

*We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.  
You hold the heavens in your hand,  
all stars rejoice in your glory.  
You come in the sunrise and the song of morn  
and bless the splendor of the noonday.  
The stars in their courses magnify you,  
day and night tell of your glory.  
Your peace blows over the earth  
and the breath of your mouth fills all space. **Amen.***



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**Carmel Presbyterian Church**  
**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**July 23, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**

\*indicates please stand as you are able  
**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**

*Slane*  
(Be Thou My Vision)

Christopher Tambling  
(1964-2015)

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Let us behold the goodness of God!

**A: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.**

L: Righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**A: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,**

L: and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**A: Let us behold the goodness of God!**

**\*Hymn 339**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

**\*Call to Confession**

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are sometimes right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us; redeem us; transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out. This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri 567**

*Glory to the Father*

John Weaver

**\*The Peace**

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

P: And also with you

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

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

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lessons**

*Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24*

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*Romans 8:12-25*

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**Children's Message**

**Sermon**

*Practice Makes Perfect*

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 41**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Adeste fideles

**The Prayers of the People – sharing joys and concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**

*Come, Thou Fount of every Blessing*

Mark Hayes

Melissa Deacon, Soloist

(b.1953)

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790)

**\*Doxology 592**

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Old Hundredth

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**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 40**

*Joy to the World!*

Antioch

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**Chimes**

**Postlude**

*Woodlands*

(Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord)

J. Wayne Kerr

(b. 1958)



**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.

**WE WELCOME BACK** Rev. Michelle Denney Grunseich to lead us in worship.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to our soloist today, Carmel member Melissa Deacon

**SUMMER LIBRARY AND VOLUNTEERS:** Beginning July 9, the Library will be open Sundays from 9:00-10:00 AM and during Coffee Hour, Mondays from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM and Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 AM. Adult volunteers are invited to sign up for a time by contacting Kathy at [office@presbycarmel.org](mailto:office@presbycarmel.org)

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE** invites you to Christmas in July. Join us for a special coffee hour today immediately following the worship service. Enjoy some festive treats, don a silly hat and sing a carol or two. We will also use this event as an opportunity to announce a fun, new event for Carmel members and their guests happening in December. We hope to see you there.

**CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE 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 In loving memory of my grandparents, Harry and Marie Strike by Kerri Strike-Stahler

**ELEMENTS OF THE** liturgy written by John Wurster and provided by the Presbyterian Outlook.

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***Participants Serving the Church in Worship***

*Rev. Michelle Denney Grunseich, Guest Preacher*

*Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus*

*Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist*

*Melissa Deacon, Soloist*

*Nancy O'Brien, Worship Assistant*

*Linda MacFarland and Lynne Schutt, Greeter/Usher*

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

*Congregational Life, Coffee Hour (11:00 AM)*

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**WONDER “WHAT’S GOING ON?” CHECK OUT CARMEL’S WEBSITE!** Explore the wealth of information at [www.presbycarmel.org](http://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/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>

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## Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

Ancient Irish poem  
 Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
 Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad  
 Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—  
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.  
Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.  
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. The middle and bottom staves are grouped together by a brace on the left, representing a piano accompaniment. The middle staff is a treble clef staff, and the bottom staff is a bass clef staff. The lyrics are written below the top staff, aligned with the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.



# 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

\*  
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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# O Come, All Ye Faithful

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740–1743)  
Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

John Francis Wade (c. 1740–1743)  
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,  
\*3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!  
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;  
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!  
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

*Refrain*  
O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

\*Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42

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 heaven-ly host;

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

\* Or "God."

# Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742  
 Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -  
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,  
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow  
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture  
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is  
 And won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His  
 And heaven and na - ture sing,

And

sing, And heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

## **COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

### **SUNDAY, JULY 23**

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

Christmas in July Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

VBS Volunteer Follow-up, Zoom: 7:00-8:00PM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

### **THURSDAY, JULY 27**

Session Meeting, Zoom: 7:30 PM

### **SATURDAY, JULY 29**

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

### **SUNDAY, JULY 30**

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

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM