Carmel Presbyterian Church Third Sunday after Pentecost Sacrament of Baptism June 26, 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 – Pastor Peter

Prelude Adagio Johann S. Bach

* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) -

Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

Today, we celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following God.

Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith. Amen.

* Hymn 313

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

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Call to Confession (Seated) -

Prayer of Confession (In unison)) -

Merciful Lord, we know that you want the best for us. It must really disappoint you when we fail to be the kind of devoted followers that you need. You know of the needs in this world and the capability that we have of meeting those needs and bringing words of hope and healing through actions of compassion and justice. Yet we are hesitant in our commitment to you and to ministries of peace. We want good things to happen. We just aren't sure that we are up to the tasks you set before us. Forgive us when we so easily doubt your call, your presence, and your abiding love. Lift us up from lives of self-pity and self-centeredness, and bring us to you with hearts filled with joy, praising you for opportunities

to witness your love in our service to your people. Heal us and restore us, for we ask this in Jesus' Name...

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

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) -

Friends, hear this great good news: Although following Jesus is difficult, you can be assured that God is always with you, bringing you encouragement, strength, and peace.

Let us rise up and follow the one who offers his life for us. Glory to God! Amen.

* Gloria Patri – Hymn 567

"Glory to the Father"

John Weaver

* Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively) -

Disciples have said to their teachers,

"I will follow you wherever you go."

May the peace of Christ follow you wherever you go: at home, at work, and in the world.

Let us turn to one another and offer signs of this peace in our lives.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also 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.

Children's Message -

(Following the Children's message, children in third grade and below are invited to depart for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison) -

We need your healing love today, O Lord. Create in us a new heart of compassion, as Christ has called us to be witnesses of redemption rather than alienation. Hold us gently. Heal us. As we hear your Word to us this morning, enable us to truly be your disciples, O Christ. Amen.

First Reading —

The first lectionary reading is 1 Kings, chapter 19, verses 15-16, 19-21; p. 311-312). Elisha leaves his family and his oxen to follow the prophet, Elijah. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The Lord said to him, "Go back through the desert to Damascus and anoint Hazael as king of Aram. Also anoint Jehu, Nimshi's son, as king of Israel; and anoint Elisha from Abel-meholah, Shaphat's son, to succeed you as prophet....

....So Elijah departed from there and found Elisha, Shaphat's son. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him. Elisha was with the twelfth yoke. Elijah met up with him and threw his coat on him. Elisha immediately left the oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and my mother," Elisha said, "then I will follow you."

Elijah replied, "Go! I'm not holding you back!" Elisha turned back from following Elijah, took the pair of oxen, and slaughtered them. Then with equipment from the oxen, Elisha boiled the meat, gave it to the people, and they ate it. Then he got up, followed Elijah, and served him.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

* Hymn 165

"When in the Night I Meditate"

St. Flavian

(The hymn is based on the lectionary Psalm of the day: Psalm 16; p. 469. Protect me, O God; you show me the path of life and fullness of joy.)

New Testament Reading -

The second lectionary reading is Galatians, chapter 5, verses 1, 13-25; p. 179. Christ has set us free; live by the Spirit, not the desires of the flesh. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Christ has set us free for freedom. Therefore, stand firm and don't submit to the bondage of slavery again....

.... You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only don't let this freedom be an opportunity to indulge your selfish impulses, but serve each other through love. All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour each other, be careful that you don't get eaten up by each other!

I say be guided by the Spirit and you won't carry out your selfish desires. A person's selfish desires are set against the Spirit, and the Spirit is set against one's selfish desires. They are opposed to each other, so you shouldn't do whatever you want to do. But if you are being led by the Spirit, you aren't under the Law. The actions that are produced by selfish motives are obvious, since they include sexual immorality, moral corruption, doing whatever feels good, idolatry, drug use and casting spells, hate, fighting, obsession, losing your temper, competitive opposition, conflict, selfishness, group rivalry, jealousy, drunkenness, partying, and other things like that. I warn you as I have already warned you, that those who do these kinds of things won't inherit God's kingdom.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading –

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 9, verses 51-62; p. 66. Jesus turns toward Jerusalem and warns those who would follow him. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

As the time approached when Jesus was to be taken up into heaven, he determined to go to Jerusalem. He sent messengers on ahead of him. Along the way, they entered a Samaritan village to prepare for his

arrival, but the Samaritan villagers refused to welcome him because he was determined to go to Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to consume them?" But Jesus turned and spoke sternly to them, and they went on to another village.

As Jesus and his disciples traveled along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and the birds in the sky have nests, but the Human One has no place to lay his head."

Then Jesus said to someone else, "Follow me."

He replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead. But you go and spread the news of God's kingdom."

Someone else said to Jesus, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say good-bye to those in my house."

Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand on the plow and looks back is fit for God's kingdom."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon "It's No Cradle Song!" 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.

* Baptism Hymn 496

"Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear"

Vom Himmel Hoch

The Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Presentation by Clerk of Session, Ken Schuyler

On behalf of the session, I present Ava Gloria Caccavo, daughter of Brittany Ball Caccavo and Mike Caccavo, to receive the sacrament of Baptism. I also present Nicole Caccavo and Joe Demarco as sponsors.

Questions to the Parents and Sponsors

Brittany and Mike: In presenting Ava Gloria Caccavo for baptism, and Nicole and Joe, in agreeing to be Ava's sponsors, you announce your faith in Jesus Christ and show that you want Ava to study him, know him, love him, and serve him as his chosen disciple. Show your purpose by answering these questions:

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Do you trust in him?

I do.

Question to the Parents

Brittany and Mike: do you intend Ava to be his disciple, to obey his word and show his love?

I do.

Question to the Sponsors

Nicole and Joe: do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Ava to be a faithful Christian?

I do

Question to the Congregation – Ken Schuyler, Clerk of Session

Our Lord Jesus ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the people of the church, promise to tell this child the good news of the gospel, to help Ava know all that Christ commands, and, by your fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the household of God?

We do.

The Baptism Prayer

God our Father: we thank you... in common faith and purpose.

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. Amen.

Baptism of Ava Gloria Caccavo

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, giver of life: you have promised, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy God: remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome

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.)

"Lord of all hopefulness" David Campbell, soloist

Traditional Irish arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy, Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace, Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace, Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray, Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm, Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

(Text: Jan Struther, 1901-1953)

* 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 (In unison) -

Loving God, we share what we have because you share so abundantly with us. May our sharing be an act of thanksgiving and praise for all you have done and all you will continue to do for us. We dedicate these gifts and offer ourselves to your service. Bless us and our gifts, that we might be a source of help, hope, and joy to a world in need. With grateful hearts, we pray. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

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

* Hymn 357

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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* Charge and Benediction -

You have been healed and restored in Christ Jesus.

May the transforming love of God work in your lives, today and always.

Go forth into the world with peace, love, and joy.

We will follow Christ wherever he leads us.

Fulfill the promise found in the fruit of the Spirit.

We will live into Christ's peace, proclaiming the good news of God's absolute, eternal love through ministries of peace and hope. Amen.

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

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 express the beauty of God's good creation and God's love for all.

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION – Take a moment before worship and reflect on this insight from the book *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J. K. Rowling:

"It is a curious thing, Harry, but perhaps those who are best suited to power are those who have never sought it.

Those who, like you, have leadership thrust upon them, and take up the mantle because they must, and find to their own surprise that they wear it well."

WE WELCOME JOEL KLINGMAN AS OUR GUEST ORGANIST – This morning we welcome Joel Klingman as our guest organist this morning while Abby is enjoying her vacation.

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM THIS MORNING – Ava Gloria was born on September 3, 2021, to parents Brittany Ball Caccavo and Mike Caccavo. Her sponsors are Nicole Caccavo and Joe Demarco. All of us at Carmel Presbyterian Church welcome this newest member of the church of Jesus Christ to our church family. For Ava, and all of us, today marks the beginning of something strange and new and wonderful. On this Third Sunday after Pentecost, God's Spirit continues to nurture the church with the promise of new life for all of us! Welcome, Ava.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (JUNE 26-30) REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITY – Carmel has the opportunity to join our Glenside neighbor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church just down the road at Mt. Carmel, and Easton, for **Vacation Bible School** from Sunday, June 26 to Thursday, June 30, 5:30-8:00 pm. Although Carmel will not run its own VBS program in 2022, St. Paul's invites and welcomes Carmel Youth and Friends to participate in what promises to be a fantastic 5 nights of faith-building, fun, and making new friends.

The theme is "Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness." The program offers lots of fun activities, including Bible stories and songs, games, and science fun. God Sightings will help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life. Kids and their families start each evening with a simple supper at 5:30 pm, with VBS for

kids only at 6 pm. VBS is for kids ages 4-12. Opportunities are also available for teen helpers and adult volunteers. Contact Sue Lohoefer or Janet Simon if you would like to help. Register today at: https://vbspro.events/p/events/stpaulsglenside/sessions/64732/participants/new.

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

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.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT CPC—CONTACT PASTOR PETER – Have you thought about making Carmel your church home? Interested in learning more about what membership at CPC involves? We are planning to schedule our next adult membership class and would love to be in conversation with you about how you can take the next step toward membership. We do not have a date set but would appreciate you letting us know your interest by emailing office@presbycarmel.org or contacting Pastor Peter.

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.

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.

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Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor
James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus
Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
Joel Klingman, Substitute Organist
Anne Newman, Liturgist
David Campbell, soloist
Denise Abraham, Usher/Greeter
Beth Cherry and Barbara Knox, Shepherds
Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, Dave Rice and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators
Denise Abraham, Coffee Fellowship Host: Carmel Hall (11:00 AM)

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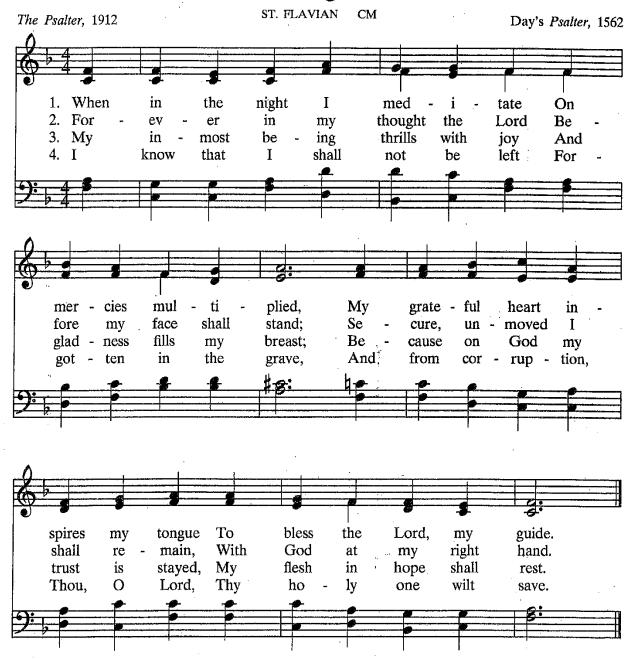


*May be sung as a canon.

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When in the Night I Meditate



5. The path of life Thou showest me; Of joy a boundless store Is ever found at Thy right hand, And pleasures evermore.

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear 496

VOM HIMMEL HOCH LM



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OLD HUNDREDTH LM Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 Genevan Psalter, 1551 crea - tures Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all heaven - ly *Him host; be - low; Praise a - bove, ye here - ly and Praise Fa - ther, Son, Ho Ghost. - men.

* Or "God."

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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