



Blessed are the
peacemakers,
for they will
be called the
children of God.

MATTHEW 5:9



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION
SEPTEMBER 3-OCTOBER 1, 2023



Carmel Presbyterian Church
October 1, 2023

*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

Aurelia

David Blackwell
(b. 1961)

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia

We gather from the west to the east,
from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God's name! Amen!

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Lydia Neshangwe, Zimbabwe

Our God who is
Our Creator God, Our Heavenly Father
Bless us with discomfort
**at easy answers, half-truths
and superficial relationships.**
Bless us with anger
**at injustice, oppression
and exploitation of people.**
Bless us with tears to shed
**for those who suffer from pain,
for those who endure rejection, starvation and war.**
Bless us with enough foolishness
**to believe that through Jesus Christ
we can make a difference in this world.**
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***Hymn 442**

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia

***Call to Confession**

Shant Agoushian

Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy,
we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.
In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

***Prayer of Confession**

Jameel Maher Khadir

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** Shant Agoushian

“God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,”
through whom our sins were forgiven. May he help us to continue
to “preach peace to those who are near and far.” **Amen.** (Phil. 3:9; Eph. 2:17)

***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 *Exodus 17:1-7* Page 61
Matthew 21:23-32 Page 21

Sermon *“From Where Does Peace Come?”* Rev. John Diller
A message about God’s heart (spoiler alert)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

***Hymn 515** *Now to Your Table Spread* Love Unknown

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Offertory *Prayer for Peace* David M. Cherwien
Sanctuary Choir (b. 1957)

O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of nations now restrain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, thy works of old,
The wonders that thy people told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?
Where rest but on thy faithful word?
None ever called on thee in vain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again!

Text: Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)

Presentation of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

The Lord's Prayer

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The Serving

Dove of Peace

Michael Bedford

(I Come with Joy, hymn 507)

(b. 1949)

Prayer

All praise to the Lord Jesus who is our author of peace! That which comes from the hands and heart of Jesus gives us courage and love to become vessels of peace. Thank you for your word and the wonders of your gifts. Let us become closer and stronger in the beauty of your love as we witness to your grace. In Jesus's name, now and always. Amen

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.

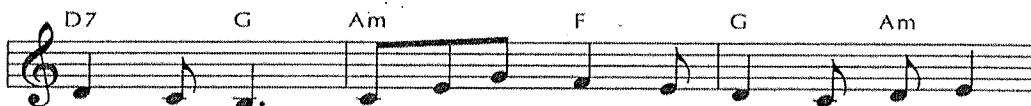
*Hymn

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

Green Tyler



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now, up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

TEXT and MUSIC: Richard Bruvoort Colligan, 2004
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GREEN TYLER
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***Charge and Benediction**

Chimes

Postlude

Coro from "Water Music"

G. F. Handel/
Noel Rawsthorne

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 PM. 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 Gene and Alice Morris and Ed and Bert Hetherington by Pat Morris

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

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Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

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Dave Rice, Worship Assistant

Sanctuary Choir

Lynne Schutt, Usher & Greeter

Ken Schuyler and Lynne Schutt, Communion Elders

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

Lynne Schutt, 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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJIjIDvsRw>

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>

LORD'S SUPPER

510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)
 B \flat F Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
 2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
 3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) (Asus)
 F Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
 the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
 we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) (D) (A) (D)
 C7 F C F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
 the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
 now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) (D) (Em) (A) (D)
 B \flat F Gm C F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
 C7 F B \flat C7 F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; 7 ev - ery - one be - longs.
 (2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 B \flat C7 F Dm Gm7 Csus C

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
 Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

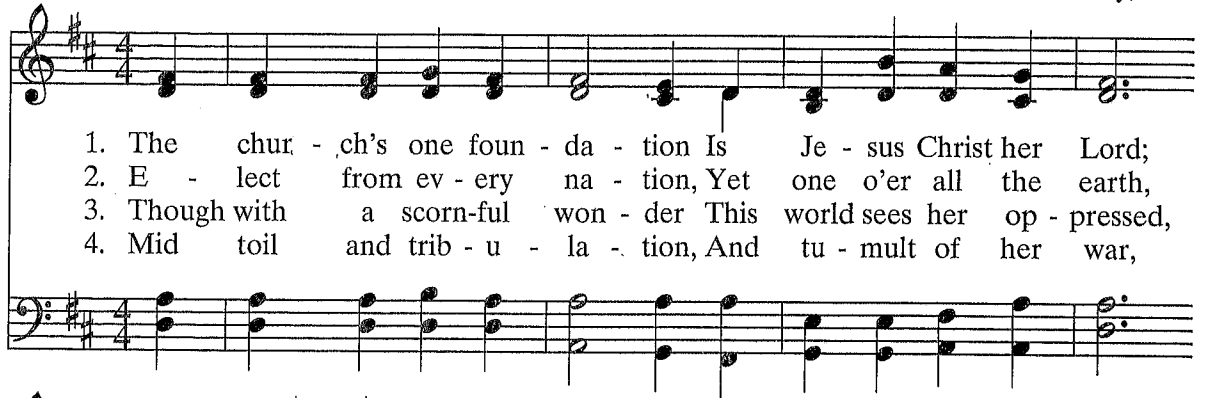
The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

442 The Church's One Foundation

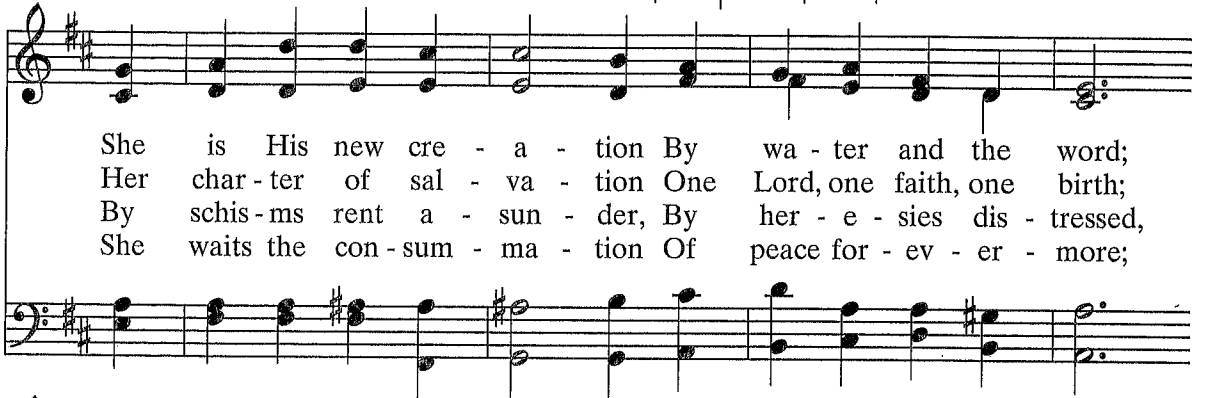
Samuel John Stone, 1866; alt.

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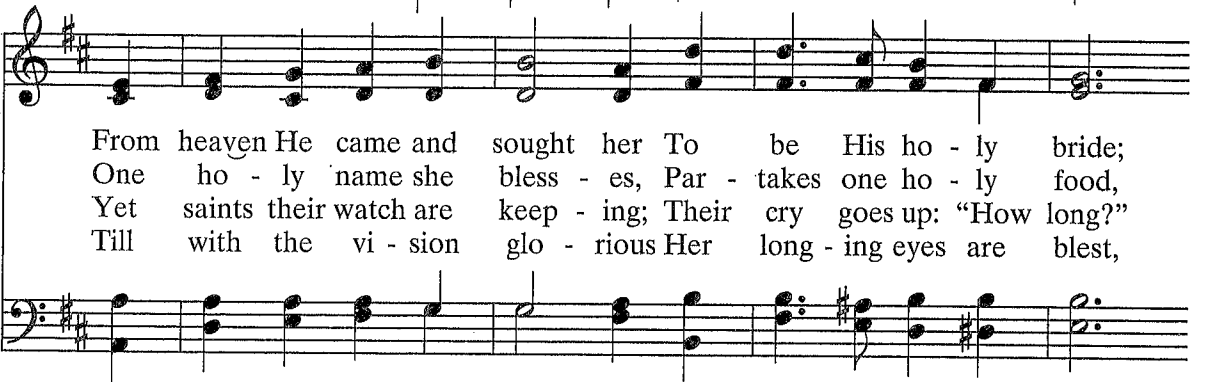
Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864



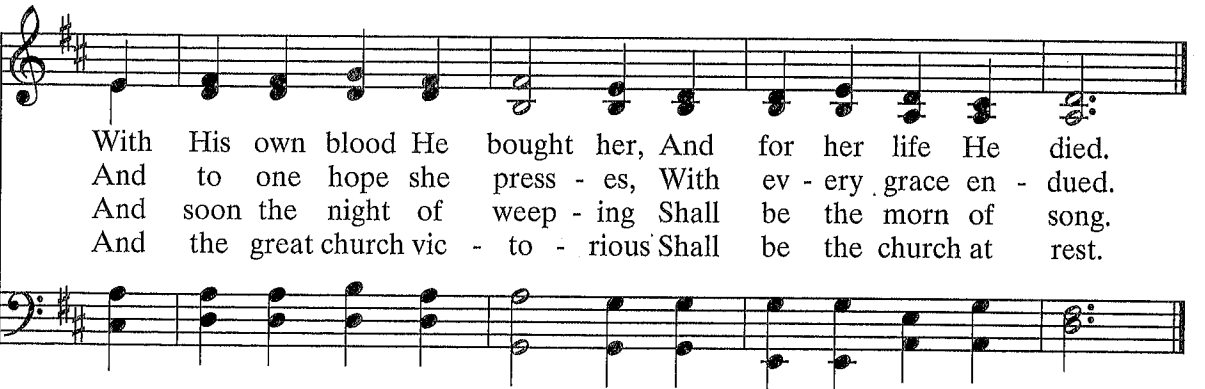
1. The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
 2. Elect from every nation, Yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scornful wonder This world sees her oppressed,
 4. Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,



She is His new creation By water and the word;
 Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
 By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
 She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore;



From heaven He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
 One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up: "How long?"
 Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she presses, With every grace endowed.
 And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 May live eternally.

Glory to the Father

567

Gloria Patri

John Weaver, 1978

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Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the

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Ped.

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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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Now to Your Table Spread

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1987

LOVE UNKNOWN 6.6.12.4.4.8

John Ireland, 1918

1. Now to Your ta - ble spread We come, each one in faith That
 2. Hands of the world stretch out Your mys - ter - y to touch In
 3. Here is our com - mon wealth In shar - ing what is good, As

You a - lone pro - vide the words of life and death: In
 long - ing to be - lieve a truth be - yond our reach, To
 though all hu - man - kind a - round one ta - ble stood, This

wine and bread, In prom-ised food We find Your lov - ing heart, O God.
 sing in joy, To cry in grief, To know Your mean-ing for our life.
 bread to break, This wine to taste: One peo - ple in the name of Christ.

Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE, 534

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COMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 – World Communion Sunday

Adult Education, Lounge: 8:45-9:30 AM
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship and Communion 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
Nominating Committee, Lounge: 11:00-12:30 AM
ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Literacy Program, Children's room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:15 PM
Handbell Choir, Choir Room: 7:30-8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, October 4,

Staff Meeting, Lounge: 10:30 AM
Literacy Program, Children's room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:15 PM
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, OCTOBER 5

Literacy Program, Children's room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:15 PM
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30-9:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Adult Education, Lounge: 8:45-9:30 AM
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary: 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
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