

*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 Page 151

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

Postlude

*Choral Improvisation on
Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(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 office@presbycarmel.org

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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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)*

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/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>

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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OLD 124TH 10.10.10.10

*The Psalter, 1912**Genevan Psalter, 1551*

1. Now Is - ra - el may say, and that in truth: If that the
 2. Yea, when their wrath a - gainst us fierce-ly rose, The swell - ing
 3. Blest be the Lord, who made us not their prey; As from the

Lord had not our right main - tained, If that the Lord had
 tide had o'er us spread its wave, The rag - ing stream had
 snare a bird es - cap - eth free, Their net is rent and

not with us re - mained When cru - el foes a - gainst us rose to
 then be - come our grave, The surg - ing flood, in proud - ly swell - ing
 so es - caped are we; Our on - ly help is in God's ho - ly

strive, We sure - ly had been swal - lowed up a - live.
 roll, Most sure - ly then had o - ver - whelmed our soul.
 name, Who made the earth and all the heaven - ly frame.

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

567

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, 3/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The right hand starts with a half note G3, followed by a half note A3, and then a series of chords. The left hand starts with a half note G2, followed by a half note A2, and then a series of chords. A 'Ped.' (pedal) marking is present under the first two measures.

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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 a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

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 concludes with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment concludes with chords and melodic lines in both hands.

*May be sung as a canon.

$\text{♩} = 58-63$

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Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.
Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,

Who won-drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heaven and earth a - dore,

With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.

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 blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures

here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Or "God."

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain

English melody, 17th century

Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Harm. for *The Hymnbook*, 1953

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,

Fine

All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
 2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run-ning by,
 3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
 4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
 How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

*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