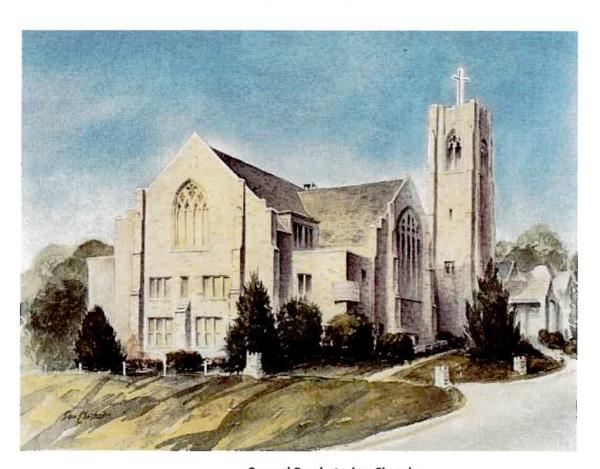
We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.
You hold the heavens in your hand,
all stars rejoice in your glory.
You come in the sunrise and the song of morn
and bless the splendor of the noonday.
The stars in their courses magnify you,
day and night tell of your glory.
Your peace blows over the earth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

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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 Christopher Tambling (Be Thou My Vision) (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.**

*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
 Page 545

Romans 8:12-25 Page 147

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 Page 16, front of hymnal

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

PostludeWoodlandsJ. Wayne Kerr(Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord)(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

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-Stahller

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)

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:

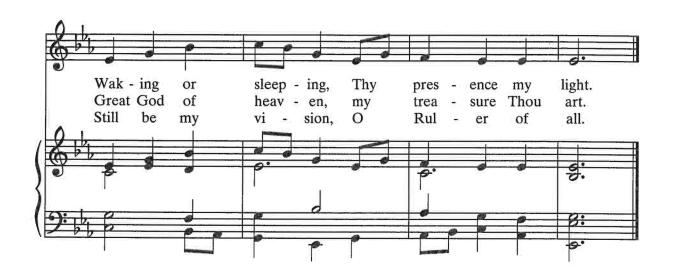
YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljIDvsRw

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

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10





Glory to the Father



*May be sung as a canon.

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain



^{*}Alternate harmonization and descant for stanza 3, 42

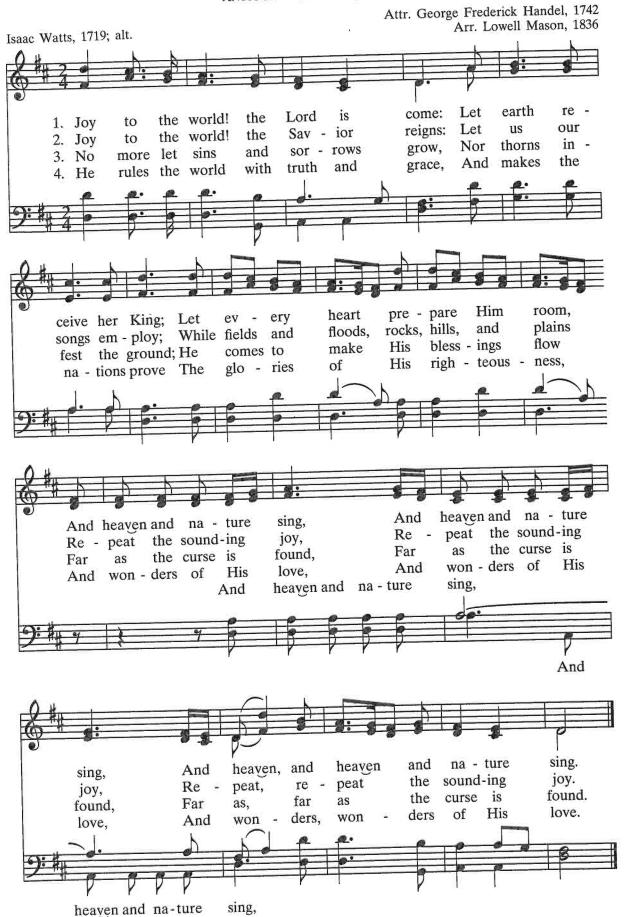
592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



* Or "God."

Joy to the World!

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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