Carmel Presbyterian Church Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 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.

Welcome and Greetings – Pastor Peter

 Prelude
 Aria
 G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

 * Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) – Christ is in our midst! How will you bid him welcome? We will throw open the doors to our hearts. We will delight in his presence. When God shows up, surprising things can happen. We will make ourselves ready. We will lay down our burdens and set aside our distractions. Here we receive good news: Nothing is too wonderful for God! So let us laugh and sing, rest and listen, dance and praise— (AII): Let us worship God!

* Hymn 132

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

Abbot's Leigh

Call to Confession (Seated) -

Prayer of Confession (In unison) -

Gracious, inviting God, you continually provide us with opportunities to practice generous hospitality. But our fear of difference, reluctance to share, and desire to be in control make our welcome appear weak and insincere. Because we long for what is familiar and comfortable, we have difficulty honoring the stranger as a sacred guest who bears the face of Christ. Worn out and irritated by the work we think we must do, we miss opportunities to receive the gifts that such guests offer us. Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things. Show us how to do what is right...

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

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) -

The Psalmist declares that those who speak the truth from their heart will abide in God's sanctuary.

God hears the difficult truths we have named aloud and in the silence of our hearts.

Now let the wonderful gift of God's forgiveness flow through you. May the abundance of God's mercy and grace set you free to serve God with love.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Gloria Patri – Hymn 567

"Glory to the Father"

John Weaver

 * Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively) – Grace and peace to you! Grace and peace to one another. Grace and peace to the world! Let us share this peace today as we pass the peace of Christ. 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) -

Open our hearts and our minds, so that we can understand the fullness of your Word. Fill us with the light of the Holy Spirit, and bless the servant you have chosen, to share the Word proclaimed today. In the name of Christ, the Word revealed. Amen.

First Reading —

The first lectionary reading is Genesis, chapter 18, verses 1-10a; p. 13). Three visitors appear to Abraham; soon Sarah will have a son. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he sat at the entrance of his tent in the day's heat. He looked up and suddenly saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them, he ran from his tent entrance to greet them and bowed deeply. He said, "Sirs, if you would be so kind, don't just pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought so you may wash your feet and refresh yourselves under the tree. Let me offer you a little bread so you will feel stronger, and after that you may leave your servant and go on your way—since you have visited your servant."

They responded, "Fine. Do just as you have said."

So Abraham hurried to Sarah at his tent and said, "Hurry! Knead three seahs of the finest flour and make some baked goods!" Abraham ran to the cattle, took a healthy young calf, and gave it to a young servant, who prepared it quickly. Then Abraham took butter, milk, and the calf that had been prepared, put the food in front of them, and stood under the tree near them as they ate.

They said to him, "Where's your wife Sarah?"

And he said, "Right here in the tent."

Then one of the men said, "I will definitely return to you about this time next year. Then your wife Sarah will have a son!"

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him.

This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!

* Hymn 164

"Lord, Who May Dwell Within Your House"

Cheshire

(The hymn is based on the lectionary Psalm of the day: Psalm 15; p. 469. Who may abide in God's tent? Only those who do what is right.)

New Testament Reading -

The second lectionary reading is Colossians, chapter 1, verses 15-28; pp. 188-189. Christ is the image of the invisible God;' now the mystery is revealed. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the one who is first over all creation,

Because all things were created by him: both in the heavens and on the earth, the things that are visible and the things that are invisible. Whether they are thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities, all things were created through him and for him.

He existed before all things, and all things are held together in him.

He is the head of the body, the church,

who is the beginning,

the one who is firstborn from among the dead so that he might occupy the first place in everything.

Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him, and he reconciled all things to himself through him whether things on earth or in the heavens. He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

Once you were alienated from God and you were enemies with him in your minds, which was shown by your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through death, to present you before God as a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame. But you need to remain well established and rooted in faith and not shift away from the hope given in the good news that you heard. This message has been preached throughout all creation under heaven. And I, Paul, became a servant of this good news.

Now I'm happy to be suffering for you. I'm completing what is missing from Christ's sufferings with my own body. I'm doing this for the sake of his body, which is the church. I became a servant of the church by God's commission, which was given to me for you, in order to complete God's word. I'm completing it with a secret plan that has been hidden for ages and generations but which has now been revealed to his holy people. God wanted to make the glorious riches of this secret plan known among the Gentiles, which is Christ living in you, the hope of glory. This is what we preach as we warn and teach every person with all wisdom so that we might present each one mature in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Gospel Reading -

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 10, verses 38-42; p. 67. Mary sits and listens to Jesus, while Martha is busy with many tasks. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

While Jesus and his disciples were traveling, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his message. By contrast, Martha was preoccupied with getting everything ready for their meal. So Martha came to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to prepare the table all by myself? Tell her to help me."

The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things. One thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the better part. It won't be taken away from her."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Martha, Mary—and You"

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 262

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

National Hymn

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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	"The Call" Evelyn Abraham, soloist	Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
	Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.	
	Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a Feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.	
	Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.	
	(Text: George Herbert, "The Temple", 1633)	

* Doxology 592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

(An Usher will bring the Offering Plate forward, returning it to the rear of the Sanctuary.)

Old Hundredth

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

Generous God, we share what we have because we wish to serve you with the best we have to offer. Bless our tithes and offerings that they may become a bountiful feast for all who need to be filled with good things. Open our eyes to see the strangers you call us to welcome. Empower us to receive them as you do, with radically inclusive hospitality. May we recognize and delight in the gifts they share with us. 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 438

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Dennis

* Charge and Benediction –

Go out into the world to serve God with love.

We will be ready to laugh with delight at the good news God offers us.

Make room at your table for unexpected guests.

When the work of discipleship leaves us weary or frustrated, we will seek rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, go with you today and always. **Amen.**

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

Postlude

"Jesu, Who Didst Ever Guide Me"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 in Fellowship Lounge 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.

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 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. ****CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WILL NOT BE HELD ON THE FOLLOWING THREE SUNDAYS: July 17, 24 and 31. We will resume on Sunday, August 7, 2022****

SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION – For your prayer and reflection, from M. Scott Peck, *The Road Less Traveled*: "You cannot truly listen to anyone and do anything else at the same time."

THIS MORNING, THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are given in loving memory of Jim Thompson, and his parents, Marguerite and John Thompson by Barbara Thompson.

REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP – Refreshments and Fellowship will be held in Fellowship Lounge at the end of the hall from the Church Office.

MUSIC NOTES FROM THE BALCONY – Our soloist today is Carmel member **Evelyn Abraham**. Evelyn has been a member of our Junior Choir, Youth Choir, Sanctuary Choir, and Festival Choir. She is a recent graduate of Abington Senior High School, class of 2022, and will be a Freshman at Muhlenberg College this Fall.

MUSIC NOTES FROM THE BALCONY ON THE OFFERTORY TEXT – The **offertory text** is a short poem that is simple and direct. It is almost completely composed of words of one syllable. Allusions to the Old and New Testament abound. In this poem there are references to Revelations 22:26: 'Come, Lord Jesus...' and to John 14:6, where Jesus is described as 'the way, the truth and the life.' 'Come' is the call of the poet to God, but it is also the response of the poet to a call from God. This song is a post-Easter celebration, in which Jesus first calls the writer/reader/singer to His Way (John 14:6), and is then called into our life, but never directly by name. Instead, Jesus is referred to by his qualities, so desired by us: my Way, my Truth, my Life, my Light, my Feast, my Strength, my Joy, my Love, my Heart. Each of these qualities is explained in the song: the Way that gives us breath, the Truth that ends all strife, the Life that ends all death... This poem has been set to music several times, notably by **Ralph Vaughan Williams** in his 'Five Mystical Songs'.

CALLING ALL REFUGE KIDS IN GRADES 3-8 – We will be assembling meals for the **Caring For Friends** project on Monday, July 25 from 6:00 – 7:30. First we will enjoy a pizza dinner together in Carmel Hall at 6:00. Then we will move to the kitchen to assemble two dozen meals. We will end with some dessert and free time until 7:30. Please call or text Katey Schuyler:

267-218-1389 if you are able to attend or have any questions.

CARMEL IS HOSTING A CARING FOR FRIENDS COOK-IN THIS MONTH – The **Caring for Friends Cook-in** is sponsored by the Board of Deacons. You can volunteer in several ways:

- DONATE boxed, bagged, or canned goods, bagged or wrapped desserts, and
- COOK prepare a dozen meals in your kitchen with donated goods and a protein entree of your choice.

The goal is 144 meals supporting **Caring for Friends**, an organization that provides food and friendship to homebound seniors and the disabled in the 5-county Philadelphia region. Check your In-Box for an email about this, ask for a flyer to be emailed to you, or find paper flyers in the Narthex. Coordinators are Katey Schuyler and Sue Lohoefer. Thanks in advance for sharing with others.

