

**Season of Easter at
Carmel Presbyterian Church**

“Common Witness”

Carmel Presbyterian Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 21, 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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

***Call to Worship**

L: Sing to God, O Kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

P: O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice

L: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

P: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.

L: Let us worship God!

***Hymn 144**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Hyfrydol

***Call to Confession**

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 4:14-16)

***Prayer of Confession**

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer. We would be saintlike: holy, good, patient, loving. But we end up feeling more like sinners: full of failures of morality, selfish, mean. Perhaps You see us simply as human: as beloved, and flawed, and trying, and failing, and succeeding. In all of this, forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Continue to love us and help us and mold us more and more to the image of Christ, in whose name we prayer. Amen.

***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**

Friends, hear this good news and see the grace of God: We are forgiven! We are free to go and live in the light of love. Thanks be to God, Amen.

***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

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

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Acts 1:6-14

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Message for the Children

Sermon

Astounding Transformation

Rev. Michelle Denney Grunseich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

***Hymn 361**

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Page 16, front of hymnal

Call to Offering

Offertory

There Is a Balm in Gilead
Sanctuary Choir, Deb Gates and
David Campbell, soloists

African-American spiritual
arr. Sam Batt Owens

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, And think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. (Refrain.)

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, And say he died for all. (Refrain.)

Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for courage, He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain.)

***Doxology #592**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

****Prayer of Dedication***

Good and gracious God, may the gifts we offer today be used to realize your heavenly Kingdom here on earth. By Your Grace, may they serve to help us be ever more present, ever more faithful, and ever more ready to serve You in all we do, in word and deed. We ask that you bless these gifts to Your service. In Jesus name. 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 423***

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

****Charge and Benediction***

Chimes

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

James H. Johnson

Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. Michelle Denney Grunseich, Guest Pastor

Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Lynne Schutt, Worship Assistant

Janet Simon & Barbara Podrost Greeter/Usher

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

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.

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

IT'S RESERVATION TIME for Carmel's Knights of North Castle VBS, which will be held June 25-29 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Kids from beginning kindergarten to beginning grade 5 can join in lively activities, songs, bible stories and more. New this year is a light supper for families from 6-6:30 PM and a parents Oasis discussion group. Check your recent Carmel e-mail or click the Carmel website VBS block for the online registration link. Middle and high school youth can help at activity stations, including games, science, crafts, and music. Youth and adult volunteers should fill out the e-mail form you received. Please contact Sue Lohoefer or Janet Simon if you need assistance.

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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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 financial donation—and not miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar.

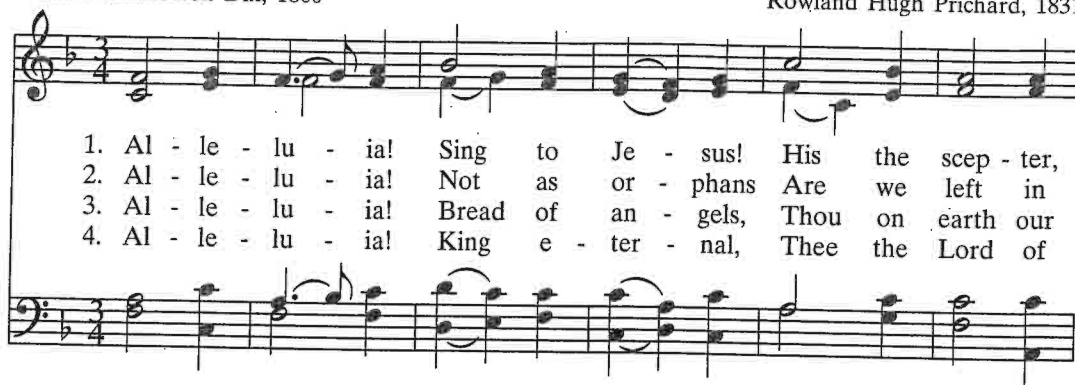
JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! Live Streaming Worship is available on YouTube or via Zoom on the phone for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. You can find our Sunday morning worship live streaming Sundays at 10:00 am with links below:

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljlDvsRw>

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>

William Chatterton Dix, 1866

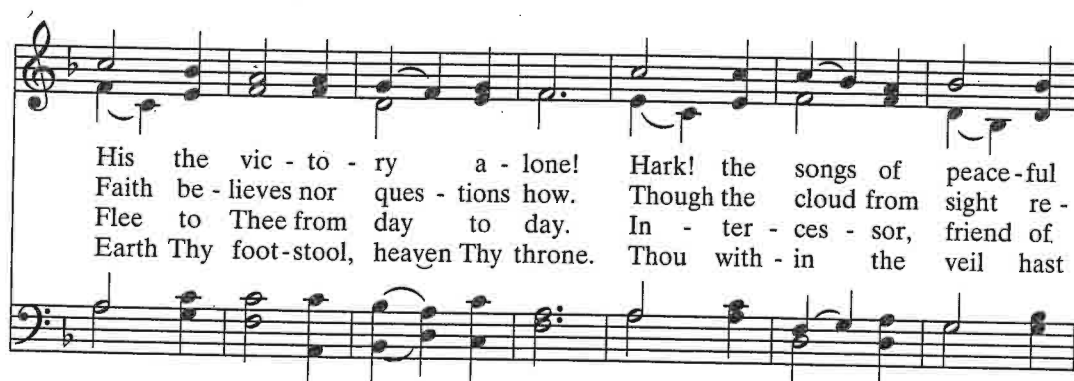
Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831



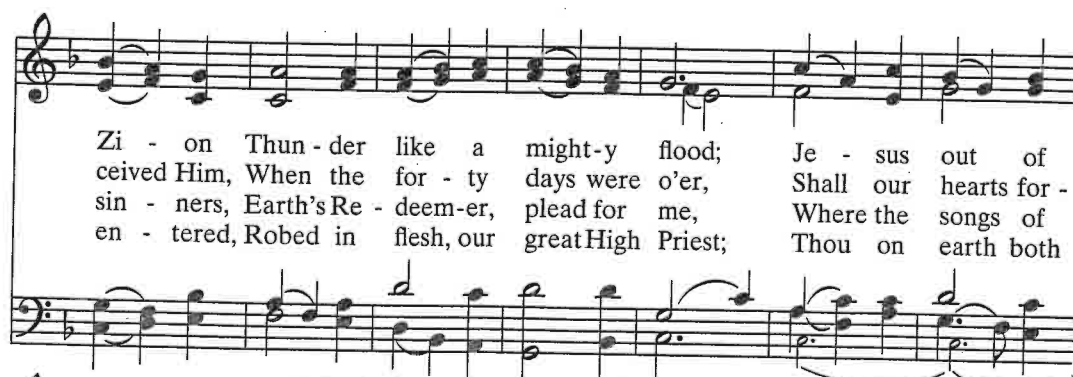
1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter,
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, Thou on earth our
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Thee the Lord of



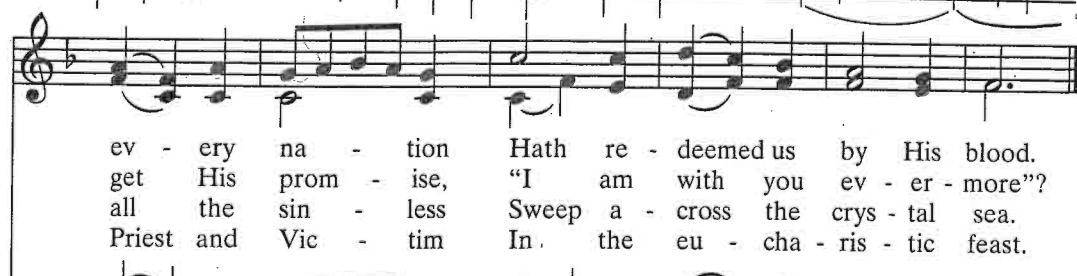
His the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
 sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;
 food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful
 lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Ma - ry,



His the vic - to - ry a - lone! Hark! the songs of peace - ful
 Faith be - lieves nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 Flee to Thee from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 Earth Thy foot - stool, heaven Thy throne. Thou with - in the veil hast



Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus out of
 ceived Him, When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, Where the songs of
 en - tered, Robed in flesh, our great High Priest; Thou on earth both



ev - ery na - tion Hath re - deemed us by His blood.
 get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 Priest and Vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

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John Weaver, 1978

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

f
Ped.

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of music. The top line is a vocal line in treble clef, starting with a whole rest followed by a melodic phrase: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The piano accompaniment is in 2/2 time, starting with a fortissimo (*f*) dynamic. The right hand plays chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a steady bass line. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking is present at the beginning of the piano part.

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

Detailed description: This system contains the third and fourth lines of music. The vocal line continues with: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. There are two asterisks (*) above the vocal line, one at the start of the line and one above the word 'beginning'.

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

Detailed description: This system contains the fifth and sixth lines of music. The vocal line continues with: C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (half). The piano accompaniment concludes with sustained chords. The system ends with a double bar line.

How Firm a Foundation

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FOUNDATION 11.11.11

"K" in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787
Ed. John Rippon; alt.

American folk melody
Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,

Is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
For I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign

To you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures

here be - low; Praise *Him a - bove, ye heav-en-ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET LM

John Hatton (d. 1793)

Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1959

Descant

5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - oners

cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run, His king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown His head; His name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -

songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud A - men!

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 21

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM
Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30PM

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

SATURDAY, MAY 27

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM
Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM
Wear red for Pentecost.
Dedicate Pentecost offering during the service.
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