

Carmel Presbyterian Church

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
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 24, 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

Prelude

Halton Holgate (hymn tune name)
In Your Mercy, Lord, You Called Me

David Thorne
(b. 1950)

***Congregational Introit**

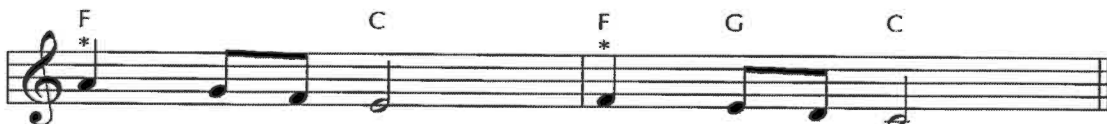
Come into God's Presence

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1 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Al - le - lu - ia,
2 Come in - to God's pres-ence sing - ing "Je - sus is Lord,
3 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Wor - thy the Lamb,
4 Praise the Lord to - geth - er sing - ing "Glo - ry to God,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."
Je - sus is Lord, Je - sus is Lord."
wor - thy the Lamb, wor - thy the Lamb."
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God."

**May be sung as a canon.*

***Unison Prayer**

God of miracles and of mercy, all creation sings your praise.
Like the vineyard owner, your grace is extravagant and unexpected.
Lead us to repentance
and the acceptance of your grace,
that we may witness to your love,
which embraces both those we call friend
and those we call stranger. Amen.

***Hymn 362**

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

African-American spiritual

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

The saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: we grumble too much. How easy it is for the tempter to sway our hearts, causing us to believe sin still has the ultimate power. Why do we believe falsehood so easily? God, forgive our collective weakness. Shower us again with your steadfast love, filling us with grace so wonderfully and completely. Freed then from sin's lies, let us declare our love for you and our neighbor; for so great is your forgiveness. (Pray Silently)

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

Unlike us, God chooses not anger, but mercy;
not punishment, but peace;
not just what we earn, but more grace than we can begin to imagine.

Now we know what the kingdom of heaven is like –

**steadfast love,
joy and laughter,
the life for which we have yearned.**

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! 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 Lessons

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

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Philippians 1:21-30

Sermon

"The Lost Art of Letter Writing"
A sermon about making connections

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 438**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

***Affirmation of Faith**

Brief Statement of Faith, 1, 4-6

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Page 16, front of hymnal

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing
Sanctuary Choir*

Gordon Young
(1919-1998)

Now let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, Praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, Praise Him forever.

So let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia, Sing Alleluia!

Sing Alleluia!

Text: Gordon Young

***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 400**

When We Are Living

Somos del Senor

***Charge and Benediction**

Chimes

Postlude

March in D

David N. Johnson

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.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering **Children's Worship (Grades K-3)** during the Sunday 10:00 AM worship service. **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 Worship Room** in the nursery. An usher can be of assistance.

CALLING ALL YOUTH GRADES 3-8. The Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM) meets each Wednesday night in Carmel Hall from 6:30 - 7:30. It is a jam packed hour of food, fellowship and fun! We look forward to seeing you there!

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are in loving memory of our mother and grandmother, Edith R. Ankrum by Janet, Jeanne and Linda Simon

CARMEL'S LIBRARY will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:45-12:30 during the Nursery School year. The library is also open before and after worship on Sunday mornings.

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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

Dave Rice, Worship Assistant

Sanctuary Choir

Ken Schuyler & Dave Rice, Usher

Janet Simon, Greeter

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

Dave & Christine Rice and Bob & Lisa Scholly, 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.



8:45-9:30 AM Sundays, in the Lounge (main floor)

Presbyterian Church 101

4 weeks, Sept 24-Oct. 15

This class functions both as a “New Member Orientation” and a “Refresher” course. Participants will be encouraged to purchase/download the Book of Order

Week 1: History of Presbyterian Church: Reformation through Today

Week 2: Foundations of Presbyterian Polity: Why We Are Who We Are

Week 3: Worship, Mission, Discipleship: Why We Do What We Do

Week 4: Blessings and Opportunities: How do we approach our challenges?

Personal and Ecclesiastical Stewardship: Scarcity and Abundance

3 Weeks, Oct. 29-Nov. 12

This class will tackle our difficulty discussing Church Finances. We will explore vignettes from the Bible showing the difference between attitudes of scarcity and abundance.

Advent: Nothing to Be Afraid Of

3 Weeks: Dec. 3-Dec. 17

End Times, Second Coming, Apocalypse...oh, you are one of those who thinks Advent is only about a baby in a manger? This class is designed to arouse, encourage, and challenge our preconceptions about how Christ is and will be active in our world.

Let us know you plan to attend by calling the office or sending an email.

362 I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry

CM

Isaac Watts, 1719

African-American spiritual
Arr. Richard Smallwood, 1975

1. I love the Lord, who heard my cry
2. I love the Lord, who heard my cry

And pit - ied ev - ery groan.
And chased my grief a - way.

Long as I live and trou - bles rise,
O let my heart no more de - spair

I'll has - ten to God's throne.
While I have breath to pray.

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

567

John Weaver, 1978

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/2. The piano part features a variety of textures, including chords, arpeggios, and melodic lines. The vocal line is simple and lyrical. The lyrics are: "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." There are asterisks above the first and second vocal lines, indicating where the piece can be sung as a canon. The piano part includes a forte (f) dynamic marking and a pedal (Ped.) instruction. The score ends with a double bar line.

*May be sung as a canon.

♩=58-63

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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DENNIS SM

John Fawcett, 1782

Johann Georg Nägeli (1773-1836)
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1845

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris-tian love:
 2. Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's."

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."

Pues Si Vivimos When We Are Living

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SOMOS DEL SEÑOR 10.10.10.10

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Stanzas 2-4, Roberto Escamilla, 1983;
trans. George Lockwood, 1987

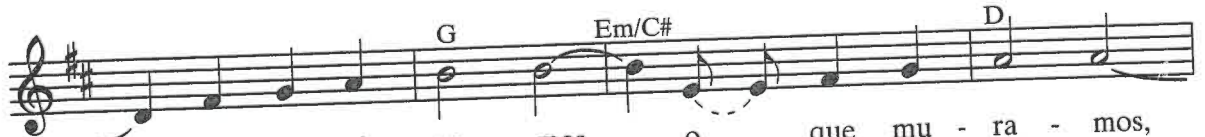
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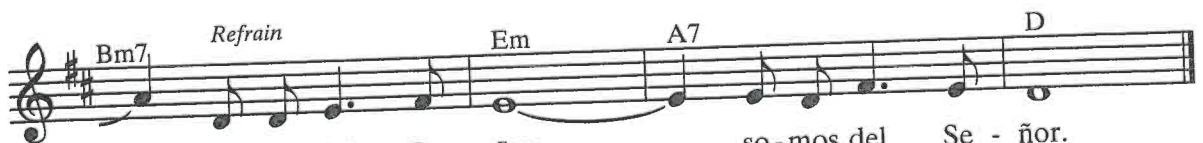
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| 2. | En | es - ta | vi - da, | fru - tos | he - mos | de dar |
| 3. | En | la | tris - te - za | y en el | do - lor, | |
| 4. | En | es - te | mun - do, | he - mos | de en - con - trar | |
| 1. | When | we are | liv - ing, | it is in | Christ | Je - sus, |
| 2. | Through | all our | liv - ing, | we | our | fruits must give. |
| 3. | Mid | times of | sor - row | and in | times of | pain, |
| 4. | A - | cross this | wide world, | we shall | al - ways | find |



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| Y | si | mo - ri - mos | pa - ra | Él | mo - ri - mos. |
| Las | o - bras | bue - nas | son | pa - ra | o - fren - dar. |
| En | la | be - lle - za | y en el | a - mor, | |
| Gen - te | que | llo - ra | y sin | con - so - lar. | |
| And | when | we're | dy - ing, | it is in | the Lord. |
| Good | works | of | ser - vice | are | for of - fer - ing. |
| When | sens - ing | beau - ty | or in | love's | em - brace, |
| Those | who | are | cry - ing | with | no peace of mind, |



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| Sea | que | a - yu - de - mos | o | que | a - li - men - te - mos | | | | |
| Both | in | our | liv - ing | and | in | our | dy - ing, | | |
| When | we | are | giv - ing, | or | when | re - ceiv - ing, | | | |
| Wheth - er | we | suf - fer, | or | sing | re - joic - ing, | | | | |
| But | when | we | help | them, | or | when | we | feed | them, |



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| So - mos | del | Se - ñor, | so - mos | del | Se - ñor. | | |
| We | be - long | to | God. | we | be - long | to | God. |

COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Adult Education, Lounge: 8:45-9:30 AM
Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Session meets in Lounge: 11:30 AM
Youth Choir, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 11:15-11:45 AM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Handbell Choir, Choir Room: 7:30-8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Children's Choir, (grades K-2), Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:00-5:40 PM
Junior Choir, (grades 3-8), Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:45-6:30 PM
CYM, Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ICGC, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – World Communion Sunday

Adult Education, Lounge: 8:45-9:30 AM
Worship in the Sanctuary (and Live-Streaming): 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 11:15-11:45 AM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM