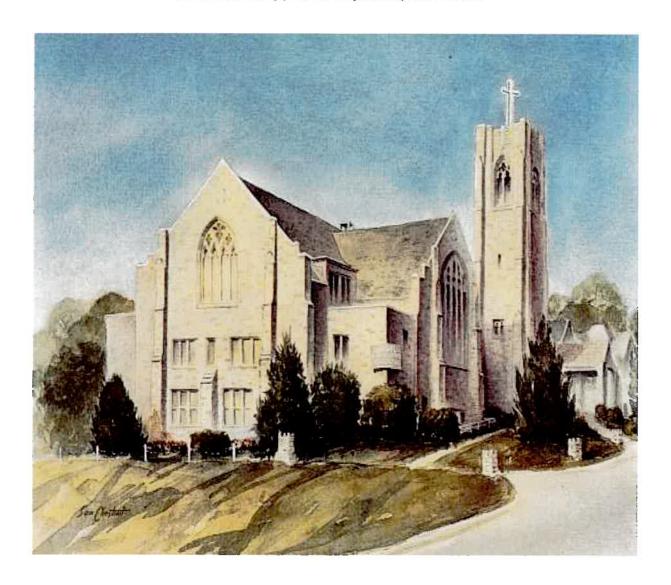
We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.
You hold the heavens in your hand,
all stars rejoice in your glory.
You come in the sunrise and the song of morn
and bless the splendor of the noonday.
The stars in their courses magnify you,
day and night tell of your glory.
Your peace blows over the earth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



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### Carmel Presbyterian Church Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 27, 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 Gaelic Air Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

#### \*Call to Worship

- L: The Lord be with you
- P: And also with you

Hymn 236 (stanza 1)

Now Israel May Say

Old 124th

- L: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side -- let Israel now say --
- P: If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

### Hymn 236 (stanza 2)

- L: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.
- P: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- L: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- P: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

### Hymn 236 (stanza 3)

### \*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

Hand-holding, arm-wrapping God, the tenderness of your touch and the warmth of your embrace are enough to bring help and healing in whatever form our bodies and souls need. We are however too often convinced that you, as you present yourself, is not enough. We seek other assurances, we believe according to our wants, and we laud ourselves when we feel justified by our reasoning. Forgive us our foolishness. Forgive us our pride. Forgive us when we place our trust in things of this world which will surely pass away. Let me again turn my eyes, ears, and heart unto you, that your goodness alone may bring the purest joy. (pray silently)

### \*Declaration of Forgiveness

It is so easy to think like the world, that money will give us happiness, that power will earn us grace. But Paul reminds us that if we think like Christ, and live for others, we will find true freedom.

Not only our minds, but may God transform our hearts and spirits into the likeness of Christ, so we may be faithful disciples. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

\*Gloria Patri 567

Glory to the Father

John Weaver

\*Passing of the Peace

\*Response

"We Are Forgiven"

Hal H. Hopson

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Scripture Lessons

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Page 47

Romans 12:1-8

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Sermon

"The Perfect Will of God"

Rev. John

Diller

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

\*Hymn 555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

\*Affirmation of Faith

(Brief Statement of Faith: 1, 2, 5, 6)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Page 16, front of hymnal

Call to Offering

Offertory

The Blue Green Hills of Earth

Kim Oler/David Haas

Joelle Stein, soloist

For the world we raise our voices, for the home that gives us birth; in our joy we sing, returning home to our blue green hills of earth.

For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for every sea; for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty; for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.

For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons harmony, for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

For the world we raise our voices for the home that gives us birth; in our joy we sing returning home to our blue green hills of earth.

\*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 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness Faithfulness

\*Charge and Benediction

Chimes

PostludeChoral Improvisation onSigfrid Karg-ElertNow Thank We All Our God(1877-1933)

## 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. Please 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.

**OUR SOLOIST TODAY** is Carmel member Joelle Stein. Joelle will be a sophomore at Upper Dublin High School this Fall. She grew up singing in the Carmel choirs. Joelle sings in the Upper Dublin Honors Chorus and the Upper Dublin Chorale, the Pennsylvania Girls Choir and she toured this summer with the American Music Abroad Choir Bronze Tour. She traveled to France, Germany, Belgium, Austria, and Switzerland. Thank you for sharing your gifts of music today.

**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 <a href="mailto:office@presbycarmel.org">office@presbycarmel.org</a>

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, that you 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.

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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
Joelle Stein, Soloist
Janet Simon, Worship Assistant
Lynne Schutt, Greeter/Usher
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators
, 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 <a href="www.presbycarmel.org">www.presbycarmel.org</a>. 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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJIjIDvsRw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJIjIDvsRw</a>

**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

PLEASE HOLD the date for a new season of church choirs.

A new season of singing and ringing starts in September. Please hold the following dates and times for our first rehearsal.

*Children's Choir*, for anyone in Grades K-2, will begin on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 5:00-5:40 PM.

*Junior Choir*, for anyone in Grades 3-8, will begin on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 from 5:45-6:30 PM.

**Youth Choir**, for anyone in Grades 9-12, will begin on Sunday, September 17, from 11:15-11:45 AM.

**Sanctuary Choir**, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, will begin on Thursday, September 7, from 7:30-9:00 PM.

*Handbell Choir*, for anyone in Grades 6-adult, will begin on Monday, September 18, from 7:30-8:30 PM.

### Now Israel May Say

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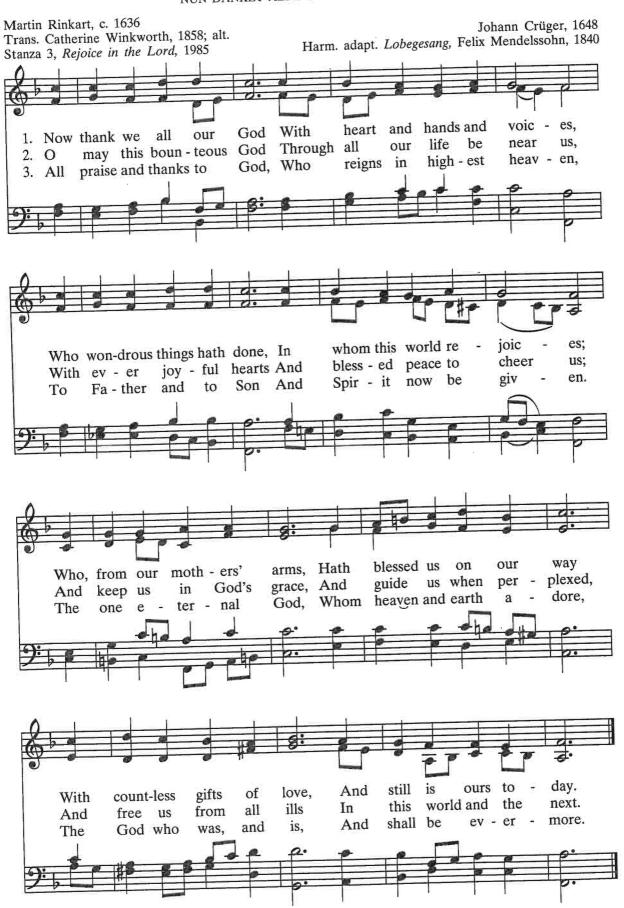
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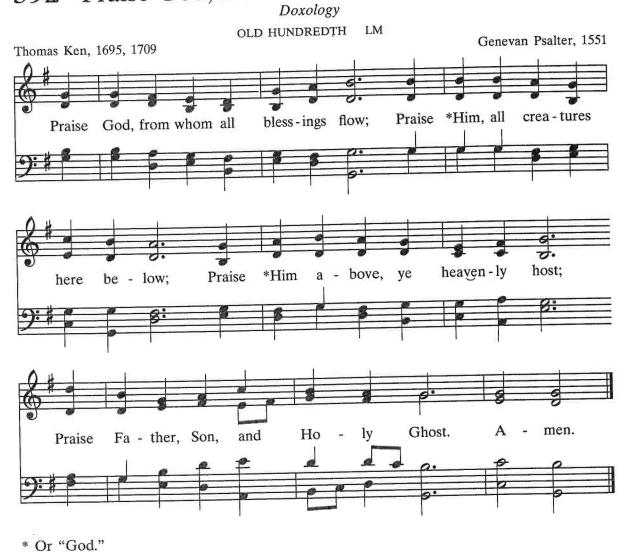
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## Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6



# 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



## All Things Bright and Beautiful

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ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain



<sup>\*</sup>Repeat Refrain.

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### **COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK**

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

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

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM Session meets in Lounge: 11:30 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

ICGC Prayer Vigil, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM - 4:30 AM

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

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

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM