

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Choir Recognition Sunday
May 15, 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

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”
(Tune: Salzburg)

David Cherwien

*** Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) –**

Gathered as one, welcoming all.

We worship as a community of love.

Gathered in love, giving thanks for life,

We come to sing God's praises.

Surrounded by love,

Let us worship God.

*** Hymn 473**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dix

Call to Confession –

Prayer of Confession (In unison) –

Eternal God, we dissociate from parts of your creation and falsely separate into clean and unclean. You call us to love one another and make more space at the table of belonging. Forgive our exclusion and judgment. Cleanse us of the sin that distorts your truth...

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

Amen. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) –

We are a part of God's transformed creation.

God is among us making all things new.

Claim this grace. Know God's forgiveness.

Let us rise with Christ to a life made new.

Friends: believe in the Good News of the Gospel!

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; adapted from Acts 11) –*

Peter discovered that all are included in God's welcome. Share this welcome with those around you. May Christ's peace be with us all.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

(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.

Choir Recognition (Spoken responsively) –

For all gifts from our heavenly Father who in many ways shows love and reveals new beauty to us;

We give you thanks, O God.

For the songs of the church handed down through the years from parent to child, helping us praise you;

We give you thanks, O God.

For the understanding that as we stand quietly before you, you will reveal yourself to us in new ways;

We give you thanks, O God.

For the meaning of lives given to you, for the hours spent practicing, for your love revealed in music, for leaders who give of themselves, for the Church which nurtures us, for the beauty of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We give you thanks, O God, in our Lord's name.

(Children may leave for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison) –

Guide us into your word, God our helper, that we might hear the message you intend for us today.

Amen.

First Reading –

The first lectionary reading is Acts, chapter 11, verses 1-18; p. 122). Jerusalem Church questions Peter; Peter has a vision about unclean food; God's gift of life is for all. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The apostles and the brothers and sisters throughout Judea heard that even the Gentiles had welcomed God's word. When Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him. They accused him, "You went into the home of the uncircumcised and ate with them!" Step-by-step, Peter explained what had happened. "I was in the city of Joppa praying when I had a visionary experience. In my vision, I saw something like a large linen sheet being lowered from heaven by its four corners. It came all the way down to me. As I stared at it, wondering what it was, I saw four-legged animals—including wild beasts—as well as reptiles and wild birds. I heard a voice say, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!' I responded, 'Absolutely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' The voice from heaven spoke a second time, 'Never consider unclean what God has made pure.' This happened three times, then everything was pulled back into heaven. At that moment three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were staying. The Spirit told me to go with them even though they were Gentiles. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered that man's house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and summon

Simon, who is known as Peter. He will tell you how you and your entire household can be saved.’ When I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, just as the Spirit fell on us in the beginning. I remembered the Lord’s words: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, then who am I? Could I stand in God’s way?” Once the apostles and other believers heard this, they calmed down. They praised God and concluded, “So then God has enabled Gentiles to change their hearts and lives so that they might have new life.”

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn 256**

“Let the Whole Creation Cry”

Salzburg

This hymn is based on the lectionary Psalm of the day: Psalm 148; pp. 550. Praise the Lord, all creation! God is exalted in heaven and earth.

New Testament Reading –

Our second reading from the lectionary is Revelation, chapter 21, verses 1-6; pp. 244. A new heaven and earth; a holy city; God’s home is among mortals. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, “Look! God’s dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” Then the one seated on the throne said, “Look! I’m making all things new.” He also said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading –

The gospel reading from the lectionary is John 13, chapter 13, verses 31-35; pp. 102. Jesus gives a new commandment: love one another as I love you. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. Little children, I’m with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—‘Where I’m going, you can’t come.’

“I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Extend Our Circle of Love!”

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 264**

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified"

Engelberg

Joys and Concerns

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

Exultate, Jubilate!

Helen Kemp

Junior Choir and Sanctuary Choir

God who made all music, make my life a song.
Help me sing your praises simple, true and strong.
Exultate, Jubilate, Alleluia, Gloria!

Together let us celebrate God's gift of melody.
Together, voice and heart and mind in tuneful harmony.
Exultate, Jubilate, Alleluia, Gloria!

We'll sing a song with spirit and understanding too,
rejoicing as we sing each word in love and gratitude.
Exultate, Jubilate, Alleluia, Gloria!

We thank the music makers who help us find our voices,
help us make our lives a song, and all God's world rejoices!
Help us make our lives a song, and all God's world rejoices!
Exultate, Jubilate, Alleluia, Gloria!
Exultate, Jubilate, Alleluia, Gloria!

(Text: Kathy Ridl and Helen Kemp)

*** 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 –**

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. Grateful for your radical hospitality and steadfast love we present these gifts to you, God. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Use them to further your will and transform our world into your new, redeemed creation. 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 358**

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Baronita

*** Charge and Benediction (Adopted from John 13) –**

Jesus gave a new commandment: to love one another.

Because Jesus loves us, we should love one another.

Go forth to serve. Go forth to love.

We go with God's love and blessing.

May the love of God which was lavished upon you by Jesus Christ be in your hearts, your minds, and your spirits as you go forth into God's world.

We will be bearers of peace and hope to all we meet.

May God's peace be with you always.

Amen.

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

*** Postlude**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

J. S. Bach

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 and witnesses to the beauty of Creation.

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH IS CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY – Throughout the church year, Carmel Choirs – Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, and Handbell Choir – enhance our worship experience through the coordination of Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Carmel's Organist and Director of Music. The choir anthem today was composed in 2013 and then published by the Choristers Guild in 2015 in honor of Carmel's Organist and Director of Music, Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano. Let us recognize their musical gifts and contribution to worship this Sunday as we express our appreciation for their dedication to God through the gift of music.

IS THERE A GRADUATE IN YOUR FAMILY?

Do you have a family member who will be graduating high school, college, or graduate school this year? If so, please send Mary Kate at the Church Office the information from where they are graduating and what their plans might be for the next few years: office@presbycarmel.org.

CARMEL'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS CHURCH OFFICERS – The Nominating Committee will meet soon to fill upcoming vacancies on Session, the Board of Deacons, Shepherds, and non-church officer members of

the Nominating Committee. If you would like to serve or recommend a member to serve, please fill out the form and drop it in the offering plate or email the Church Office.

PASTORS WEDNESDAY ZOOM ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP: THE MATTHEW 25 VISION – Pastor Peter’s **Wednesday Night Zoom Discussion Group** meets Wednesday evenings through June 8th, from 7:30-9:00 pm. This study explores 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**. Each week a communication will be sent with 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.

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 CONFIRMATION GROUP CONTINUES THROUGH CONFIRMATION SUNDAY -- The **Confirmation Group** meets Sundays at 9:00 am in the Chapel. **Confirmation Sunday** will be on the **Day of Pentecost**, Sunday, June 5, 2022. We will welcome our newest members of Carmel that day!

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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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

David Rice, Liturgist

Lynne Schutt, pianist

*Junior Choir and Sanctuary Choir
Janet Simon, Usher/Greeter
Barbara Knox and Margie White, Shepherds
Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member
Gary Moll, Jay Raulinaitis, and Kerri Strike-Stahler, Live-Streaming Operators
Leslie Donaghy, Coffee Fellowship Host: Carmel Hall (11:00 am)*

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For the Beauty of the Earth

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DIX 7.7.7.7.7

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

Conrad Kocher, 1838
Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Glory to the Father

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Gloria Patri

John Weaver, 1978

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

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 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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PSALM 148

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Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG 7.7.7 D

Stopford A. Brooke, 1881

Jacob Hintze, 1678
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
As in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

1. Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo-ry to the Lord on high."
2. Men and wom - en, young and old, Raise the an - them man - i - fold;

Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "God is our e - ter - nal King."
Join with chil-dren's songs of praise, Wor - ship God through length of days.

Praise God, all ye hosts a - bove, Ev - er shin - ing forth in love;
From the north to south-ern pole Let the might - y cho - rus roll:

Sun and moon, up - lift your voice; Night and stars, in God re - joice!
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, Glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

264. When in Our Music God Is Glorified

ENGELBERG 10.10.10.4

Fred Pratt Green, 1972

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904

1. When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, And a - do -
 2. How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found A new di -
 3. So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, In faith and
 4. Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! Let all re -

ra - tion leaves no room for pride, It is as
 men - sion in the world of sound, As wor - ship
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, Borne wit - ness
 joice who have a voice to raise! And may God

though the whole cre - a - tion cried: Al - le - lu - ia!
 moved us to a more pro - found Al - le - lu - ia!
 to the truth in ev - ery tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
 give us faith to sing al - ways:

GOD

Final ending

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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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 bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures

here be - low; Praise *Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

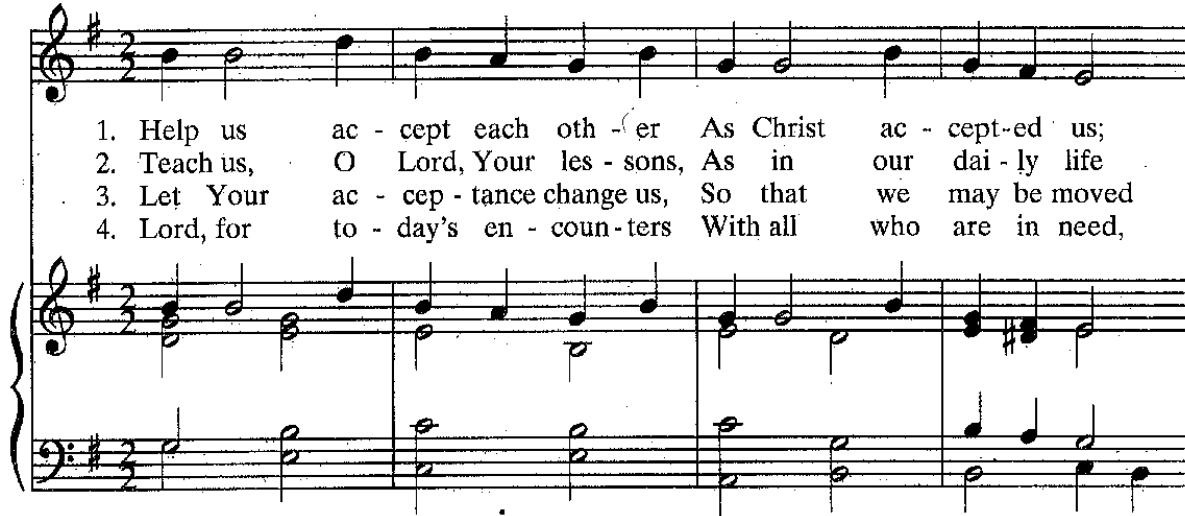
* Or "God."

Help Us Accept Each Other

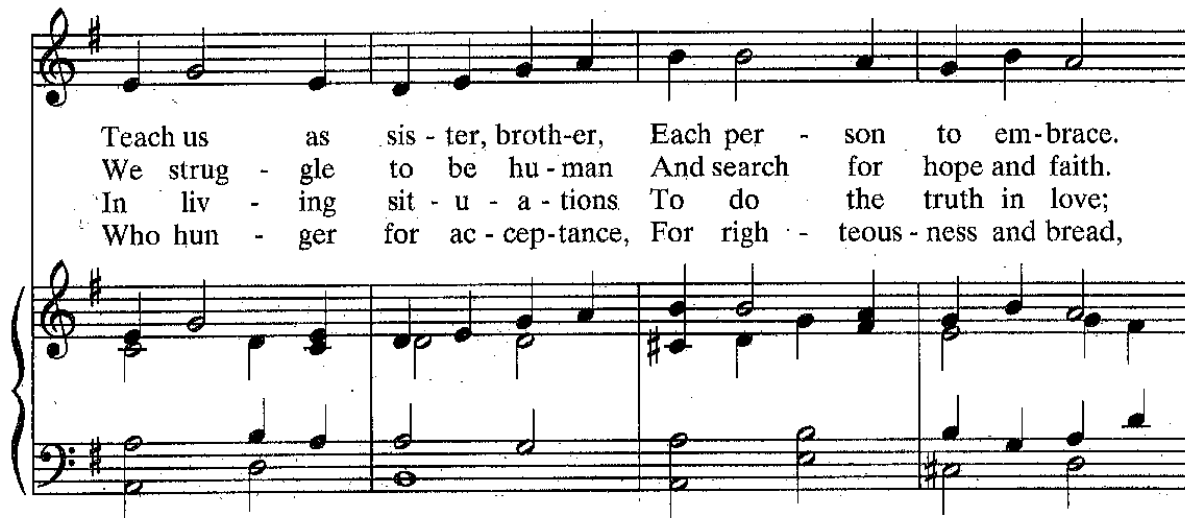
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Fred Kaan, 1975

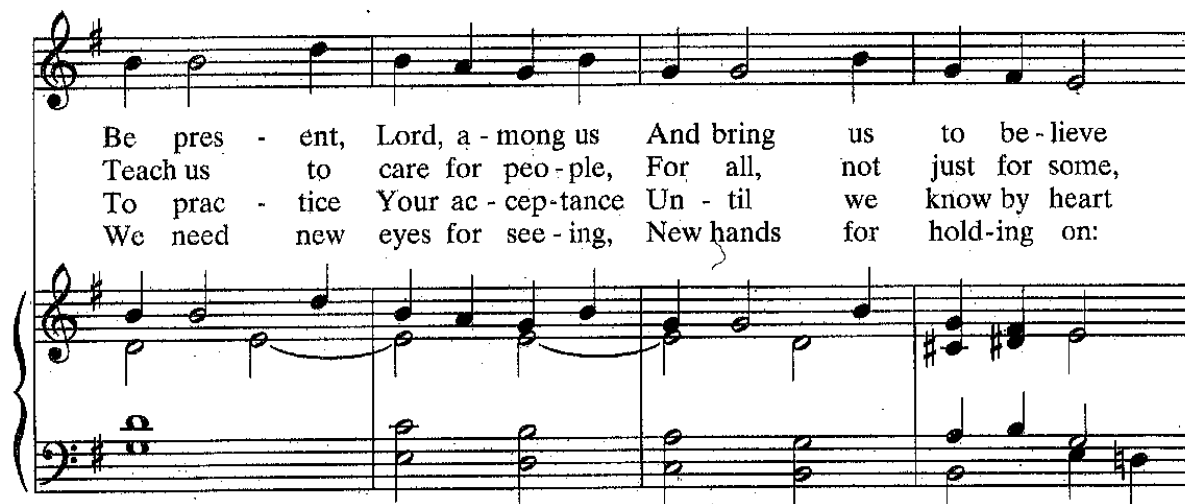
Doreen Potter, 1975



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
 3. Let Your ac - cep - tance change us, So that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,



Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.
 We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
 In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
 Who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, For righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us And bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some,
 To prac - tice Your ac - cep - tance Un - til we know by heart
 We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on:

LIFE IN CHRIST



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
To love them as we find them Or as they may be - come.
The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!



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