Carmel Presbyterian Church observes the season of



Adult Sunday School from 8:30-9:15 AM Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM

Sermon Series "Forgiveness: A Way of Life"

Today's Sermon focus: Without the Spirit's activity, we could never entertain the notion that forgiveness is real

Special Worship Services:

April 6, 6:30 PM - Maundy Thursday Supper/Worship in Carmel Hall

April 7, 7:30 PM - Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary

Carmel Presbyterian Church 100 Edge Hill Road Glenside, PA 19038 (215) 887-1074

Carmel Presbyterian Church Second Sunday of Lent March 5, 2023 10:00 AM

*indicates please stand as you are able **BOLD** type is for congregation to respond

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Sicilienne Maria Theresia von Paradis
Transcribed Charles Callahan (1759-1824)

*Call to Worship Psalm 121, in Unison

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*Call to Confession

L: Because we know our Redeemer lives, our hearts have courage to approach the throne of grace.

P: More than courage, we have assurance. Help me, Jesus, to anticipate your peace.

*Prayer of Confession

We are all too human, Faithful God, and so think we have nothing to learn from others, and thus discount ancestors in the faith like Nicodemus or Sarah. We look for easy answers: online, from the shiny objects and the loudest voices, convinced that we can trust whatever we find. We close tight the shutters of our souls, so the Spirit can only rattle us, rather than transform our lives.

Oh, how we marvel when we stop long enough to consider the length to which we stumble. Help us to marvel even more upon remembering your faithfulness, how you keep watch over us in the brightness and in the darkness. Your forgiving touch will make it so. (pray silently)

*Choral Response

Kyrie

arr. David N. Johnson

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri 579

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

*Passing of the Peace

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Lesson Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

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Anthem

Ubi Caritas

Becki Slagle Mayo

(insert)

(Where There Is Charity and Love)

Junior Choir

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

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Message for the Children

Sermon

The Quickening Spirit

Rev. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Preparation 517

We Come as Guests Invited

Wie Lieblich ist der Maien

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory (insert) I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
Sanctuary Choir

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

Presentation of the Elements The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sanctus Hymn 581

Joseph Roff

(sung by all)

"Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest."

The Lord's Prayer (Debts and Debtors)

Page 16, front of hymnal

The Serving

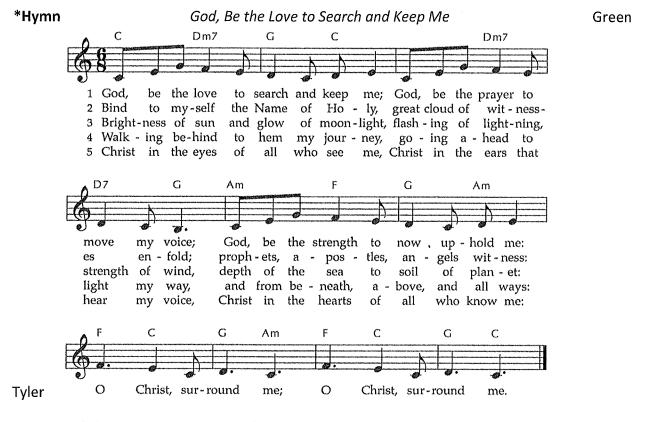
Wondrous Love

Rebecca Groom te Velde

(b. 1956)

Unison Prayer: From the comfort we have so carefully arranged, you call us, O God. May we love and serve as nourished disciples so that all may experience the benefits of your truth. Thank you for the invitation; let us embrace the gift, respond to your sending, and make known the forgiveness of our God. In Jesus' name. Amen

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD



This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a lorica (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

TEXT and MUSIC: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, 2004 Text and Music © 2004 This Here Music, Worldmaking.net GREEN TYLER 9.8.9.5.5

Charge and Benediction
Chimes and Postlude

March in D

Elizabeth Turner (?-1756)

Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. John M. Diller, Senior Pastor Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music Lynne Schutt, Pianist for the Junior Choir Junior Choir and Sanctuary Choir Deb Gates, Worship Assistant , Usher/Greeters

Barbara Podrost, Janet Simon and Leslie Donaghy, Communion Elders
Rodney Hackman & Walter Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP)
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators
, Coffee Hour Host (11:00 AM)

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 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). 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 after the Children's Message and go with their leader to the Children's Church Room off the Chapel. An usher can be of assistance.

OUR COMMUNION is served using both wine and grape juice. The wine is red and the grape juice is clear

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are witness to the glory of God and God's good creation.

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MUSICAL NOTES: Today, March 5, is the international day of the celebration of women composers. The prelude, first anthem, communion music, and postlude are all composed by women. The offertory anthem is based on the Lectionary Psalm reading for today. It is composed by a contemporary English composer, whose music has a fresh approach to the text he sets.

