

**Carmel Presbyterian Church  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 14, 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**

***“Meditation on I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”***

***Robert J. Powell  
(b. 1932)***

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

Sing to the Lord a new song!

**We sing a song of peace and hope.**

Sing to the Lord a song of strength!

**Our strength is in the Lord of Hosts.**

Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

**Our song is a song of service and faithfulness.**

Let us worship God!

**\* Hymn 276**

***“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”***

***Faithfulness***

**Call to Confession (Seated) –**

**Prayer of Confession (In unison) –**

**God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, O merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus' Name...**

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

**Amen. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) –**

Turn again, O people, to the Lord who always loves you!

**We remember God’s loving mercies and faithfulness.**

Friends: hear and believe 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) –**

Since God loved us so much, we are free to love one another.

**Let us love one another, since love comes from God.**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**Peace be with you!**

*(Greet one another sharing God’s peace now and throughout the week.)*

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

*We hear the stories of our faith in scripture, song, prayer, and sermon.*

**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) –**

*Let us pray.*

**Holy God, your Word is like fire. By the power of your Spirit, illumine our sight and enflame our hearts.**

**That we may live lives more faithful to your will. Amen.**

**First Reading –**

*The first lectionary reading is Jeremiah, chapter 23, verses 23-29; pp. 682-683). Who can hide from me? My word is like fire, says the Lord. Listen now for the Word of God to you!*

The Lord declares, Am I a God

who is only nearby and not far off?

Can people hide themselves in secret places

so I might not see them?

Don’t I fill heaven and earth?

I have heard the prophets prophesying lies in my name. They claim, “I’ve had a dream; I’ve had a dream!” How long will deceitful prophecies dominate the minds of the prophets? Those prophets are treacherous. They scheme to make my people forget me by their dreams that people tell each other, just as their ancestors forgot me because of Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream declare it, but let the one who has my word proclaim it faithfully.

What a difference between straw and wheat!

declares the Lord.

Isn’t my word like fire

and like a hammer that shatters rock?

declares the Lord.

*This is the Word of the Lord!*

***Thanks be to God!***

**\* Hymn 206**

***“O Hear Our Cry, O Lord”***

***Vineyard Haven***

*(The hymn is based on the lectionary Psalm of the day: Psalm 80, verses 1-2, 8-19; pp. 511-512. Lead me in your truth, O Lord, and teach me; you are my salvation.)*

***New Testament Reading –***

*The second lectionary reading is Hebrews, chapter 11, verse 29 through chapter 12, verse 2; pp. 212-213. We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses; Jesus perfects our faith. Listen now for the Word of God to you!*

By faith they crossed the Red Sea as if they were on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried it, they were drowned.

By faith Jericho’s walls fell after the people marched around them for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute wasn’t killed with the disobedient because she welcomed the spies in peace.

What more can I say? I would run out of time if I told you about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. Through faith they conquered kingdoms, brought about justice, realized promises, shut the mouths of lions, put out raging fires, escaped from the edge of the sword, found strength in weakness, were mighty in war, and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured and refused to be released so they could gain a better resurrection.

But others experienced public shame by being taunted and whipped; they were even put in chains and in prison. They were stoned to death, they were cut in two, and they died by being murdered with swords. They went around wearing the skins of sheep and goats, needy, oppressed, and mistreated. The world didn’t deserve them. They wandered around in deserts, mountains, caves, and holes in the ground.

All these people didn’t receive what was promised, though they were given approval for their faith. God provided something better for us so they wouldn’t be made perfect without us....

.... So then, with endurance, let’s also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let’s throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up, and fix our eyes on Jesus, faith’s pioneer and perfecter. He endured the cross, ignoring the shame, for the sake of the joy that was laid out in front of him, and sat down at the right side of God’s throne.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

***Thanks be to God.***

***New Testament Gospel Reading –***

*The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 12, verses 49-56; p. 71. Jesus warns of division and trouble to come: I came to bring fire. Listen now for the Word of God to you!*

“I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze! I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it’s completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, I have come instead to bring division. From now on, a household of five will be

divided—three against two and two against three. Father will square off against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Jesus also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud forming in the west, you immediately say, ‘It’s going to rain.’ And indeed it does. And when a south wind blows, you say, ‘A heat wave is coming.’ And it does. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret conditions on earth and in the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret the present time?”

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

**Sermon**

**“God’s Plan and a Promise”**

**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 485**

**“To God Be the Glory”**

**To God be the glory**

**Sharing of 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.)*

Mindful of the abundance we have received in Christ, we offer ourselves and our gifts to the world.

**Offertory**

**“We Hasten”  
(From Cantata 78, "Jesu, der du meine Seele")  
Duet: Margaret Vandegrift and Maja Lisa FritzHuspen**

**J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)**

*We hasten with feeble, but diligent footsteps,  
O Jesus, O Master, for help unto Thee.  
Thou faithfully seekest the sick and the wicked,  
Ah, hear us, we pray,  
Our voices we raise; for Thy favor we pray Thee.  
O grant unto us Thy presence refreshing!*

**\* 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) –**

**We trust O God, in your provision and loving-kindness. Use these gifts and our lives so that we might bear your fruit with praise and thanksgiving. We ask this in the confidence of your mercy and love.  
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 332**

**"Live Into Hope"**

**Truro**

\* **Charge and Benediction (From Luke 12:49-52) –**

During this hour of worship, we have known forgiveness, restoration, and grace.

**Now we are sent from this place to share and serve.**

May God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer go with us, guiding and blessing us as we seek to be a blessing to others.

**Amen.**

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

**Postlude**

**Postlude on "Sicilian Mariners"  
(Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing)**

**Alfred V. Fedak  
(b. 1953)**

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## **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.

**SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION** – For your prayer and reflection, from *C. S. Lewis, A Grief Observed: "No one ever told me that grief felt so much like fear."*

**CHRIST IS CALLING SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION** – The last day to donate to the School Supplies collection is Sunday, August 14. If anyone has school supplies that they would like to donate and are not able to bring to church, please let Katey Schuyler know and she is willing to collect them up at your house.

**MUSIC NOTES FROM CARMEL'S BALCONY** – Please hold the date for a new year of church choirs. A new season of singing and ringing will start in September. Please hold the following dates and times for our first rehearsals:

- Children's Choir, for anyone in Grades K-2, will begin on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, from 5:00 PM -5:40 PM.
- Junior Choir, for anyone in Grades 3-8, will begin on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Youth Choir, for anyone in Grades 9-12, will begin on Sunday, September 18, from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM.
- Sanctuary Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, will begin on Thursday, September 8, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Handbell Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, will begin on Monday, September 19, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

For questions about any of the choirs please contact Abby Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music. September is a great time of year to try it out.

**RALLY DAY IS COMING** – Watch this space to learn more as we move from the summer months to the resumption of September's regular activities, special events, choir rehearsals, and worship leadership Sundays.

**THIS MORNING, THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and God's good creation.

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

**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 affordable). Our **website** can be found on the [www.presbycarmel.org](http://www.presbycarmel.org) 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 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 [www.pcusa.org/ukraine22](http://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](mailto:office@presbycarmel.org) 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 [www.presbycarmel.org](http://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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***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*

*Janet Simon, Liturgist*

*Margaret Vandegrift and Maja Lisa FritzHuspen, soloists*

*Nancy Pinkowicz and Lynne Schutt, Usher/Greeters*

*Kristin Waldner, Shepherd*

*Walter Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CEP) Member*

*Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, Dave Rice and Kerri Strike-Stahler, Live-Streaming Operators*

*Leslie Donaghy, Coffee Fellowship Host: Fellowship Lounge (11:00 AM)*

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## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. \*Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

*Refrain*

Great is Thy faith - ful-ness! Great is Thy faith - ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!



PSALM 80

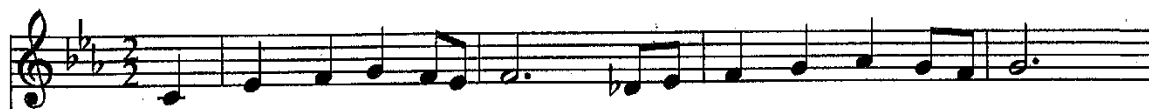
O Hear Our Cry, O Lord

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VINEYARD HAVEN SM with refrain

Fred R. Anderson, 1986

Richard Wayne Dirksen, 1974



1. O hear our cry, O Lord; Now hear us as we pray.
2. En - throned a - bove all worlds, You shine with ho - ly light.
3. O Lord, the God of Hosts, Turn not Your face a - way.
4. O Lord, our God, re - turn; Bring peace in - to each home.



You guide us as a shep-herd leads, So keep us in Your way.  
 Lord, pour Your power up - on us all And save us with Your might.  
 Our tears have been both food and drink, Foes mock us night and day.  
 So let Your face shine on us all, Re - store us as Your own.



O come, Lord, come, Re - store and save us now.



## 485

## To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!  
 2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
 But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
 Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

MORNING AND OPENING HYMNS

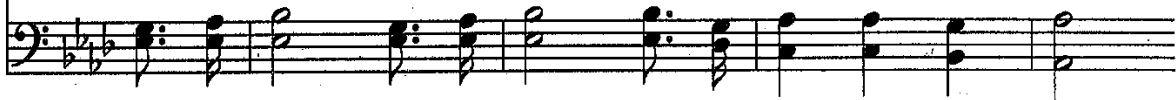
*Refrain*



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!



SERVICE MUSIC

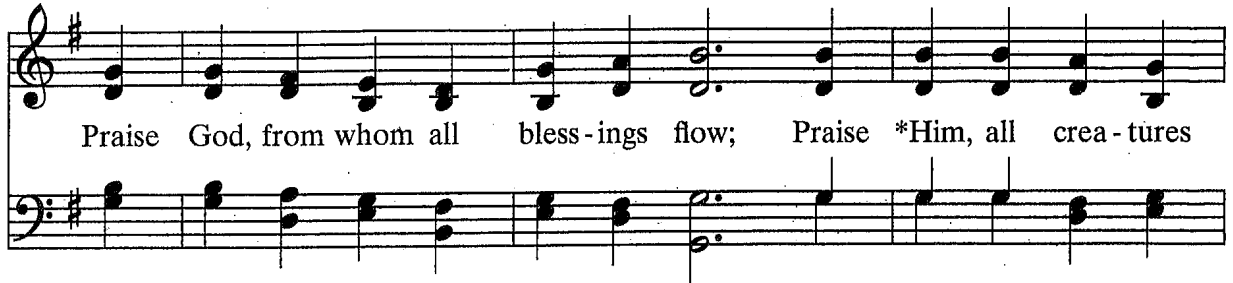
# 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Doxology*

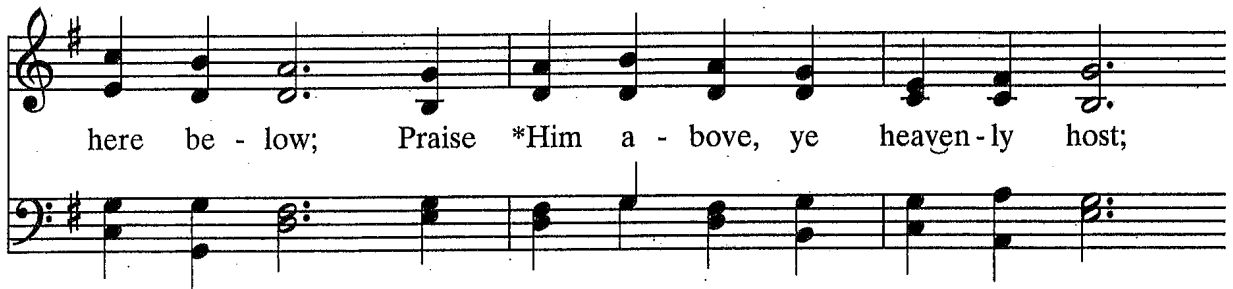
OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

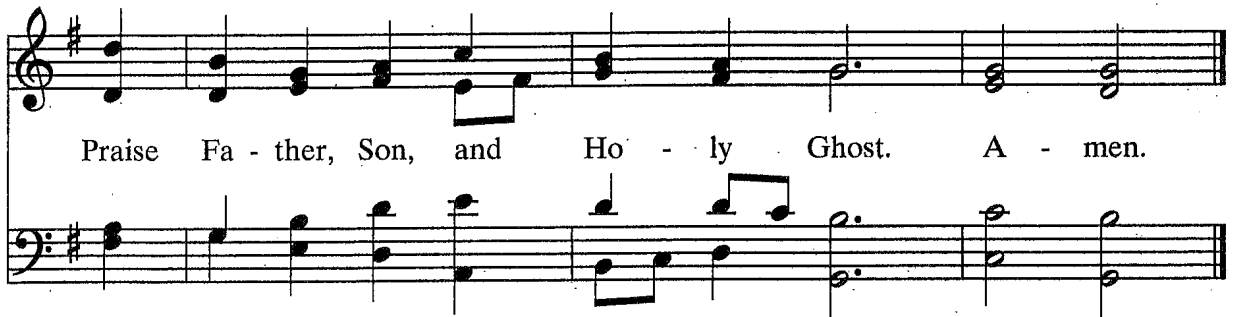
Genevan Psalter, 1551



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise \*Him, all creatures



here below; Praise \*Him above, ye heavenly host;



Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* Or "God."

# Live Into Hope

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TRURO LM

Jane Parker Huber, 1976

Thomas Williams, 1789  
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -  
2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight  
3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to  
4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of  
speak, the right to be, The right to have one's  
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
pride and fear — A vi - sion of our God brought near.  
dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.  
full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

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