

*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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May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

* Please stand, as able.

Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Partita on Hyfrydol, Adagio

Wilbur Held
Charles Callahan

* **Call to Worship**

L: We come to join with all the earth in praise:

A: to sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, who has shown us steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: We praise the Lord with joyful noises joining the symphony of the earth:

A: the roar of the ocean, the call of the birds, the wind across the hills, people in every corner of the globe.

L: On this sabbath day of rest and gladness,

A: we greet you with joy, our living God!

L: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

* **Call to Confession**

There is nothing that can separate us from God's love. Therefore, let's confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and help us transform our lives.

* **Prayer of Confession**

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. (pray silently).

* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Hear the Good News! The only one who could judge us calls us friends. Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now. By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new. Thanks be to God.

* **Gloria Hymn 238** (stanza 1 & refrain)

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

* **Passing of the Peace**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 98: 1-9

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1 John 5:1-6

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Children's Message

Sermon

The Bible Tells Me So

Rev. Michelle Denney Grunseich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* *Hymn of Preparation 510* *We Gather Here in Jesus' Name* Come, Share the Lord

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Call to Offering

Offertory

Upon Your Heart

Eleanor Daley

Sanctuary Choir

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love,
Love one another as I have loved you,
Then shall your joy be complete.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.

Text: Song of Solomon 8:6,7 and John 15:9-12

Presentation of the Elements

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

* **Hymn 541** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* Randolph

* **Charge and Benediction**

Friends, Christ has called us to love but has not left us to fulfill that command on our own. Christ drenches us in love every moment of our lives. So go out to live in that love, to share it, and to rejoice in it. And may the God who made you uphold you, the Christ you saved you enfold you, and the Spirit who dwells within you embolden you, this day and forevermore. Amen.

Chimes

Postlude

Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him

John A. Behnke

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, 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!

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.

THE NEXT SOUP GROUP EVENT will be held on Friday, May 10th at 6:30 PM in Carmel Hall. Two delicious soups will be served along with a salad and bread. This event is guaranteed to be fun as the youth group will be joining in as part of their Lock-in. We will put together lovely small spring pouches for the congregation on Mother's Day. Please consider coming out for a night of good food and fellowship with the youth at Carmel.
RSVP to Kathy at the Carmel Office: office@presbycarmel.org

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are in loving memory of Harriet Robinson, our mother, by Beth & Harriett.

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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 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
<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 and indicate what you’d like to help with and on which date. Thank you for your service.

Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. Michelle Denney Grunseich, Guest Preacher

Rev. James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Sanctuary Choir

Nancy O’Brien, Worship Assistant

Lynne Schutt, Greeter

Nancy O’Brien and Lynne Schutt, Communion Elders

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

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer- ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quer- ing
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes, and ends with a whole note chord. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. It begins with a whole note chord, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes, and ends with a whole note chord. The lyrics are positioned between the two staves.

510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)
 B^b 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^b 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^b 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^b 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).

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.

COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Sanctuary Choir 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 Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 11:15-11:45 AM

MONDAY, MAY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Literacy Program, children's room off of the Chapel: 4:00-6:30 PM

Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:00-5:40 PM

Junior Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 5:45-6:30 PM

Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM), Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room & Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Soup Group, Carmel Hall: 6:30 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Choir Recognition Sunday

Junior Choir & Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM

Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:35 AM

Worship in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 10:00 AM

Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 11:15-11:45 AM