

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light:  
Look favorably on your whole Church,  
that wonderful and sacred mystery;  
by the effectual working of your providence,  
carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation:  
let the whole world see and know that things which were  
cast down are being raised up,  
and things which had grown old are being made new,  
and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him  
through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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*Carmel Presbyterian Church*  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 3, 2026*  
*10:00 AM*

\*indicates please stand as you are able  
BOLD type is for congregation to respond

WE GATHER TOGETHER

*Pastoral Welcome and Announcements*

*Minute for Mission: Per Capita*

Jim Wood

*Prelude*

*Variations on*  
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Matthew H. Corl  
(b. 1965)

*Gathering Meditation (Unison Reading, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16)*

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;

deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love.

*\*Hymn 740*

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

Lead Me, Guide Me

*\*Call to Confession*

*\*Prayer of Confession*

Hear the brokenness of our lives, Precious God. When we cover our ears so we cannot hear the cries of those in need, we are also kept from hearing your call for justice and compassion. We rush together to defend every issue that matters to us, but quickly disperse when you would call us to be your holy people. We shout as loud as we can to cheer on our sports teams, but can manage only whispers when it comes to sharing the good news.

Forgive us, our Eternal Guide, and do not hold our sins against us. We lay the garments of our foolishness at your feet, so you might clothe us in grace and



our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord,  
who when asked about a right way to pray, responded,  
“Our Father...”

*The Lord's Prayer*  
*The Serving*

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

Page 35, GtG Hymnal  
Robert J. Powell  
(1932-2025)

***Unison Prayer:*** Gracious God, you deliver hope that is more sure than the sun's arrival on the new day. May your faithfulness dwell richly in us as we deliver the goodness of your gifts, through prayerful words and deeds, to every path lighted by your love. In the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*Hymn 544**

*Bless the Lord*

Bless the Lord (Taizé)

**\*Charge and Benediction**

***Chimes***  
***Postlude***

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

Michael Bedford  
(b. 1949)

**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 YOUNG WORSHIPPERS** by offering **Children's Worship (Ages 3 to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Ministry Room. An usher can be of assistance.

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

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR LAST SOUP GROUP** for the season, on Friday, May 8 at 6:30 PM in Carmel Hall. A simple meal of two delicious soups, salad, bread and dessert will be served. Following dinner, we will enjoy a presentation of skits from the Book of Exodus by CYM.

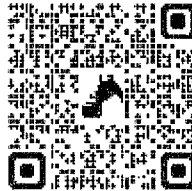
**THE MORNING FLOWERS AT THE LORD'S TABLE** are in loving memory of our mother, Harriet Robinson, on her birthday, by Harriet Spinnraker and Beth Cherry.

**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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljiDvsRw>

**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*

*James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus*

*Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Director of Music and Organist*

*Sanctuary Choir*

*Lynne Schutt, Worship Assistant*

*Lynne Schutt, Mary Ellen Thomas, Ellen Krieg and Lorrie Raquet, Communion Servers*

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

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**Offertory**

*The Lord God Made Them All*  
Sanctuary Choir

Lynn Shaw Bailey  
and Becky Slagle Mayo

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small.  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,  
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

All things made beautiful, all creatures great and small.  
All things made wonderful, God made them all.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is our Creator, Who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

# 740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)  
 Refrain (A7) (Em)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup>7 C7 Fm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> *Fine*

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)  
 E<sup>b</sup> C7 Fm B<sup>b</sup>7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)  
 B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)  
 Fm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> *to Refrain*

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

## 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.

## Your Only Son

## Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
 2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and  
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
 scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a  
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

## Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the



ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious



blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

John the Baptist calls Jesus "the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus coming for baptism at the Jordan River (John 1:29, 36). Sacrificial lamb references appear in Acts 8:32 (quoting Isaiah 53:7) and 1 Peter 1:19 as well as in twenty-eight triumphant "Lamb" mentions in Revelation.

SENDING

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# Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 is meant for repeated singing. To "bless God's holy name" (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that God's providence will show us "the path of life" (Psalm 16:11).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

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BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)

Irregular

## **COMING EVENTS**

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

### **SUNDAY, MAY 3**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM  
Worship with Communion in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM  
Q1 financial update, immediately following the worship service: Sanctuary  
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

Children's Choir (grades K-2), Choir Room and Sanctuary: 5:00-5:40 PM  
Junior Choir (grades 3-10), Choir Room and Sanctuary: 5:45-6:30 PM  
High School Youth Group (grades 9-12), Tower Room: 6:00-7:00 PM  
Carmel Youth Ministry (CYM) (grades 2-8), Carmel Hall: 6:30-7:30 PM

### **THURSDAY, MAY 7**

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

### **FRIDAY, MAY 8**

Soup Group, Carmel Hall: 6:30 PM

### **SUNDAY, MAY 10**

Sanctuary Choir and Junior Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:15 AM  
Junior Choir and Children's Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:35 AM  
Worship with Communion in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM  
Choir Recognition Sunday  
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM  
Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room: 11:15-11:45 AM