

*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.***



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*Carmel Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025
10:00 AM*

**Feel free to stand or sit.*

BOLD type is for congregation to respond.

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Beach Spring, hymn tune
(God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending)
from "Sacred Harp", Philadelphia, 1844*

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

****Call to Worship (incorporating Psalm 36)***

L: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

P: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgements are like the great deep.

L: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

P: O Continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart.

****Prayer of the Day***

L: In the depth of your living waters

P: We are transformed into new people.

****Hymn 410***

God Is Calling Through the Whisper

W Zlobie Lezy

****Call to Confession***

We cannot claim ignorance of our sins, for we know how we have not lived as God's people. But God refuses to forsake us, waiting to forgive us and call us as God's children. Please join me as we pray, saying,

****Prayer of Confession***

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and renew us again with your Spirit, that forgiven, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Touch us as we offer our silent confessions of sin. (Please pray silently)

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

God delights in you so much, that God will not rest until you are at peace. God will not remain silent, but will call you by name: 'My Delight.'

God's steadfast love extends to the heavens, and reaches down to touch our hearts. Thanks be to God who forgives and saves us! Amen.

***Gloria Patri 581**

Glory Be to the Father

Henry W. Greatorex

***Passing of the Peace**

***Response Hymn 447**

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Isaiah 62:1-5

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John 2:1-11

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Sermon

Best Days

Rev. John Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn 703**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

St. Catherine

***Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)**

Page 35, GtG Hymnal

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Page 35, GtG, Hymnal

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Sanctuary Choir*

Thomas A. Dorsey
(1899-1993)

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone;
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

***Doxology 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

***Charge and Benediction**

Chimes

Postlude

Houston, hymn tune

Wayne L. Wold

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

(b. 1954)

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 OUR YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by **offering Children's Worship (Ages 3 to 3rd grade)** during the Sunday 10:00 AM worship service. **Children's Worship** does not require reservation ahead. Children leave the Sanctuary after the **Children's Message** and go with their leader to the **Children's Worship Room** in the Children's Ministry Room. An usher can be of assistance.

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

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION AND CONGREGATION OF CARMEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2025. Please send your reports to Kathy in the office by January 20, 2025.

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are in loving memory of Scott Morris, by his parents and sisters.

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

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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljlDvsRw>

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 scan the QR code below or use this link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>



Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. John M. Diller, Pastor

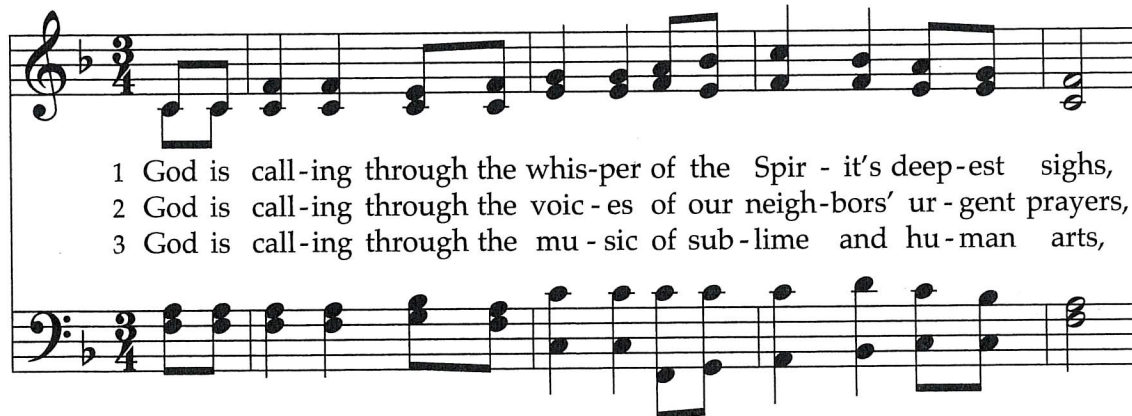
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Sanctuary Choir*

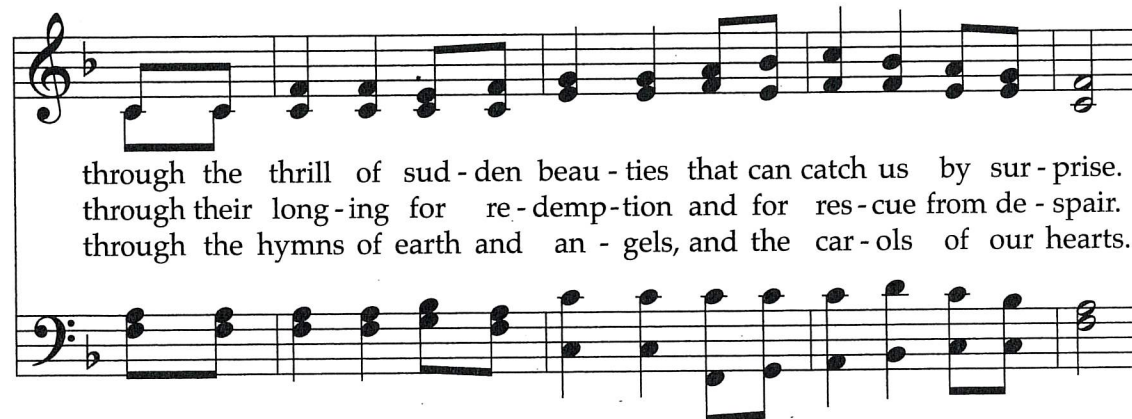
Janet Simon, Worship Assistant

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

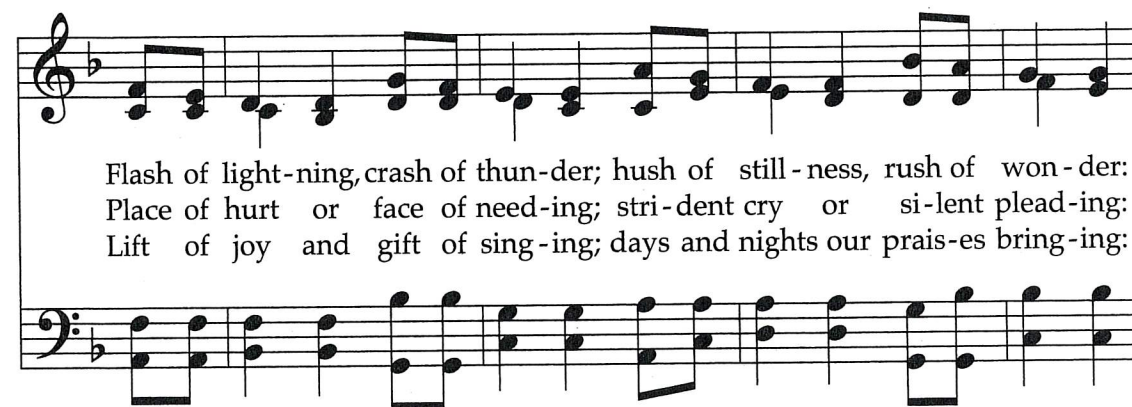
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic - es of our neigh-bors' ur - gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu - sic of sub - lime and hu - man arts,



through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur - prise.
 through their long - ing for re - demp - tion and for res - cue from de - spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.



Flash of light - ning, crash of thun - der; hush of still - ness, rush of won - der:
 Place of hurt or face of need - ing; stri - dent cry or si - lent plead - ing;
 Lift of joy and gift of sing - ing; days and nights our prais - es bring - ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

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.

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

Praise God, from Whom
All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 – Martin Luther King Day

Church office closed
Nursery School closed
Handbell Choir, Choir Room: 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Carmel Presbyterian Women's Bible Study, Lounge: 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Children's Choir, (grades K-2), Choir Room and Sanctuary: 5:00-5:40 PM
Junior Choir, (grades 3-9), Choir Room and Sanctuary: 5:45-6:30 PM
Carmel Youth Ministry (grades 3-9) Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Bible Explorers Study Group, Lounge: 6:15-7:25 PM
Sanctuary Choir, Choir Room and Sanctuary: 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Youth Choir rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM

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