



John Knox (1510-1572)

October 29, 2023      Reformation Sunday  
Carmel Presbyterian Church

*"Difficult Times...*

*Faithful People...*

*Fervent Prayer"*

**Carmel Presbyterian Church**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**October 29, 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.*

**Prelude**

*Celtic Grace*  
(With quotes from Amazing Grace)  
Handbell Choir

Susan E. Geschke

**Welcome and Announcements** - Today's Order for Worship is commonly known as the "Knox Liturgy."

**\*Opening Sentences**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**P: Amen.**

L: With true and believing hearts,  
let us give worship and praise to God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P: It is right to give our worship and praise.**

**\*Hymn 460**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Grosser Gott

**\*Confession of Sin**

L: Brothers and sisters, let us present ourselves before the  
Lord, confessing our faults and sins.

**P: For the Lord is merciful and gracious; He will hear and  
forgive us our sins.**

**Eternal and everlasting God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
showing mercy and keeping covenant with those who love you and reverently keep your  
commandments:**

**we bow before the throne of your majesty,  
confessing in our hearts that you have justly judged us.  
Convert us, therefore, O Lord, and we will be converted.  
Take us into your protection and defense,  
that all the world may know  
the merciful work of salvation  
that you have begun among us,  
and that, by your mercy, you will continue.**

Grant us this, O merciful Father,  
for the sake of Christ Jesus your Son.  
Amen.

*\*Declaration of Forgiveness*

*\*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**

*1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

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*Matthew 22:34-46*

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**Message for the Children**

*"Finish the Thought"*

Rev. John Diller

**Sermon**

*"Difficult Times, Faithful People, Fervent Prayer"*

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 370**

*Just as I am, Without One Plea*

Woodworth

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

(see insert)

**Prayer of Intercession (spoken in unison)**

*Almighty God and most merciful Father,*

*we humbly submit ourselves to you*

*falling down before your majesty*

*and praying, from the bottom of our hearts:*

*Let the seed of your Word, now sown among us,*

*be rooted deeply within us.*

*Do not let the burning heat of persecution cause it to wither,*

*nor allow the thorny cares of this life to choke it;*

*but, as seed sown in good ground,*

*let your Word bring forth thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold,*

*as your heavenly wisdom has appointed.*

*And because we continually crave the blessings of your hands,*

*we humbly ask you, O heavenly Father,*

*to grant us your Holy Spirit, directing our petitions,*

*so that they may proceed from a fervent mind*

*in accordance with your most blessed will.*

**The Lord's Prayer**

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**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**  
(text on insert)

*God Is Our Refuge*  
(Based on Psalm 46)  
Sanctuary Choir

Edwin T. Childs  
(b. 1945)

**\*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**  
(see insert)

*Standing on the Promises*

Promises

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Chimes**

**Postlude**

*Fughette on A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

**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!

**ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 5TH** - All are welcome to bring a picture or momentum of a loved one to place on a table at the front of the sanctuary before the 10am service on November 5, 2023. Carmel wishes to celebrate and remember all those saints whom we love and cherish.

**THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY** in loving memory of our father, Alfred Robinson on his birthday by Harriet and Beth

**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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***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*

*David Campbell, Heather Coelho, and Abigail Palmisano, Co-Directors of the Handbell Choir*

*Handbell Choir and Sanctuary Choir*

*Denise Abraham, Worship Assistant*

*, Usher & Greeter*

*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](http://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! To sign up please email Deb Gates at [gatesdl@comcast.net](mailto:gatesdl@comcast.net) and indicate what you’d like to help with and on which date. Thank you for your service.

***Offertory***

God Is Our Refuge  
(Based on Psalm 46)  
Sanctuary Choir

Edwin T. Childs  
(b. 1945)

God is our refuge, strong and sure; a help in time of need.  
By him alone we shall endure. His word is life indeed.

Though nations rage and kingdoms fall and earth's foundations shake,  
we trust in God to hear our call. For us his love is great.

Be still and know that God is peace. His promise makes us strong;  
his power can make all wars to cease. His presence is our song.

O God of truth and providence, protect us by your grace.  
Be now our shield and firm defense, our Rock and hiding place. Amen.  
(Words by Edwin T. Childs)

***\*Affirmation of Faith***

***We confess and acknowledge one God alone,  
to whom alone we must cleave,  
whom alone we must serve,  
whom only we must worship,  
and in whom alone we put our trust:  
who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,  
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;  
one in substance, and yet distinct in three persons:  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;  
by whom we confess and believe  
all things in heaven and in earth, visible and invisible,  
to have been created, to be retained in their being,  
and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence,  
for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness,  
and justice have appointed,  
to the manifestation of his own glory.***

# 838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dal - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - lor as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
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Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).



# Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH 7.8.7.8.7.7

Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774

Trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858; alt.

*Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, c. 1774  
Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we  
2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
3. All a - pos - tles join the strain As Your sa - cred  
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore You; All on earth Your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name they hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
Three we name You, While in es - sence on - ly One;

All in heaven a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite Your  
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heavens with  
And the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to  
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, And a - dor - ing

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.  
set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

# Glory to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

567

John Weaver, 1978

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 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.

\*May be sung as a canon.

♩=58-63

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## Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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WOODWORTH LM

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849  
Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

Charlotte Elliott, 1834



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 3. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,  
 4. Just as I am, Thy love un - known Has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -  
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise  
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee,  
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!  
 I be - lieve,  
 Thine a - lone,

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SERVICE MUSIC

# 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Doxology*

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

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."

## COMING EVENT

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 – *Reformation Sunday***

Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 8:30 AM  
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 – Handbell Choir Prelude  
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM  
Session meets in lounge: 11:30 AM  
ICGC, Sanctuary: 4:00 PM  
Chuck Monts dinner and presentation, Carmel Hall: 6:00 PM

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 30**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

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, NOVEMBER 2**

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, NOVEMBER 4**

ICGC, Prayer Vigil, Sanctuary: 7:30 PM – 4:00 AM

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – *All Saints Sunday***

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