# Carmel Presbyterian Church observes the season of



Adult Sunday School from 8:40-9:20AM in the Lounge

Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM Sermon Series "When Jesus Said..." Today's Sermon focus:

Times of Trouble

## Special Worship Services:

March 28, 6:30 AM Maundy Thursday
Supper and Worship in Carmel Hall

March 29, 7:30 PM Good Friday Worship, Sanctuary

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## Carmel Presbyterian Church March 17, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM

\*Please stand, as able.
Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### **Pastoral Welcome and Announcements**

Prelude

Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless

David Cherwien

(hymn tune: O Lamm Gottes)

(b. 1957)

- \* Unison Call to Worship: Psalm 119: 9-16
  - L: We will pray together these lines from Psalm 119:
  - P: Lord, hear my prayer.

How can young people keep their way pure? By guarding it according to your word. With my whole heart I seek you; do not let me stray from your commandments. I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you. Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of your mouth. I delight in the way of your decrees as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

\* Hymn 370

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Woodworth

- \* Call to Confession
  - L: How far from us has God removed the guilt of our unrighteousness?
  - P: As far as the east is from the west, this is how far our transgressions are removed from us. Therefore we can confess in truth, confident in the mercy and compassion of the Lord.
  - L: Let us pray.
- \* Prayer of Confession

God, who with tender love looks upon us in our own self-inflicted shame, we look to you for the grace that will cleanse us, renew us, and ask us to give our whole selves. We doubt we can sustain such self-giving as Jesus did. How can we be faithful to the wonderful purpose of your love? Such faithfulness,

we think, is beyond us...so we excuse ourselves from trying. Lift our eyes again to Christ on the cross. Show us the way of redeeming love. Lead us into a life of faithful obedience and complete devotion. Tend to us in this silence.

#### **Extended Silence**

## What does one do in silence? Here are some ideas:

- Listen
- Wait
- Remember
- Reflect
- Wonder

## \* Declaration of Forgiveness

- L: Hear the covenant promise God made through Jeremiah and fulfilled in Jesus our Lord:
- P: "They shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest . . . for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."
- L: God has assured us that in Christ our sin is both forgiven and forgotten!

ALL: Glory be to Jesus!

\* Gloria Patri Hymn 579

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

\* Passing of the Peace

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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John 12:20-33

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Sermon

When I Find Myself in Times of Trouble

Rev. Diller

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 82

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

O Lamm Gottes

\* Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

Page 14, front of hymnal

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Page 16, front of hymnal

Call to Offering

Offertory

## Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God Text: Psalm 51: 10-12 Sanctuary Choir

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

\* Doxology Hymn 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Old Hundredth

\* Prayer of Dedication

## WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

\* Hymn (on insert) Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers Suo Gan

\* Charge and Benediction

Chimes

Postlude Londonderry Air Andrew Fletcher

(b. 1950)

#### **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.

**NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Please enjoy Palm Sunday worship as a family!

**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 Patricia Newman by Jan, Peter, Stephanie, PJ, Bailey, Annalise, Bennett and Layna Heckman

**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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**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 donations—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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljlDvsRw">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljlDvsRw</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! To sign up please email Deb Gates at <a href="mailto:gatesdl@comcast.net">gatesdl@comcast.net</a> and indicate what you'd like to help with and on which date. Thank you for your service.

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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
Sanctuary Choir.
David Rice, Worship Assistant
David Rice, Greeter/Usher
Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators

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## Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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## Glory Be to the Father



## O Lamb of God Most Holy!

O LAMM GOTTES 7.7.7.7.7.7



## 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



\* Or "God."

## Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



- 1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
- 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo-ple whom he died to love and save;
- 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev er lives to chal-lenge and to change





as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de-nied. Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave. all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re-li-gion strange.





Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer; Christ has ris - en for dis-ci - ples hud-dled in an up-stairs room. Christ is ris-en, Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been:





let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here! He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb. ev - i - dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

#### **COMING EVENTS**

(This is not everything happening at Carmel . Contact the church office for more information).

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

Lenten Bible Study, Lounge: 8:40 AM-9:25 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: 11:15-11:45 AM

Session Meeting, Lounge: 11:30 AM

## **MONDAY, MARCH 18**

Literacy Program, Children's Room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:30 PM

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

## **TUESDSAY, MARCH 19**

Carmel Presby Women's Circle/Bible Study, off site: 7:30 PM

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

Organ tuning, all morning: Sanctuary

Lenten Bible Study, Pastor John's office: 10:30 AM

Literacy Program, Children's Room off the Chapel: 4:00-6:30 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 Carmel Youth Ministry (grades 3-8), Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM

Flute Choir, Lounge: 7:30-9:45 PM

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

Literacy Program, Children's Room off Chapel: 4:00-6:30 PM Festival Choir & Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24 - Palm Sunday

Handbell Choir Rehearsal: 8:30 AM

Lenten Bible Study, Lounge: 8:40 AM-9:25 AM

Sanctuary, Junior & Children's Choirs Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

Youth Choir, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM