

**Season of Easter at
Carmel Presbyterian Church**

“Common Witness”

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023
10:00 AM

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BOLD type is for congregation to respond

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.

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

On Wings of Song
Lois Bliss Herbine, flute

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

***Call to Worship and Prayer**

L: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

L: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

**P: our hearts a shelter for the outcast;
our hands open to the stranger.**

L: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

**P: to tell others of God's love,
to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

L: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

**P: chosen to serve the lost and lonely,
gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

As you gather this people to join in worship, let us not forget that we are called as one body. Fill us with your Word so much that our worry melts, and I may see my sister and brother in fresh life and love. With your answer to prayer, how can I keep from singing the glorious mercies of God. Amen in the name of Jesus.

***Hymn 483**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

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***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. We cover our ears so we hear neither the cries of those in need, nor you urging us to respond. We rush together to defend every fleeting issue of the day, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our

sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news. Even today, our “Alleluia” is muted.

Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and hope. We would feed on the spiritual food which flows from your heart so we might be strong enough to follow Jesus as he leads us in the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

***Seasonal Response (Hymn 119, Stanza 1)**

Victory

The strife is o'er, the battle done
The victory of life has won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri 567**

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

***Passing of the Peace**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Acts 7:55-60

Page 116

1 Peter 2:2-10

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Message for the Children

Sermon

The Search for Hope

Rev. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Inspired by the promise of God's Word, let us give our thanks and praise

***Hymn of Preparation 507**

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Offertory

God Has Work for Us to Do

Mark A. Miller

(see insert)

Sanctuary Choir, Meg Vandegrift, soloist

Presentation of the Elements

The Great 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

Page 16, front of hymnal

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.

SPECIAL THANKS TO flutist and Carmel member Lois Bliss Herbine. Lois teaches flute, performs and has made several recordings.

HOPE TO SEE YOU for the Service of Installation for Rev. John M. Diller, Pastor of Carmel Presbyterian Church. The service will be held TODAY at 3:30 p.m. in the Carmel Sanctuary followed by a reception in Carmel Hall.

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

NOTES FROM THE STEWARDSHIP. The Pentecost Offering is one of the four PC(USA) "Special Offerings." Pentecost Offerings support young people, inspiring them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the Church and the world. 40% of the gifts remain with the church. This year we will support the Pennsylvania School of the Deaf. Pentecost Offering may be submitted throughout May using the red offering envelopes.

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Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. John M. Diller, Pastor

Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

*Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
Sanctuary Choir,*

Janet Simon, Worship Assistant

Barbara Podrost, Greeter/Usher

Janet Simon, Nancy Pinkowicz and Jedediah Smith, Communion Elders

Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators

Nicole Bohlander, Coffee Hour (11:00 AM)

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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIDvsRw>

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>

Offertory

God Has Work for Us to Do
Sanctuary Choir, Meg Vandegrift, soloist

Mark A. Miller

'Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled;
'til no one hurts or steals or lies, and no more blood is spilled:
God has work for us to do, God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done and all things are made new,
God has work for us, work for us to do! (repeat)

'Til age and race and gender no longer separate;
'til pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate:
God has work for us to do, God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done and all things are made new,
God has work for us,

In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill,
in board room and in billiard hall, in wards where time stands still,
In classroom, church, and office, in shops, or on the street,
in every place where people thrive, or starve, or hide, or meet.
God has work for us, God has work for us.

By sitting at a bedside to hold pale, trembling hands,
by speaking for the powerless against unjust demands.
By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear,
by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near:
God has work for us to do, God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done and all things are made new,
God has work for us, God has work for us to do!

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr

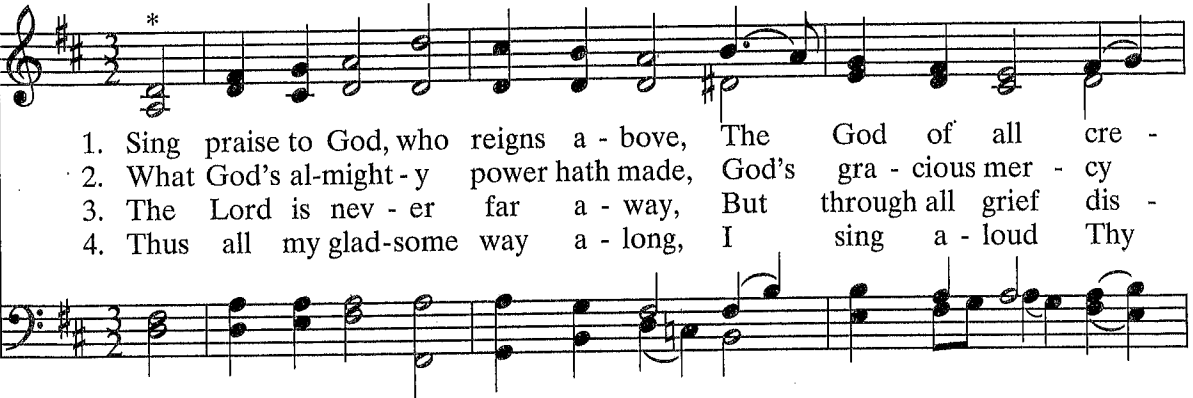
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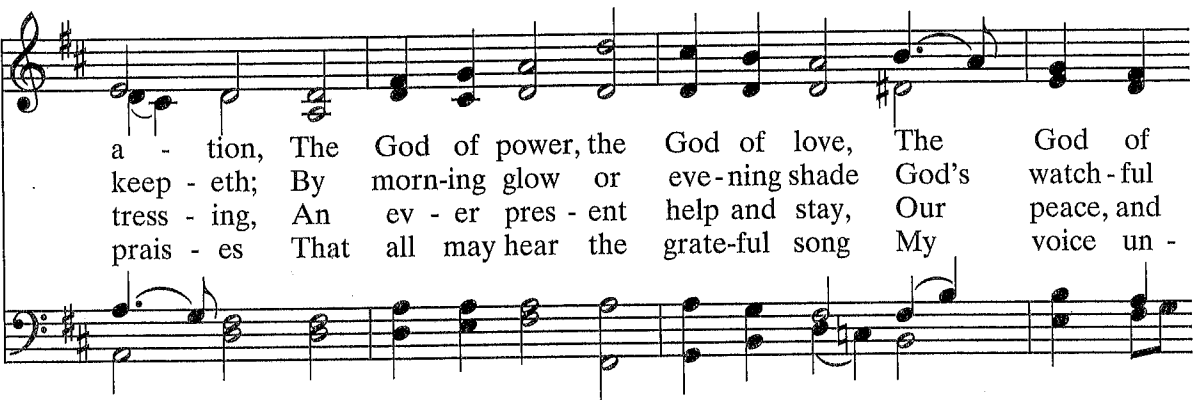
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Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

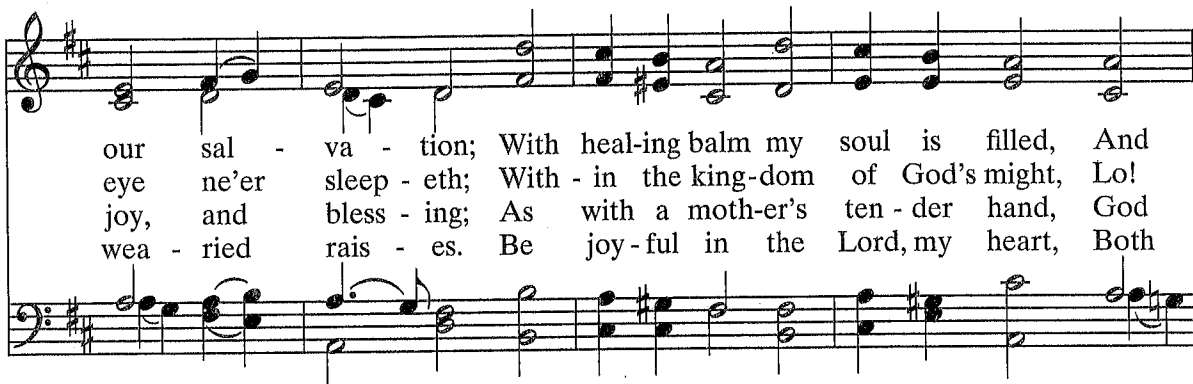
Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566


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 1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
 2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
 4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy



a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
 keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful
 tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
 prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -



our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both



ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right:
 gent-ly leads the cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 soul and bod - y take your part:

*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

567

John Weaver, 1978

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The piano part features a variety of textures, including chords, arpeggios, and melodic lines. The vocal line is simple and homophonic. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. A - men. A - men." There are asterisks above the first and third systems of music.

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is

now, and will be for ev - er. A-men. A - men. A - men.

*May be sung as a canon.

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I Come with Joy

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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

American folk melody
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent

free, In awe and won - der to re - call His
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And
 near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We
 ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.
 see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.
 live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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Latin hymn, 5th century
 Trans. John Mason Neale, 1852; alt.

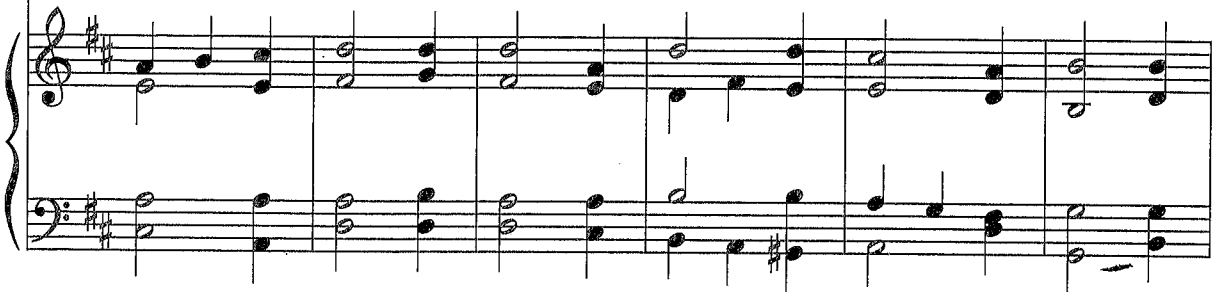
Trier ms., 15th century
 Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
 Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910



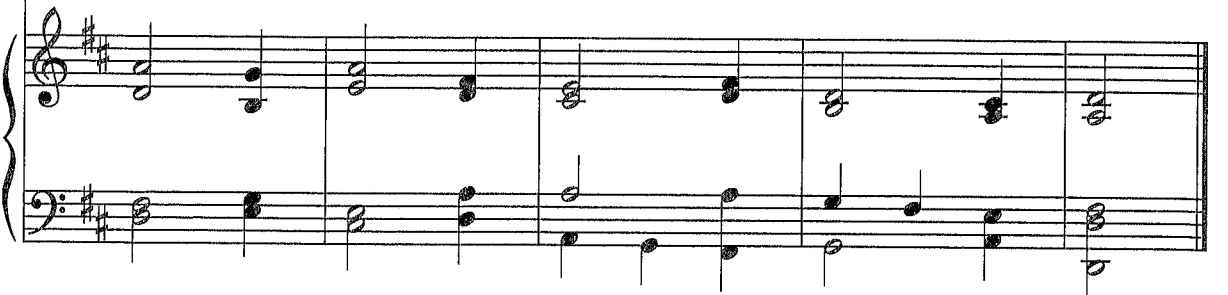
1. That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, The sun shone
 2. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, Do all our
 3. From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, Your own re -



out with fair - er light, When, to their long - ing eyes re -
 in - most hearts pos - sess, And we to You will ev - er
 deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with us a -



stored, The a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
 raise The trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 bide In this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.



COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, May 7

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM
Worship and Communion in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM
Installation of Rev. John M. Diller, Sanctuary 3:30 PM
Reception for Installation of Rev. John M. Diller, Carmel Hall: 4:30-6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 9

Session meets in Chapel: 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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 Hall: 6:30-7:30PM (grades 3-8)
Choir and CYM end of year party, Carmel Hall: 7:30 PM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30PM

THURSDAY, MAY 11

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

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Soup Group, Carmel Hall: 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, MAY 13

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Junior Choir and Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM
Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM
~Choir Recognition Sunday
Mothers Day Breakfast, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM