

Sanctuary Cornerstone Laid

July 26, 1925

“I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.”

Philippians 1-6

*Lord's Day Worship at
Carmel Presbyterian Church*

July 27, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

* an asterisk indicated you are free to stand or sit
BOLD type is for the congregation to respond

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Pastoral Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

St. Anne
Aria on a Ground

Rebecca Groom te Velde
(b. 1956)

***Call to Worship**

L: It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears, our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

P: We come to this place, to hear the words of peace, of hope, of joy God speaks to us.

L: It is in this place of discovery that we can come searching.

P: We come to this place, to find the One who has been looking for us.

L: It is in this place of openness that we can come knocking.

P: We come to this place, to be embraced by the One whose heart is never locked.

***Hymn 612**

We Praise You, O God

Kremser

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

We find it difficult to speak of how we do not live as your people, Inviting God, but even though we are tongue-tied, you invite us to try. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world.

Forgive us. O God, forgive us. Open our eyes and ears to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.

P: In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found; forsaken, we are restored to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Gloria Patri 581**

Glory Be to the Father

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***Passing of the Peace**

***Response #447**

We Are Forgiven

Hal H Hopson
Died July 20, 2025

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Luke 11:1-13

Psalm 138, read responsively

I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands

Sermon

Built to Endure

Rev. John M. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn 334*

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring

A setting of Psalm 138

St. Petersburg

Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Evelyn Abraham and Venus Agbadan

Henry Smart
(1813-1879)

Old Hundredth

Doxology 606

Prayer of Dedication

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE GOD

***Hymn 547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Ar Hyd y Nos (Welsh)

***Charge and Benediction**

***Chimes**

Postlude

St. Anne

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Benjamin M. Culli
(b. 1975)

Participants Serving the Church in Worship

Rev. John M. Diller, Pastor

James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Director of Music and Organist

Deb Gates, Worship Assistant

Evelyn Abraham and Venus Agbadan, Singers

Denise Abraham, Coffee Hour

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

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 a 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.

OUR SINGERS TODAY ARE Carmel members Evelyn Abraham and Venus Agbadan. Evelyn grew up singing in the Carmel choirs. She will be a senior this fall at Muhlenberg College where she is majoring in voice performance. Her love is opera. Venus also grew up singing in the Carmel choirs. Venus is a recent graduate of Colgate University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and Theater. Thank you for sharing your gifts of music with us today.

THE MORNING FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY are in loving memory of my husband, Jim Thompson, and his parents, Marguerite and John Thompson, by Barbara Thompson.

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>



Offertory

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Evelyn Abraham and Venus Agbadan

Henry Smart
(1813-1879)

The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want,
For lack of His mercies, my soul shall not pant;
In pleasant green pastures I daily abide,
He leads me the peaceful still waters beside.
My soul He restoreth, and for His Name's sake,
The path of true righteousness bids me to take;
Yea, though I pass through death's dark valley and shade,
I will not by evil be ever dismayed.
The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want!

For Thou art my Shepherd, and with me alway,
Thy rod and Thy staff are my comfort and stay;
My table Thou spreadest in presence of foes,
My head Thou anointest, my cup overflows;
Thy goodness and mercy shall follow me still,
While life's earnest duties I daily fulfil,
Till joyous my spirit shall claim its reward,
And dwell evermore in the house of the Lord!
The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want!
(Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 23- W. S. Passmore)

COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 PM



Some important upcoming dates:

Tuesday, September 2: Beginning of Carmel Nursery
School Fall Term

Thursday, September 4: Sanctuary Choir kicks off!
7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room

Sunday, September 7: Season of Peace Art Museum
Outing. Please see the insert for more information

Wednesday, September 10: Children's Choir (5:00
p.m.) and Junior Choir (5:45 p.m.) begin.

Give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is good.
The Lord's steadfast love endures forever!

We are blessed that you are worshipping with us today. Who is "we/us?"
"We" are those who trust that God has called us into a new life under a banner not devised by any human, but by the love and will of God. We are grateful that God has acted throughout history to reveal God's presence, deliver God's wisdom, and provide guidance in every time of need.

At the right time, God gave us the fullest measure of love and grace in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus taught, healed, nurtured, and exemplified a life of obedience and humility. Because this kind of life exposes the false powers of the world, the powerful had Jesus killed in an attempt to silence the will of God.

Now, the empty tomb serves as a megaphone announcing the power of forgiveness over sin and death. Amen and Alleluia!

This is who we are.





The Breathing Room Foundation's Back to School Program will provide our families with personalized school supplies to start the new school year prepared and confident. We need YOUR HELP to provide school supplies to over 400 children!

