# Carmel Presbyterian Church Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 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 "Be Thou My Vision"

Traditional Irish melody

Tune: Slane; arr. Dan Forrest

\* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) -

Our God knows us intimately.

God, you knew us before we knew ourselves.

Our God is holy.

Holy God, you consecrate us.

Our God will reassure.

Holy God, you will give us words to speak.

Let us worship God!

\* Hvmn 482

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

Lobe den Herren

Call to Confession (Seated) -

# Prayer of Confession (In unison) -

Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. We easily relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us. We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. "Let someone else do the work," we proclaim. And in that proclamation, we have revealed our inability to be your disciples. Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we fell short of being your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for your love is needed in all creation. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name...

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

Amen. Amen.

# Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) -

Though we have failed time and time again to be God's people, yet God heals and forgives us.

# God is with us always, ready to lift and guide our lives.

Place your life and your cares in God's loving presence. 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) -

Almighty God, you know us better than we know ourselves. By your word, give us wisdom, by your Spirit, grant us healing, and set us free to serve you with love. We ask this through the One who heals in your name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### First Reading —

The first lectionary reading is Jeremiah, chapter 1, verses 4-10; p. 656). The Lord calls young Jeremiah: Before you were born, I knew you. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The Lord's word came to me:

"Before I created you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart; I made you a prophet to the nations." "Ah, Lord God," I said, "I don't know how to speak because I'm only a child." The Lord responded, "Don't say, 'I'm only a child.' Where I send you, you must go; what I tell you, you must say. Don't be afraid of them, because I'm with you to rescue you," declares the Lord. Then the Lord stretched out his hand, touched my mouth, and said to me, "I'm putting my words in your mouth. This very day I appoint you over nations and empires, to dig up and pull down,

This is the Word of the Lord!

to destroy and demolish, to build and plant."

Thanks be to God!

(The hymn is based on the lectionary Psalm of the day: Psalm 103, verses 1-8; p. 523-524. Bless the Lord, O my soul; the Lord forgives, heals, and redeems.)

# New Testament Reading -

The second lectionary reading is Hebrews, chapter 12, verses 18-29; p. 213. Worship with reverence and awe; our God is a consuming fire. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

You haven't drawn near to something that can be touched: a burning fire, darkness, shadow, a whirlwind, a blast of a trumpet, and a sound of words that made the ones who heard it beg that there wouldn't be one more word. They couldn't stand the command, *If even a wild animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.* The sight was so frightening that Moses said, "I'm terrified and shaking!"

But you have drawn near to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, to countless angels in a festival gathering, to the assembly of God's firstborn children who are registered in heaven, to God the judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous who have been made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks better than Abel's blood.

See to it that you don't resist the one who is speaking. If the people didn't escape when they refused to listen to the one who warned them on earth, how will we escape if we reject the one who is warning from heaven? His voice shook the earth then, but now he has made a promise: Still once more I will shake not only the earth but heaven also. The words "still once more" reveal the removal of what is shaken—the things that are part of this creation—so that what isn't shaken will remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that can't be shaken, let's continue to express our gratitude. With this gratitude, let's serve in a way that is pleasing to God with respect and awe, because our God really is a consuming fire.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# **New Testament Gospel Reading –**

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 13, verses 10-17; p. 71. Jesus heals a woman on the Sabbath; a synagogue leader objects. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the Sabbath until your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### 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 370

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

Woodworth

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.)

Offertory

# "Thou Art God" Peter Heckman, soloist

Lionel Bourne (b. 1960)

Thou art the peace of all things calm, Thou art the place to hide from harm, Thou art the light that shines in dark, Thou art the heart's eternal spark,

Thou art the door that's open wide, Thou art the guest who waits inside, Thou art the stranger at the door, Thou art the calling of the poor.

Thou art the peace of all things calm, Thou art the place to hide from harm, Thou art the light that shines in dark, Thou art the heart's eternal spark,

Thou art the door that's open wide, Thou art the guest who waits inside, Thou art the stranger at the door, Thou art the calling of the poor.

Thou art peace, Thou art calm, Thou art my love,
Thou art my Lord and with me still,
Thou art my love, keep me from ill,
Thou art the light, the truth, the way.
Thou art my Saviour this day,
Thou art my Saviour this very day.

Text: David Adam (b. 1936)

\* 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 rejoice that our lives are already consecrated by you. Inspired by the knowledge of your love, giving thanks for the gifts you offer us each day, we pray that these offerings and our lives may further your kingdom on earth. 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.

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

Go forth into the world rejoicing, sure of what the healing God offers.

We will share the good news with all, seeking those who feel unknown and forgotten.

Be strengthened in your faith!

We will trust in the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

May the blessing of God, like a mother's love, sustain us.

May the peace of God, like a strong castle, protect us.

May the hope of God, like a consuming fire, enlighten us, this day and forevermore.

Amen.

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

Postlude Procession Camille Saint-Seans

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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.

WE WELCOME GUEST ORGANIST NANCY (BENBOW) MOORE – Our guest organist today is Nancy (Benbow) Moore. Nancy is a native of Glenside and a 1967 graduate of Abington High School. Being at Carmel Presbyterian Church this morning brought her home! She has been involved in church music from early high school (mostly at Wharton Baptist Church –now Glenside Bible Church) until the present. She attended what is currently Cairn University (Langhorne, PA) earning a B.Mus. in organ as well as a B.S in Bible. She taught general, choral, and instrumental music in K-12 schools, also having earned an M.Ed. in Music Education from The College of New Jersey. She is the wife of Dr. Robert Moore, a native of Abington, and a 1966 graduate of Abington High School. He was the pastor of 3 different churches for 25 years and is now a full-time counselor/therapist in private practice for 22 years. Nancy is delighted to be with you to help on the organ today, and happy, for the first time, to see the beautiful interior of your building that has been seen so many times from the outside. She's often heard Carmel Presbyterian referred to as "the church on the hill." We welcome Nancy!

**WE WELCOME BACK GUEST SOLOIST PJ HECKMAN** – We welcome back home PJ Heckman, soloist. PJ grew up at Carmel where he began singing in our Children's Choir at age 4. He continued to sing with the Junior Choir, Youth Choir, Festival Choir, and Sanctuary Choir, played in the Handbell Choir and served as Carmel's

Choir Assistant. PJ is a graduate of Westminster Choir College where he earned both an undergraduate and graduate degree in Music Education. He currently teaches choir and general music at Pond Road Middle School in Robbinsville NJ. PJ lives in Ewing, NJ with his wife Rev. Bailey Heckman, and his three children Annalise, Bennett, and Layna.

CARMEL FALL KICKOFF – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – RALLY DAY – "Welcome Back!" to Carmel on Sunday, September 11, 2022, with Carmel's Fall Kickoff: Rally Day! Worship with us at 10:00 am and then join in at 11:00 am for Rally Day! We'll celebrate the beginning of the return of Fall Carmel activities with a light lunch to eat with Carmel friends behind Carmel Hall (Take-Out also available). Learn about our Fall Activities and games for kids. Join in as we move from the summer months to the resumption of September's regular activities, special events, choir rehearsals, and worship leadership Sundays. Sponsored by your Congregational Life and Christian Education Committee.

**SERMON SERIES ON PRESBYTERIAN & REFORMED CORE CONVICTIONS IN SEPTEMBER**—Pastor Peter will offer a series of sermons on "What it means to be Presbyterian, Protestant, and Reformed" this fall running for six Sundays, beginning on September 11<sup>th</sup> and continuing through October 23<sup>rd</sup> (with a gap Sunday on World Communion Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>). We'll start with "Grace—What It Means for You", then think together about the Bible, the sovereignty of God, the priesthood of all believers, the life of the mind, and finally, the worship of the heart.

"PRACTICE GENEROSITY" ADULT STUDY GROUP WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING SEPT 14<sup>TH</sup>—Pastor Peter will offer an Adult Group Study this fall called "Practice Generosity" for four weeks on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm on Zoom. We will meet Wednesdays: September 14, 21,28, and October 5. Generosity is often understood as an act of kindness that involves giving out of one's abundance to others in need. Well, that's a narrow definition! The Carmel group will examine Biblical teachings that describe the practice as something a little different. Generosity is simply, and profoundly, love in action. A Zoom link will be emailed each week prior to the class. Pick up Practice Generosity—Adult Reflection Guide in the Church Office in September!

**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.

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 <a href="https://www.presbycarmel.org">www.presbycarmel.org</a> 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 <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 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 <a href="https://www.presbycarmel.org">www.presbycarmel.org</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw</a>
Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409</a> 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
Nancy (Benbow) Moore, Guest Organist
Peter Heckman, soloist
Deb Gates, Liturgist
Cindy and Bob Gerhard, Usher/Greeters
Barbara Knox, Shepherd
Jewman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP)

Walter Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, Dave Rice and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators Deb Gates, Coffee Fellowship Host: Fellowship Lounge (11:00 AM)

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# Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8



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# Glory to the Father

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\*May be sung as a canon.

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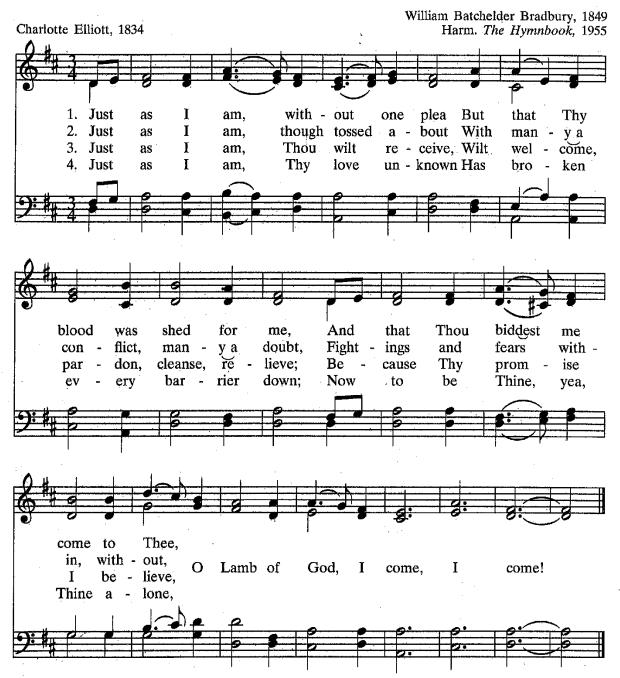


- 5. Unto such as keep God's covenant And are steadfast in God's way; Unto those who still remember The commandments and obey.
- 6. Bless your Maker, all you creatures, Ever under God's control, All throughout God's vast dominion; Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

# Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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WOODWORTH LM



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# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

<sup>\*</sup> Or "God."

# Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



5. Let every creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen!