# Carmel Presbyterian Church Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 28, 2022 10:00 AM



# Order of Worship

\* Please stand, as able. Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

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# 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.

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### Welcome and Greetings – Pastor Peter

Prelude	"Air"		J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively; based on Luke 14:11) – Pastor Peter All who exalt themselves will be humbled			
	humble themselves will be exalted		
God invites us all to t	the kingdom's banquet		
Honored by Goo	's welcome, we gather by grace.	Let us worship God!	
* Hymn 487 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"		Laudes Domini	

### Call to Confession (Seated) - Pastor Peter

Please be seated.

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The path of faithfulness is the past of humility. Let us bow before the God who created us and confess the sins that betray us and our faith.

# Prayer of Confession (In unison) - Pastor Peter

Let us pray.

Savior God, forgive us when we jockey for the highest position and the most honorable seat at your table. All are welcome, but we want to know who was invited first. We categorize and rank according to the world's standards, not yours. Forgive our hierarchal ways. Forgive our lust for prestige and power. Return us to Christ, our model of humility and our guide in faith...

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

Amen. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively; adapted from Isaiah 43:1) - Pastor Peter

Friends: Hear the good news! "Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

God is the God who loves us. God summons us. God loves us passionately. Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed.

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) – Pastor Peter

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 - Pastor Peter

(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) - Led by Dave Rice

Let us pray.

Eternal God, your Word speaks truth into our lives. When we humble ourselves to listen, you mature us with knowledge and strengthen our faith. Open us to your Word read and proclaimed today, so we might hear and embrace the message you intend for us. Amen.

# First Reading — Read by Dave Rice

The first lectionary reading is Jeremiah, chapter 2, verses 4-13; p. 657). The people are cracked cisterns; they forsake the fountain of life. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Listen to the Lord's word, people of Judah, all you families of the Israelite household.

This is what the Lord says:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that made them wander so far?
They pursued what was worthless and became worthless.
They didn't ask,
"Where's the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, in a land of deserts and ravines, in a land of drought and darkness, in a land of no return, where no one survives?" I brought you into a land of plenty, to enjoy its gifts and goodness, but you ruined my land; you disgraced my heritage. The priests didn't ask, "Where's the Lord?" Those responsible for the Instruction didn't know me; the leaders rebelled against me; the prophets spoke in the name of Baal, going after what has no value. That is why I will take you to court and charge even your descendants, declares the Lord. Look to the west as far as the shores of Cyprus and to the east as far as the land of Kedar. Ask anyone there: Has anything this odd ever taken place? Has a nation switched gods, though they aren't really gods at all? Yet my people have exchanged their glory for what has no value. Be stunned at such a thing, you heavens; shudder and guake, declares the Lord. My people have committed two crimes: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water. And they have dug wells, broken wells that can't hold water.

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

# "Sing Out with Joy To God Our Strength" (See insert. Glory to God Hymnal, #56)

Shepherd's Pipes

(The hymn is based on the lectionary Psalm of the day: Psalm 81, verses 1, 10-16; p. 512. God laments: I deliver and feed you, but you do not listen to me.)

# New Testament Reading – Read by Dave Rice

The second lectionary reading is Hebrews, chapter 13, verses 1-8, 15-16; pp. 213-214. Show hospitality and share what you have; praise God through Jesus. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Keep loving each other like family. Don't neglect to open up your homes to guests, because by doing this some have been hosts to angels without knowing it. Remember prisoners as if you were in prison with them, and people who are mistreated as if you were in their place. Marriage must be honored in every respect, with no cheating on the relationship, because God will judge the sexually immoral person and the person who commits adultery. Your way of life should be free from the love of money, and you should be content with what you have. After all, he has said, *I will never leave you or abandon you*. This is why we can confidently say,

<sup>\*</sup> Hymn

The Lord is my helper, and I won't be afraid. What can people do to me?

Remember your leaders who spoke God's word to you. Imitate their faith as you consider the way their lives turned out.<sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!....

... So let's continually offer up a sacrifice of praise through him, which is the fruit from our lips that confess his name.<sup>16</sup> Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices.

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

### New Testament Gospel Reading – Read by Pastor Peter

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 14, verses 1, 7-14; p. 72. Jesus teaches lessons at a banquet: the humble will be exalted. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to share a meal in the home of one of the leaders of the Pharisees, they were watching him closely....

.... When Jesus noticed how the guests sought out the best seats at the table, he told them a parable. "When someone invites you to a wedding celebration, don't take your seat in the place of honor. Someone more highly regarded than you could have been invited by your host. The host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give your seat to this other person.' Embarrassed, you will take your seat in the least important place. Instead, when you receive an invitation, go and sit in the least important place. When your host approaches you, he will say, 'Friend, move up here to a better seat.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up."

Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, "When you host a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. And you will be blessed because they can't repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected."

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

Sermon

"Where You Sit Matters"

**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 386

"O for a World"

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Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Pastor Peter

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

#### Invitation to the Offering (Hebrews 13:16) – 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.)

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews says, "Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Offertory

# "Give Me Jesus" Maja Lisa FritzHuspen, soloist

Traditional Spiritual arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

In the mornin' when I rise, in the mornin' when I rise, in the mornin' when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I comes to die, oh, when I comes to die, oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus. Nobody but Jesus, oh, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

\* 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) – Led by Dave Rice Let us pray, Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us; shape us; send us so that we might be your body in the world you so 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 446

#### "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Austrian Hymn

### \* Charge and Benediction – Pastor Peter

We are sent to a world in great need of God's grace.

In humility and in faith, let us respond to Christ's call and follow God's Spirit as we seek to bring and be good news for all.

"May God bless you and keep you, may God be kind and gracious to you, may God look upon you with favor and bring us all peace."

Amen.

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

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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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 (Grades K-3)** during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. 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** does not require reserving ahead. Children leave the Sanctuary for Carmel Hall 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; or Melissa MacFarland, Children's Worship leader.

**THIS MORNING, THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and to celebrate 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.

**ORDINATION SERVICE OF CASSIE HEINTZ TO BE SATURDAY, SEPT 3<sup>RD</sup>** – The **Ordination Service** of **Cassie Heintz** will be held on Saturday, September 3, 2022, at **Oxford Presbyterian Church** beginning at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to join in celebrating this joyous occasion with **Cassie Heintz**!

WE WELCOME BACK GUEST SOLOIST MAJA LISA FRITZHUSPEN – Maja Lisa Fritzhuspen lives in Glenside and is an active singer and teacher on the East Coast. She has sung many opera roles. She holds a BM from Augsburg College and a MA and MFA from the University of Iowa. She teaches voice in her home studio in Glenside. She also teaches voice at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA.

**CARMEL YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM) FOR GRADES 3-8 BEGINS SEPT 14 – Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM)** will begin on Wednesday, September 14 from 6:30 – 7:30 in Carmel Hall for all kids in Grades 3-8. Starting with a spaghetti dinner we will have fun, fellowship, and grow together as a group. **CYM leaders** Joyce, Katey, Melissa, and Jed look forward to seeing you. **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.

**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.

SPREAD THE WORD – CARMEL NURSERY SCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN – As Fall approaches, 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 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.

**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! **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.

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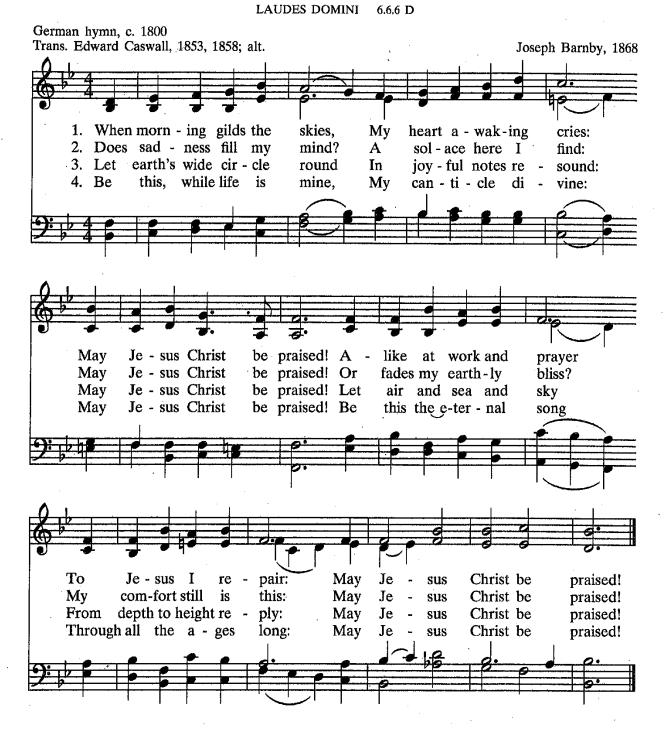
# Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music Maja Lisa FritzHuspen, soloist Dave Rice, Liturgist Nancy Pinkowicz and Janet Simon, Greeter/Ushers Cindy Keshishian, Shepherd Walter Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, Dave Rice and Kerri Strike-Stahller, Live-Streaming Operators Nancy Pinkowicz, Coffee Fellowship Host: Fellowship Lounge (11:00 AM)

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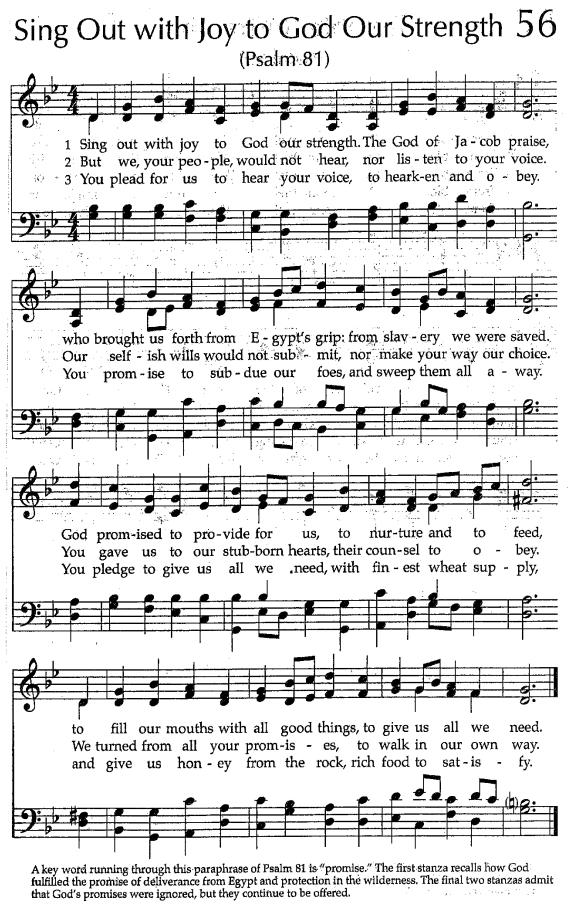
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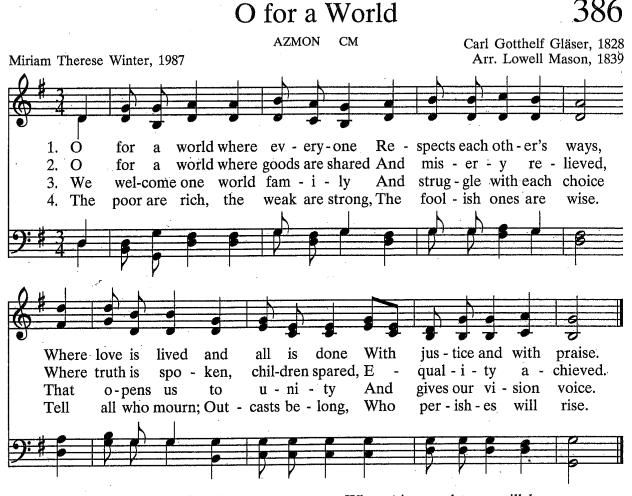
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5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, Where time and tears will be no more, And all but love will cease.

Alternate version, 466

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Psalm 87



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