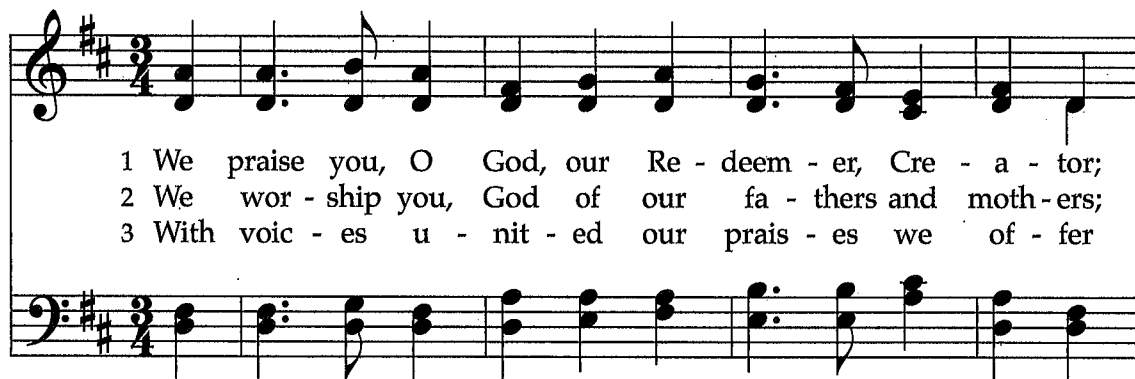
Supplies Needed:

- Crayola Markers
- Composition Books
- Highlighters
- Pink Pearl Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- Binders: 1 inch and 2 inches
- Sturdy Plastic Folders (not paper)
- Gift Cards: Amazon, Target, Walmart (Please give to Nancy Pinkowicz or Katey Schuyler)
- Crayola Colored Pencils
- 1, 3, & 5 Subject Notebooks
- Expo Dry Erase Markers
- Ticonderoga Pencils
- Soft Insulated Lunch Boxes

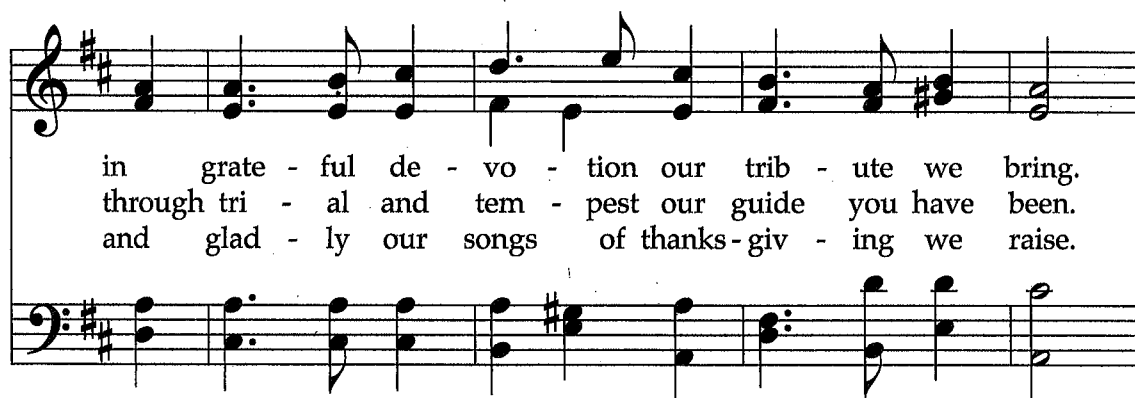
Please place all donations in the bin located in the lobby on or before Sunday, August 10th.

We Praise You, O God

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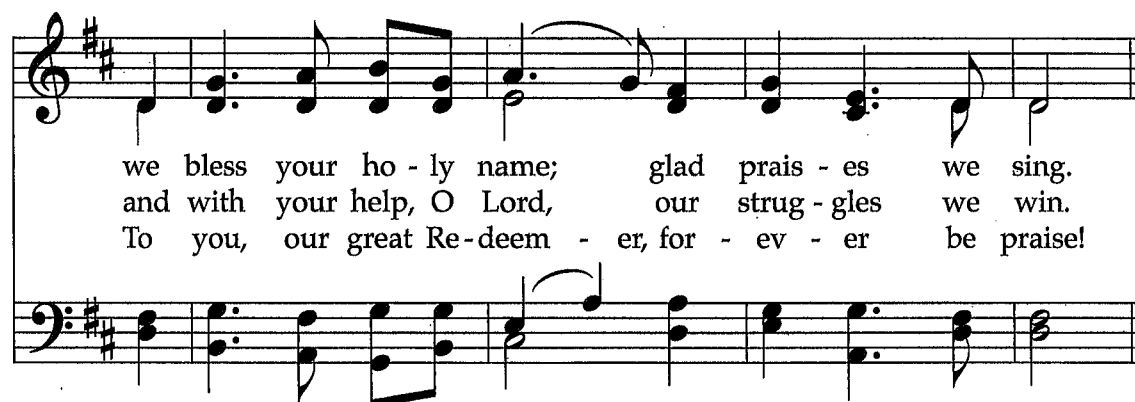
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

Glory Be to the Father

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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.

With Grateful Heart

My Thanks I Bring

(Psalm 138)



1 With grate - ful heart my thanks I bring; be - fore the
 2 I cried to you, and you did save; your word of
 3 O Lord, en - throned in glo - ry bright, you reign a -
 4 You will stretch forth your might - y arm to save me



"gods" your praise I sing. I wor - ship in your ho - ly
 grace new cour - age gave. The kings of earth shall thank you,
 lone in heaven - ly height; the proud in vain your fa - vor
 when my foes a - larm. The work you have for me be -



place and praise you for your truth and grace; for truth and
 Lord, for they have heard your won - drous word; yes, they shall
 seek, but you have mer - cy for the meek. Through trou - ble
 gun shall by your grace be ful - ly done. Your love for -



grace to - geth - er shine in your most ho - ly Word di - vine.
 come with songs of praise for great and glo - rious are your ways.
 though my path - way be, you will re - vive and strength - en me.
 ev - er will en - dure: your mer - cy, Lord, is ev - er sure.



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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.