A NOTE FROM THE CHOIR LOFT: Celebrate Easter - Join the Festival Choir! You are invited to join our Sanctuary Choir to help form a special Festival Choir for our Good Friday and Easter services. It is just a commitment of five weeks. Carmel members and friends who cannot make that weekly Thursday night commitment throughout the academic year, but would like to sing in a choir, are invited for these special services. Anyone who can match pitch and can smile is welcome to sing.

Rehearsals for Easter begin on Thursday, March 9, at 7:30 PM in the Choir Room. Rehearsals will run for five weeks: Thursdays, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30 and Wednesday, April 5 at 7:30 PM. We will be singing for the Good Friday service on April 7 at 7:30 PM and the 10:00 AM Easter service on April 9.

Please contact Abby Palmisano and let her know that you can come, or just come to as many of the rehearsal dates as you can make. If you have any questions please call Abby at 215-887-1074 (press #3). Hope to see you then!

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 is available on YouTube or via Zoom on the phone for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. You can find our Sunday morning worship live streaming Sundays at 10:00 am with links below:

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJIjIDvsRw
Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409 and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

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

Anthem, Junior Choir

Ubi caritas, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est,
Ubi caritas, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
Where there is charity and love, God is there, God is there.
Where there is charity and love, God is always there.
We have gathered in this place, joining hearts in love and praise,
Giving thanks to God above, We go out to serve in love.
Text based on John 13:34

I will Lift up my Eyes, Sanctuary Choir

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself is thy keeper; The Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

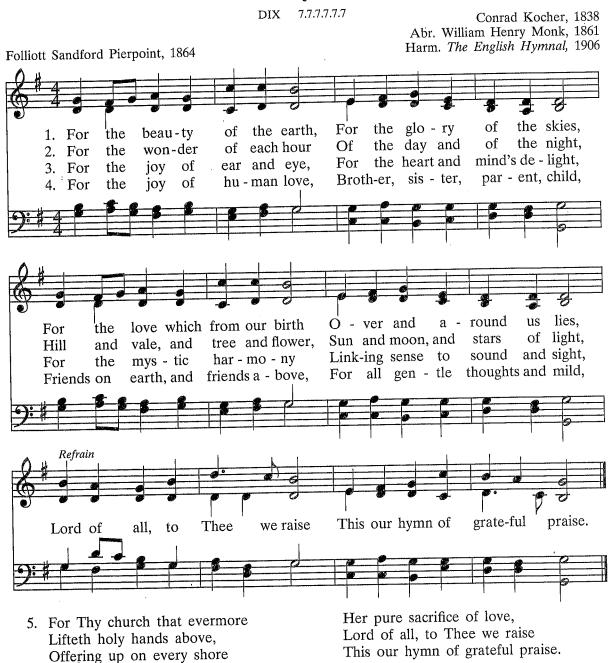
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day, neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

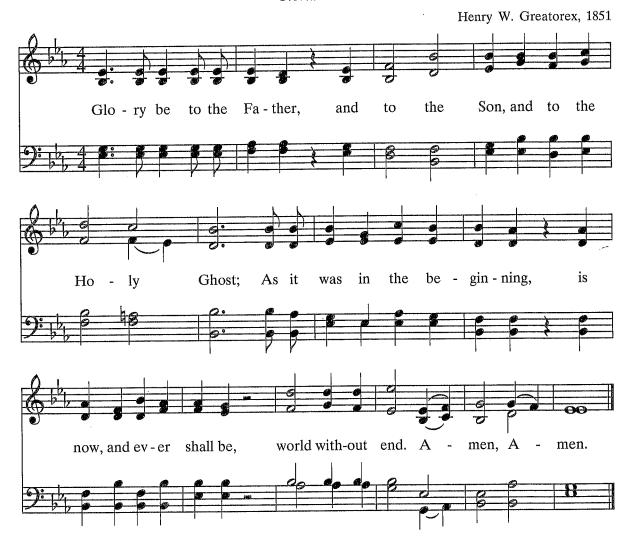
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in, from this time forth and for evermore.

(Text: Psalm 121)

For the Beauty of the Earth



Glory Be to the Father



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COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

Lenten Bible Study, Lounge: 8:30-9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM Junior Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 9:30 AM

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

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

Youth Choir, Choir Room (Grades 9-12): 11:15-11:45 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

VBS Interest Planning Meeting, via Zoom: 7:30 PM

MONDAY, MARCH 6

Handbell Choir, Choir Room: 7:30-8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

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

Lenten Bible Study, via Zoom: 6:50-7:30 PM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

Festival and Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30-9:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

Soup Group, Carmel Hall: 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30PM

Daylight Savings – change clocks, Spring ahead

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

Lenten Bible Study, Lounge: 8:30-9:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM

Worship in the Sanctuary - Communion, (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

Youth Choir, Choir Room (Grades 9-12): 11:15-11:45 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM