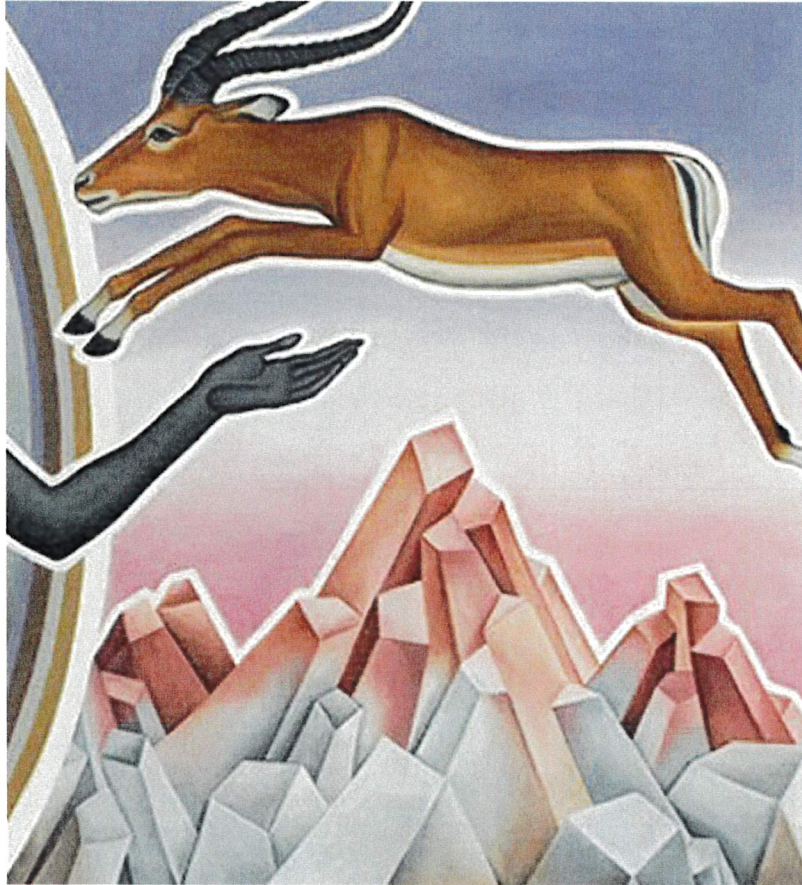


*You hold the heavens in your hand,  
We praise you, we worship you, we adore you.  
all stars rejoice in your glory.  
You come in the sunrise and the song of morn  
and bless the splendor of the noonday.  
The stars in their courses magnify you,  
day and night tell of your glory.  
Your peace blows over the earth  
and the breath of your mouth fills all space. Amen.*



***Carmel Presbyterian Church***

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**Carmel Presbyterian Church**  
**September 1, 2024**  
**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10:00 AM**

\* Please stand, as able.

Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Pastoral Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Aria*

Noel Rawsthorne  
(1929-2019)

\* **Call to Worship (from Psalm 122)**

*L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."*

**P: In the Lord's house we will find the throne of righteous judgement; partiality and inequity are not present there.**

*L: Here is where the prayers for peace will be heard.*

**P: Pray for peace, all you people. Pray for peace within our walls and for the sake of relatives and friends.**

**ALL: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.**

\* **Hymn 14**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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\* **Call to Confession**

\* **Prayer of Confession**

O God, too often we approach your Word with our own understanding already in our hearts. We have made the decision to make your words fit our thoughts, our priorities, or our personal aims. Our blinders are by our own design, and daily we choose to fix them securely. Forgive us our willful pride and hubris. Loosen us from the tightly woven bands that keep us from turning fully to your wisdom. Let us learn to trust the mercies and rewards imbedded in your Word; realized only when we deny ourselves. In the strong name of Jesus, we offer our prayers with assurance of your grace. (silent confession).

\* **Declaration of Forgiveness**

*L: I called out from the deepest pit; there was no one to hear my cry.*

**P: The Lord alone heard me. The Lord drew me up and set my feet securely upon a rock. So it is with the forgiveness of God.**

*L: God reveals, God hears, God forgives, and God holds us into tomorrow. Friends, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.*

**P: My heart is at peace. Thanks be to God. Amen**

\* **Gloria Patri 581**

*Glory Be to the Father*

Henry W. Greatorex

\* **Passing of the Peace**

\* **Response**

*We Are Forgiven*

Hal H. Hopson

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

***Prayer for Illumination***

***Scripture Lessons***

*Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

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*James 1:17-27*

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*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

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***Sermon***

*Looking Past Self*

Rev. John M. Diller

*A Visit from a Hospitality Professional*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

\* ***Hymn of Preparation 767***

*Together We Serve*

San Anselmo

***Celebration of the Lord's Supper***

***Call to Offering***

***Offertory***

*O Lord Most Holy*

Cesar Franck

*Panis Angelicus*

(1822-1890)

Peter Heckman, Soloist

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,  
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising alway.  
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;  
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;  
Father, Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our willful hearts, Keep Thine our wandering thoughts;  
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;  
And in temptation's hour, Save through Thy mighty power,  
Thine aid O send us; Hear us in mercy.  
Show us Thy favor, So shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.

***Presentation of the Elements***

***The Great Thanksgiving***

***Sanctus (spoken)*** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the Highest!

***The Lord's Prayer***

Page 35, GtG Hymnal

***The Serving***

*Amazing Grace*

Kevin Uppercue  
(b. 1981)

Prayer: How can we show our gratitude for the perfect gifts of your love and salvation, Holy One? May we find a new humility that takes the fulness we receive from your table in the spirit in which it is given. Make our lives to reflect your grace and generosity- that sees the other's needs first. In you alone do I find my fill. Jesus: your name be praised. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| * <b>Hymn 63</b>                | <i>The Lord Is God</i>     | Azmon                       |
| * <b>Charge and Benediction</b> |                            |                             |
| <b>Chimes</b>                   |                            |                             |
| <b>Postlude</b>                 | <i>The Heavens Declare</i> | Robert Wetzler<br>(b. 1932) |

**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.

**WE WELCOME BACK HOME** Peter Heckman, soloist. PJ grew up at Carmel where he began singing in our Children's Choir at age 4. He continued to sing with the Junior Choir, Youth Choir, Festival Choir, Sanctuary Choir, played in the Handbell Choir, and served as Carmel's Choir Assistant. PJ is a graduate of Westminster Choir College where he earned both an undergraduate and graduate degree in Music Education. He currently teaches choir and general music at Pond Road Middle School in Robbinsville NJ. PJ lives in Ewing, NJ with his wife Rev. Bailey Heckman, and his three children Annalise, Bennett, and Layna.

**CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR OUR 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.

**MUSIC AT CARMEL. PLEASE HOLD THE DATE FOR A NEW YEAR OF CHURCH CHOIRS.**

A new season of singing and ringing will start in September. Please hold the following dates and times for our first rehearsals.

**Children's Choir**, for anyone in Grades K-2, will begin on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 5:00 PM -5:40 PM.

**Junior Choir**, for anyone in Grades 3-9, will begin on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM.

**Youth Choir**, for anyone in Grades 9-12, will begin on Sunday, September 15, from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM.

**Sanctuary Choir**, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, will begin on Thursday, September 5, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

**Handbell Choir**, for anyone in Grades 7-adult, will begin on Monday, September 16, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

For questions about any of the choirs please contact Abby Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music. September is a great time of year to try it out.

**CALLING ALL YOUTHS IN GRADES 3-9.** The Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM) will meet Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 in Carmel Hall. It's a jam-packed hour of food, fellowship, and mission. Bring a friend and join in the fun beginning on Wednesday, September 11. We are looking forward to seeing you.

**CARMEL'S LIBRARY** The library is open before and after worship on Sunday mornings.

**THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY** are in loving memory of Helen and Hugh Logan, by the Pinkowicz and MacFarland families.

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**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 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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIjDvsRw>

**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.

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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, Director of Music and Organist*  
*Deb Gates, Worship Assistant*  
*Peter Heckman, Soloist*  
*Tom Bohlander, Jay Raulinaitis, and Dave Rice, Live-Streaming Operators*

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## **COMING EVENTS**

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

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion (and live streaming): 10:00 AM  
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – LABOR DAY**

Church office closed.

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

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

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Worship in the Sanctuary (and live streaming): 10:00 AM  
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM  
Session meeting, Lounge: 11:30 AM

# For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:



*Refrain*



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

# Glory Be to the Father

581

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

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

# Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)  
 B $\flat$  F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,  
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,  
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,  
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)  
 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.  
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.  
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)  
 B $\flat$  F E $\flat$  Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,  
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,  
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)  
 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm F7 B $\flat$

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.  
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.  
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.  
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

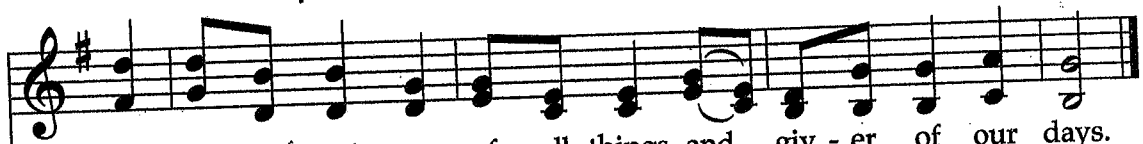
The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

# The Lord Is God

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1 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise  
2 With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,  
3 At night or day, at home, a - way, to - geth - er and a - part,  
4 The Lord is God, the Lord a - lone! Give hon - or, thanks, and praise



to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.  
O peo - ple, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.  
O chil - dren, take these ho - ly words and keep them in your heart.  
to God, the mak - er of all things and giv - er of our days.



This hymn paraphrases the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4-9), an ancient and central affirmation of Jewish monotheistic faith that observant Jews still recite twice a day. Jesus knew it well and called it the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:38/Mark 12:28-29/Luke 10:26-28).

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