harm will come to us.

No one can snatch us out of the Lord's hand.

God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

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

* Gloria Patri – Hymn 567

"Glory to the Father"

John Weaver

* Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively: from Acts 9) -

As Peter gave his hand to Tabitha in prayer and healing, so Christ extends a loving hand to us. The peace of Christ be with you.

Peace be with you!

Share the peace of Christ with your neighbor. Greet one another in the Lord.

(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 -

(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) –

Let us pray:

Shepherd of all souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

First Reading —

The first lectionary reading is Acts, chapter 9, verses 36-43; p. 120). Peter raises Tabitha from the dead; many believe in the Lord. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. The news spread

throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

* Hymn 172 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Resignation
This hymn is based on the lectionary Psalm of the day: Psalm 23; pp. 474-475. The Lord is my shepherd,
leading, protecting, and feeding us.

New Testament Reading -

Our second reading from the lectionary is Revelation, chapter 7, verses 9-17; pp. 235. The redeemed worship in the throne of the Lamb, their Shepherd. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice:

"Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and always. Amen."

Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you know."

Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading -

The gospel reading from the lectionary is John, chapter 10, verses 22-30; pp. 98. Jesus says: My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The time came for the Festival of Dedication in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple, walking in the covered porch named for Solomon. The Jewish opposition circled around him and asked, "How long will you test our patience? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, but you don't believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you don't believe because you don't belong to my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life. They will never die, and no one will snatch them from my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them from my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Living Well" 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 85 "What Wondrous Love Is This" Wondrous Love

Joys and Concerns

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

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

"The Lord's My Shepherd" Sanctuary Choir

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie In pastures green: he leadeth me The quiet waters by,

My soul he doth restore again; And me to walk doth make Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill: For thou art with me and thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table thou has furnished In presence of my foes; My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me: And in my Father's heart alway My dwelling place shall be.

> Text: Psalm 23 The Scottish Psalter, 1650

* 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 -

Let us pray,

Gracious and loving God, all of your works, all that you have done for us, testify to your love. You gave everything to bring us the promise of eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all that we do and all that we are testify to your amazing care and compassion. In gratitude and love, we offer ourselves to you. 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 387

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Bradbury

* Charge and Benediction (From: Psalm 23, Revelation 7) – Pastor Peter

The Lord is our shepherd; we want for nothing.

We hunger and thirst no more.

The Lord gives rest and comfort to our souls.

God keeps us in perfect peace.

The Lord sustains us in the midst of trouble.

Our lives overflow with God's love and grace.

Goodness and mercy will surely follow us always.

And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

May Christ the Good Shepherd bless and guide you this day and always.

Amen.

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

* Postlude "March in D" David N. Johnson

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 are given to the glory of God in the loving memory of Harriet Robinson, our mother, Love Louise, Harriet, and Beth.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN CARMEL HALL – Let us honor all women who nurture others in our families and in society! This Sunday we have a Special Mother's Day Fellowship Time in Carmel Hall after worship hosted by Congregational Life and Melissas Deacon. 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?!

CARMEL NURSERY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – This **Tuesday, May 10 from 6:00-7:00 pm,** there will be a **Carmel Nursery School Open House**. This is an opportunity for community parents to **explore** our Nursery school's classrooms, **meet** the teachers, and **learn** about the program. Invite your neighbors with young children ages two through pre-K to visit.'

SESSION WILL MEET TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 10TH – The Board of Session will meet Tuesday evening, May 10th, at 7:30 pm in the lounge.

SPECIAL REFUGE EVENT FRIDAY, MAY 13TH— Is your child not able to attend Refuge on Wednesday nights? Well, a special **Refuge Youth Event** for rising 3-8 graders and their families on **Friday, May 13 from 6:30 – 8:00 pm** in Carmel Hall. Enjoy dinner together! Play board games or enjoy time in the gym! Contact Joyce Kornfeld, Katey Schuyler, Melissa Deacon, or Janet Simon for more information or questions.

PASTORS WEDNESDAY ZOOM ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: THE MATTHEW 25 VISION – Pastor Peter's **Wednesday Night Zoom Discussion Group** resumes on May 11th through June 8th, meeting on Zoom from 7:30-9:00 pm. This five-week study will explore the Good News of Jesus and how to faithfully express what it means to be Christ's disciples in this time and place. Pastor Peter and the Christian Education Committee had several requests to discuss the Matthew 25 Vision, which grew out of the work of the 2016 and 2018 PC(USA) General Assemblies. Philadelphia Presbytery's own Doylestown and Bethel Presbyterian congregations will be featured in a video. The three foci of the study will be building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Pastor Peter will provide background and theological reflection for the **Matthew 25 Vision**. Please signup Sunday to make sure you receive the Zoom link or phone connection!

PDA 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 which Carmel may participate. We have found a new source to continue our Carmel donation project for Ukraine. The Ukrainian Sisters of St. Basil at Manor College in Abington Township expect to be collecting and shipping necessary supplies for Ukraine for some time to come. They desire many of the same items of our original list, plus a few highlighted additions. You can leave your donations in the designated bins in Carmel's lobby for delivery to the Sisters, whom coordinator Mary Ellen Thomas contacted. Contact coordinators Mary Ellen and Janet Simon for more information.

Ukraine Humanitarian Aid Collection:

Items in high demand are:

- **Army Essentials**: CAT tourniquet, gauze, sleeping bags, blankets, dark thermals, gloves, socks, knee pads, elbow pads, power banks, flashlights, SD cards, yoga mats, and water bottles.
- **Baby Essentials**: Baby wipes, dry baby food, baby food in pouches, baby medicine, baby bottles, and diapers.
- Medical Supplies: Crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, OTC meds, first aid kits, bandages
- **Dry Food**: Protein bars, granola bars, canned chicken or fish, pasta, Ramen noodles, fruit rolls.
- **Personal Hygiene Items:** Soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Thanks for answering Christ's Call to assist Ukrainians during this very difficult time when needs are great.

CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 15TH – Next Sunday will be **Choir Recognition Sunday!** Come out and share your appreciation for their contribution to worship leadership and the gift of music!

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 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 church's front door.

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Ken Schuyler, Usher/Greeter
Beth Cherry and Cindy Keshishian, Shepherds
Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member
Gary Moll, Jay Raulinaitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators
Melissa Deacon and Congregational Life, Hosting Special Mother's Day Coffee Fellowship in Carmel Hall (11:00 am)

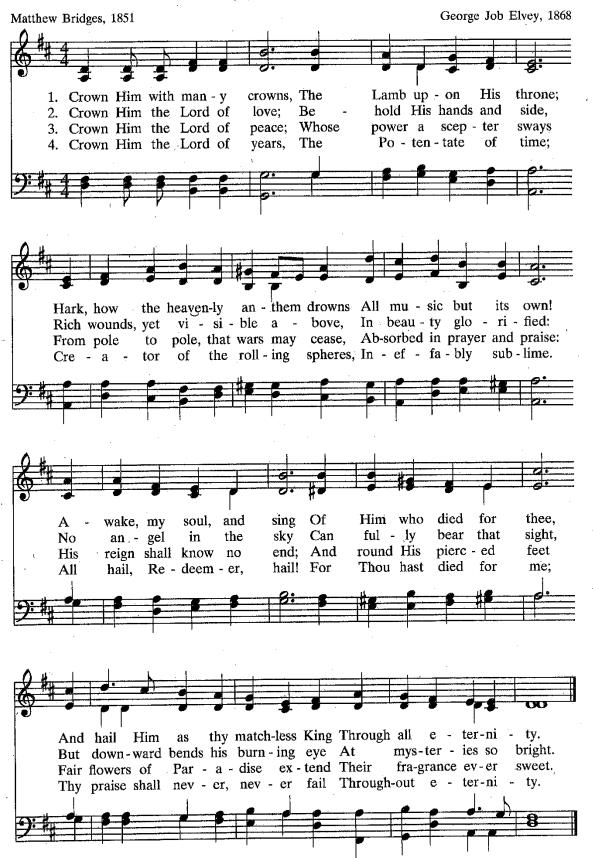
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Glory to the Father

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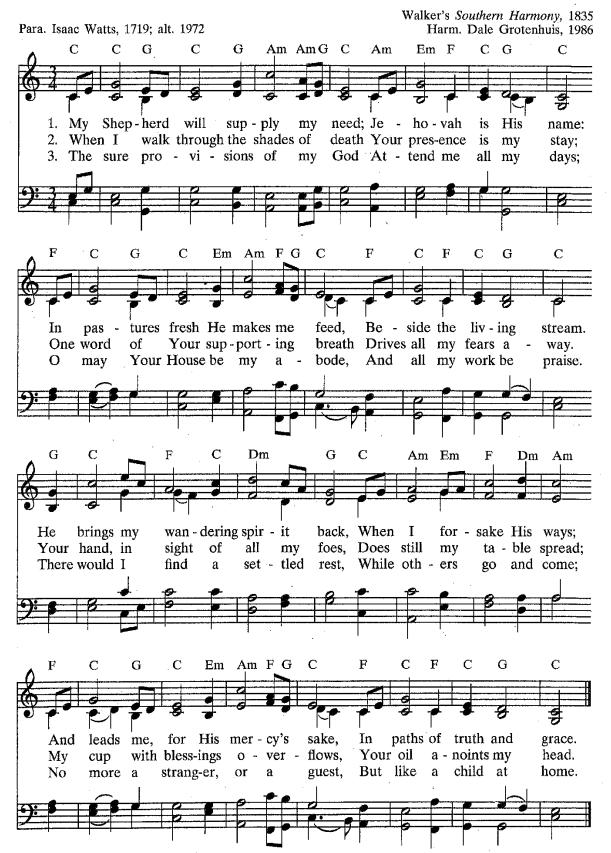
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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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RESIGNATION CMD



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What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.12.9





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

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us.

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