Carmel Presbyterian Church Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2022 10:00 AM



We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God.

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 reflect on the hope and promise of God's gift to us through Jesus Christ.

Welcome and Greetings -

Prelude

"Christ Walks in Beauty"

R. C. Wilson

* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively) -

Like Abraham, Sarah, and John, we come, people with vision.

We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman, people with questions.

We come like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen, people with courage.

We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul, people with sadness and sin in our memories.

We come, like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha, like John Mark and Priscilla, people with a part to play in the story of faith.

Let us join with those who came before us, bringing our gifts, and worship God.

* Hymn 128

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

Munich

Call to Confession (Seated) -

Prayer of Confession (In unison) -

God our Creator, we come to you a rebellious people. We have denied your intentions for us; we have sought our own ways rather than the way of Christ. We have refused to learn the lessons of the past, and still, we remain bound up with past offenses. We dream of what cannot be and yet do not devote ourselves to laying a foundation for genuine hope. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be in order to rise with Christ and serve you with trust and joy...

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

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) -

Friends: Hear the Good News! God forgives our lack of faith and joins with us to bring new life to earth.

Friends: believe in 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.

Now is the time to share Christ's love and forgiveness with one another. Let the Christ in you greet the Christ in another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

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) -

As you spoke to the early disciples, O God, speak now to each of us as we seek to serve you and one another. By your Spirit, let your word illumine the darkness, and your light breaks into our lives so that we may see and live your truth. Amen.

First Reading —

The first reading is Exodus, chapter 19, verses1-6; p. 63). We hear of the arrival at Mount Sinai and God's word that Israel shall become a nation of priests and a holy nation. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

On exactly the third-month anniversary of the Israelites' leaving the land of Egypt, they came into the Sinai desert. They traveled from Rephidim, came into the Sinai desert, and set up camp there. Israel camped there in front of the mountain while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him from the mountain, "This is what you should say to Jacob's household and declare to the Israelites: You saw what I did to the Egyptians, and how I lifted you up on eagles' wings and brought you to me. So now, if you faithfully obey me and stay true to my covenant, you will be my most precious possession out of all the peoples, since the whole earth belongs to me. You will be a kingdom of priests for me and a holy nation. These are the words you should say to the Israelites."

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

New Testament Reading -

The second reading is 1 Peter, chapter 2, verses 4-10; p. 219. We hear of an appeal for holiness, where God's people will be a spiritual house built of living stones and a holy priesthood offering spiritual sacrifices. Listen now for the word of God to you!

Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Thus it is written in scripture, Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed. So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading -

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 17, verses 11-19; p. 75. Jesus heals ten people with leprosy; only one returns to give thanks. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show us mercy!"

When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Fall Sermon Series – "What Does It Mean to Be Protestant, Reformed, and Presbyterian?"

Sermon 4 "Am I a Priest?" 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 434 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

Kingsfold

Sharing 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 in the local and global community. Please place your offering on the offering plate at the usher's invitation, give it online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

Offertory

"Praise Ye the Father"
Sanctuary Choir

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Praise ye the Father, His power is everlasting; Praise ye the Father, Give thanks for all His benefits, Sing forth your praises, Let every heart be joyful; Praise ye the Father, Great Ruler, kind and merciful!

Praise be to Him, Who hath shown His mighty power.

Let every voice sound His praise With exulting strains of gladness!

Great is the Lord, Let His name be praised for ever;

Come ye forth with your hearts attuned to sing,

Arise and praise ye the Father:

Glory to the Father! To the great and mighty Ruler!
Glory to the Father, Who alone hath the power to save!
Loudly let the chorus swell! Loudly let the tuneful anthem ring!
Love and joy be now in every thankful heart, Oh, praise ye the Lord!

* Doxology 592 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Old Hundredth (Ushers will bring the Offering Plate forward, returning it to the rear of the Sanctuary.)

* Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts, and Tithes (In unison) –

With these gifts, O God, we remember with thanksgiving the life that we have because of you. Make us grateful every day for the privilege of offering ourselves for the well-being of all of your world. 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 555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Nun danket alle Gott

* Benediction and Charge -

Go to your hungry enemies, waiting to be fed, and your hurting neighbors who need forgiveness.

Our worship is not complete until we have done our all for reconciliation.

Let our church participate with you in the building of better relationships.

We seek to live in peace with all people and need the church to help us.

Be affectionately devoted to one another; outdo one another in showing honor.

We need help to develop genuine love through seeing and hearing others.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

We renew our allegiance to the commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Go into all the world as the Priesthood of all believers. **Amen.**

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

Postlude "Recessional" R. C. Wilson

Announcements Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE VISITING TODAY. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission, and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will gather with us again soon. Should you wish for Hearing Devices and/or Large Print Bibles & Hymnals, they are available from an usher. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for a weekly email of future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with the Pastor if you are interested in membership. A Virtual Fellowship Time is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building.

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 in loving memory of my parents: Mother, Patricia Rosenzweig; Father, Joseph Chiarolanza by Cindy Chiarolanza Keshishian, Gabriella, and Sophia. We love you and miss you both so much.

FOR QUIET REFLECTION – As we remember we are the "Priesthood of all Believers," *quietly meditate on Hebrews 4:14, 16:*

Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; ... Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

WE WELCOME JOEL KLINGMAN AS GUEST ORGANIST – The Guest Organist for this Sunday, October 9, 2022, is **Joel Klingman**. We welcome Joel to our Austin organ.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE INVITES YOU TO SOUP GROUP & CARETAKING THIS FRIDAY –Congregational Life invites you to the first night of **SOUP GROUP!** Join us in the fun on **Friday, October 14th,** from 6:30-8:00 in

Carmel Hall. This fun Fellowship time will offer an opportunity to busy your hands and fill your heart. We will be working together on care projects and 'caretaking' of each other. This monthly event is designed to provide the time and space for just being together with a wonderful bonus—helping others. **Congregational Life** will provide a simple meal and tasks that can support organizations with 'mission in mind.' We continue the emphasis on mission by providing to-go soup and salad and would like to organize delivery to folks who can't join us but could use a warm meal once in a while. What to bring? A willing heart, an empty belly, and all of your ideas to help make sure this new Soup Group is a hit! Please contact Melissa Deacon(mdeacon782@comcast.net) to let us know you're coming.

SUPPORT CARMEL'S NURSERY SCHOOL & ENJOY CLAIRE'S GOURMET TREATS – Thanksgiving gives us a little excuse to indulge in some delicious treats while spending time with our families. How about some delicious treats from Claire's Gourmet? Carmel Nursery School will be selling goodies from Claire's this year. We have been able to sample most of the foods and we thought they were delicious. Look for an **order form in the lobby**. Orders are **due by October 24th**, and the treats will arrive on, November 16th just in time for **Thanksgiving** dinner! Orders may be picked up in the school office between 10:00 and 1:00 on the 16th.

JOIN TOGETHER FOR A FALL-THEMED BRUNCH SUNDAY, OCT 23 AFTER WORSHIP – Congregational Life invites you to join us Sunday, October 23rd for a Fall-Themed Brunch immediately following the service. Keeping it simple, we'll take coffee hour up a notch and celebrate the changing seasons. Please contact Melissa Deacon (mdeacon782@comcast.net) to let us know you're coming.

HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDS VOLUNTEERS – Our Handbell Choir has openings for three or four more ringers. We will teach you to read music. If you can count to four and keep a steady beat, you are invited to try out ringing in the Carmel Handbell Choir. We will mark your music and make it easy for you to play by color-coding your notes and writing in the counting. Hope to see you on Monday at 7:30 PM in the church Choir Room.

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY & FELLOWSHIP IS "CELEBRATING SABBATH" – CPW (Carmel Presbyterian Women) meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 for bible study and fellowship. Our 9-month study is "Celebrating Sabbath" and focuses on exploring the idea of 'accepting God's gift of rest and delight'. Join us in the Women's Fellowship Lounge for lively discussion and light refreshments.

"PRACTICE GENEROSITY" ADULT STUDY GROUP WEDNESDAYS AT 7:30 PM — Pastor Peter offers an Adult Group Study called "Practice Generosity" this fall from 7:30-9:00 pm on Zoom. We will meet Wednesdays October 5 & 12. 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 describing the practice as a little different. Generosity is simply, and profoundly, love in action. A Zoom link will be emailed each week before the class. Pick up Practice Generosity—Adult Reflection Guide in the Church Office!

FALL SERMON SERIES "PROTESTANT, REFORMED, AND PRESBYTERIAN" UNDER WAY – A series of sermons on "What It Means to Be Protestant, Reformed, and Presbyterian" is underway. Pastor Peter has selected six

core convictions of Presbyterians in our "Reformed Tradition" for the Six-Week Series, beginning September 11th, and continuing through October 23rd (with a gap Sunday on **World Communion Sunday**, October 2nd). Understanding our faith more fully will not only enrich our lives but also give us a deeper meaning with which to enrich the lives of others. Here is the line-up:

- 9.11.22 "Grace—what it means for you!"
- 9.18.22 "Okay—So What Is the Bible?"
- 9.25.22 "Does the Sovereignty of God Effect My Life?"
- 10.09.22 "Am I a Priest—the Priesthood of All Believers?"
- 10.16.22 "Life of the Mind", and
- 10.23.22 "Worship of the Heart"

Join in each Sunday to develop a more profound understanding of Jesus as we grow together in faith and discipleship.

CARMEL YOUTH MINISTRY (CYM) FOR GRADES 3-8 IS UNDERWAY! – Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM) has begun and welcomes all kids in Grades 3-8. It meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30–7:30 in Carmel Hall. Fun, fellowship, and growing together as a group guides the group and leaders. **CYM leaders** Joyce, Katey, Melissa, and Jed look forward to seeing you.

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

- Children's Choir, for anyone in Grades K-2, meets Wednesdays, from 5:00 PM -5:40 PM.
- Junior Choir, for anyone in Grades 3-8, meets Wednesdays, from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Youth Choir, for anyone in Grades 9-12, meets Sundays, from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM.
- Sanctuary Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, meets Thursdays, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Handbell Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, meets Mondays, 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 CLASSES UNDER WAY – The **Carmel Nursery School** began Fall school classes for the school year. There are still some openings for this year's **Registration**. If you have a neighbor or see a family who might need nursery school, share our information with them. We offer affordable classes for ages 2 years 7 months to age 5 during school hours are 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. Our **website** can be found on the <u>www.presbycarmel.org</u> page and we can be found on **Facebook** at **Carmel Nursery School**.

"CLAIR'S GOURMET" – SUPPORT CARMEL NURSERY SCHOOL'S FUNDRAISER – Carmel Nursery School invites you to participate in the annual Thanksgiving fundraiser now through Monday, October 24th. Order delicious desserts and tasty food items (serve now or at Thanksgiving Dinner)! Order forms are in the lobby and the 'frozen' foods will arrive on Wednesday, November 16.

"CHRIST IS CALLING" FOR MEDICAL SUPPLIES PROJECT FOR UKRAINE – Our CHRIST IS CALLING ministry for Ukraine continues with medical supplies only being accepted by the Ukrainian Education and Cultural Center in Jenkintown. Monetary donations are also accepted by the Center as well as **Presbyterian Disaster**

Assistance. If you have any questions, contact Mary Ellen Thomas or Janet Simon. Thank you for your support of this mission opportunity.

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.

WONDER "WHAT'S GOING ON?" CHECK OUT CARMEL'S WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current Livestream worship, past services, and the daily lectionary, or send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not 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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlj|DvsRw

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.

WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – Masking in the building is now optional by 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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Rodney Hackman & Deb Gates, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators
Ellen Krieg, Coffee Fellowship Host: Carmel Hall (11:00 AM)

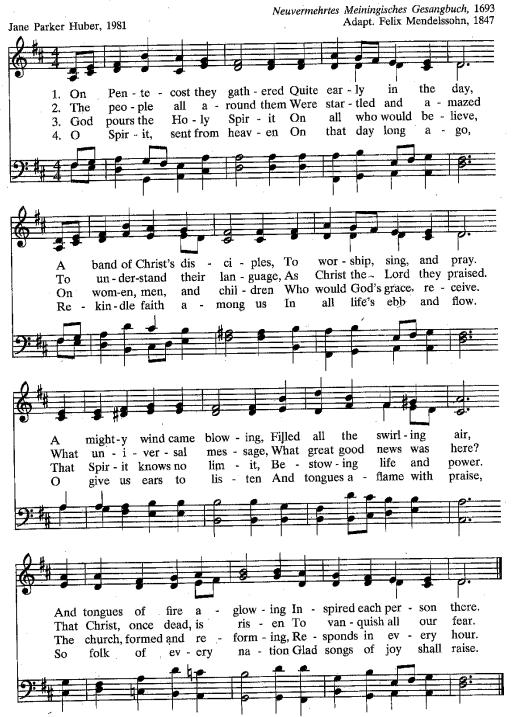
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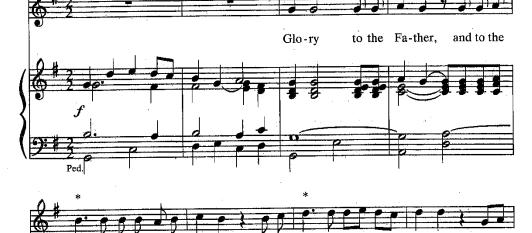


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Glory to the Father

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John Weaver, 1978



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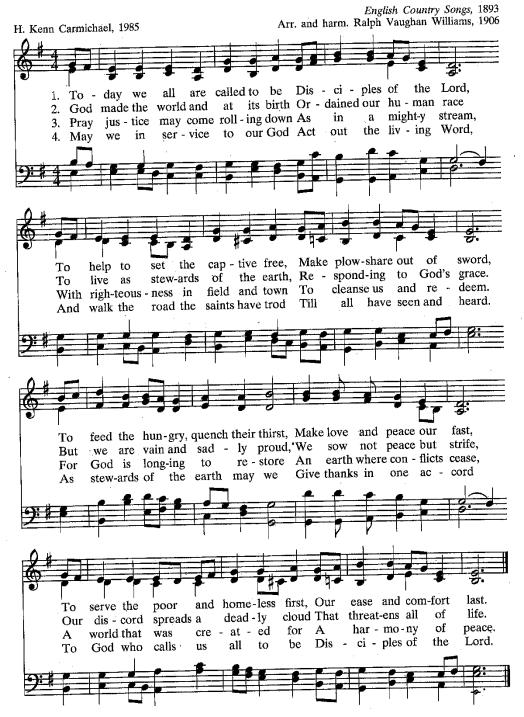


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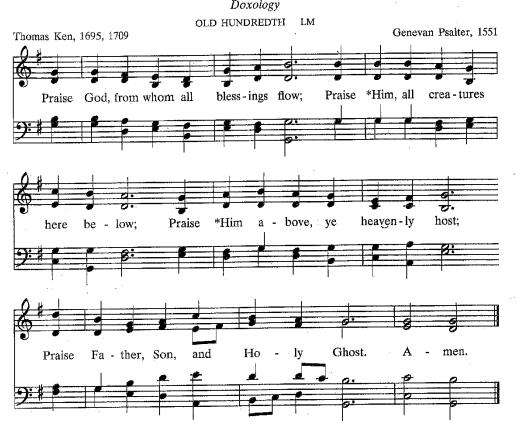
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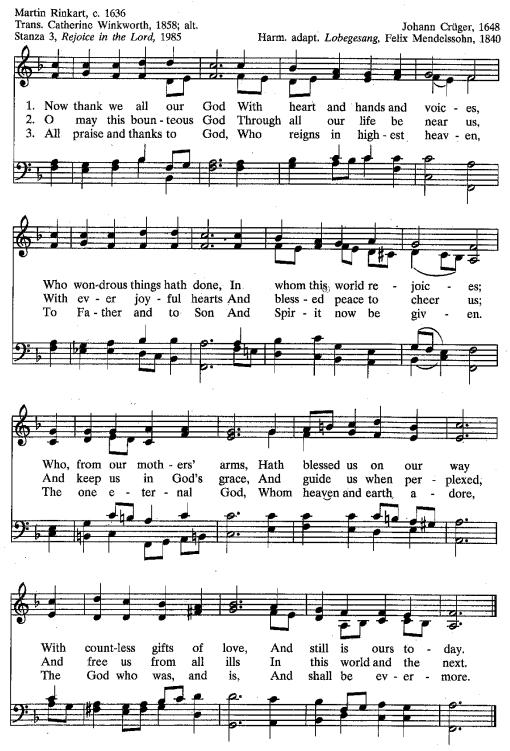


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Now Thank We All Our God

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COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

18TH Sunday after Pentecost

Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 am

~ with Guest Organist Joel Klingman

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall (downstairs): 11:00 am

The Session, Carmel Hall: 11:15 am Board of Deacons, Chapel: 11:15 am

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Columbus Day (Church Office Closed)
Handbell Choir, Choir Room: 7:30-8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Staff Meeting, Lounge: 10:30 am

Children's Choir (Grades K-2), Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:00-5:40 pm Junior Choir (Grades 3-8), Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:45-6:30 pm CYM (Carmel Youth Ministry), (Grades 3-8), Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 pm

Adult Education: Practice Generosity (Zoom): 7:30-9:00 pm

THURSDAY, October 13

Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30-9:00 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Nursery School Fire Truck Visit, Edge Hill Lobby: 9:45 am Soup Group (Congregational Life Event), Carmel Hall: 6:30-8:00 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 15

Abington Social Group, Carmel Hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 am

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall (downstairs): 11:00 am

Youth Choir (Grades 9-12): 11:15-11:45 am