SPREAD THE WORD – CARMEL NURSERY SCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN – During the summer months, Carmel Nursery School continues to prepare, plan, and organize for our upcoming school year. We are trying to grow our attendance back to pre-covid numbers and would love your support in this endeavor. If you have a neighbor or see a family who might need nursery school, please share our information with them. We offer school for ages 2 years 7 months to age 5. Our school hours are 9:30 am to 12:00 noon (and we are totally affordable). Our website can be found on the <u>www.presbycarmel.org</u> page and we can be found on Facebook at Carmel Nursery School. "We have survived for 60 years by word of mouth, let's keep going," encourages our nursery school Director Leslie Arrowsmith.

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 <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 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 <u>office@presbycarmel.org</u> or contacting Pastor Peter.

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.

WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at <u>www.presbycarmel.org</u>. 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 <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw</u> **Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:** <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409</u> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409 **"Virtual Fellowship Time" may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.**

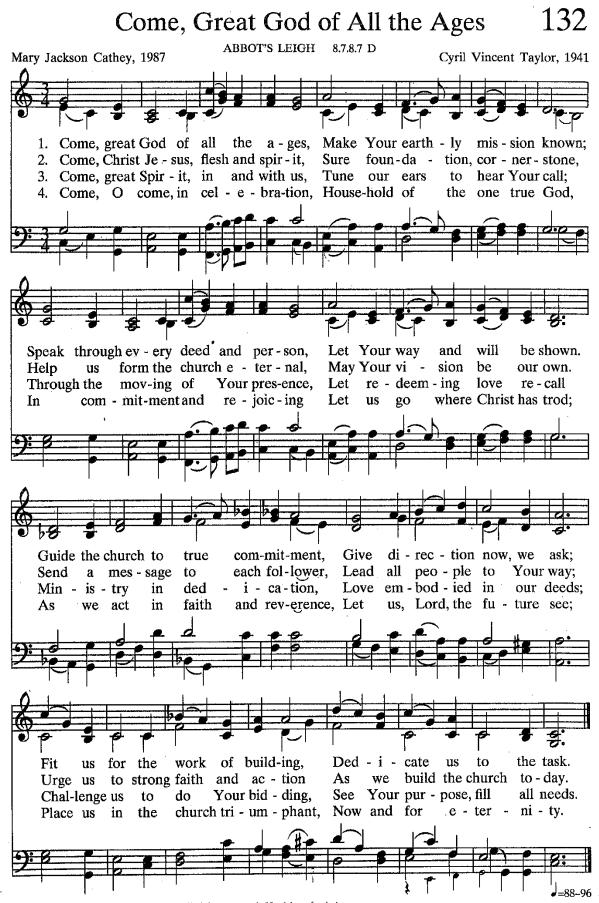
WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – Masking in the building is now optional in accordance with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's revised guidelines. Those whose health is compromised should consult their healthcare provider as to whether to continue wearing a mask. Visitors and members 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 Evelyn Abraham, soloist Anne Newman, Liturgist Beth Cherry and Margie White, Usher/Greeter Beth Cherry and Margie White, Shepherds Walter 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: Fellowship Lounge (11:00 AM)

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SERVICE MUSIC

Glory to the Father



John Weaver, 1978 * Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Ped. * Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is 8 now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. A _ men. A - men.

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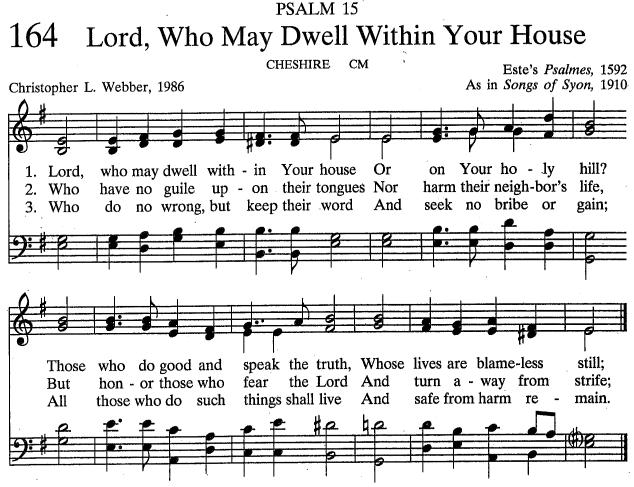
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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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Johann Georg Nägeli (1773–1836) Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

John Fawcett, 1782 Chris-tian love: hearts in tie that binds Our be the 1. Blest ar - dent prayers; *Fa - ther's throne We pour our 2. Be our fore bur - dens bear, mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual share our 3. We shall be free; pain, And sin we and toil, 4. From sor - row, like to that a - bove. kin - dred minds Is of fel - low - ship The com-forts and our cares. one, Our aims are hopes, our fears, our Our sym-pa - thiz-ing tear. each oth - er flows The for of - ten And and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty. per - fect love And

*Or "Maker's."