

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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**Passing of the Peace*

**Response Hymn 447*

We Are Forgiven

Hal H. Hopson

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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Building Blocks

Rev. John M. Diller

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**Hymn 838*

Standing on the Promises

Promises

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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Call to Offering

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

Heather Sorenson

Sanctuary Choir

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night;
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
You shine in the night.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
Thou and Thou only, my treasure Thou art.
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart.
Blessed Redeemer, my treasure Thou art!

High King of heaven, my victory won!
May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, still be my light,
and You will still be my vision, shine in the night.
Be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.
Be Thou my Light when I walk through the night.

***Doxology 606**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Old Hundredth

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

***Charge and Benediction**

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Postlude

The Heavens Declare

Robert Wetzler

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 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 Ministry Room. An usher can be of assistance.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. We have 3 volunteer slots that need to be filled on Friday, May 29, 5:30-8:00pm at the Willow Grove Food Bank. Please sign up in the church lobby or call the church office at 215.887.1074.

PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 31, for a 'Welcome to Summer' fellowship hour, immediately following the worship service. We will share fresh summer delights and celebrate our 2026 graduates.

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

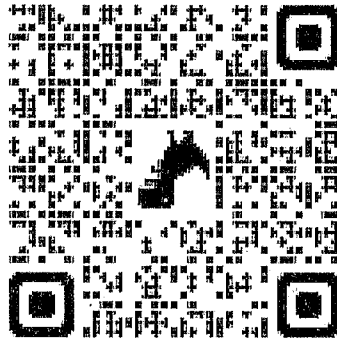
THE MORNING FLOWERS AT THE LORD'S TABLE are in loving memory of Jack Badger by his daughter, Susan Badger Lohoefer and family.

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 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

Ivy Starr, Coffee Hour

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

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To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

and give him the glory: great things he has done!

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.

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
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 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain.

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures

here below; praise *him above, ye heavenly 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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267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

COMING EVENTS

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

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:25 AM
Worship in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM
Deacons meeting: 11:30 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Carmel Presbyterian Women Bible Study, Lounge: 1:30 PM
Session meets in Chapel: 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 14

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

SUNDAY, MAY 24 – Pentecost Sunday

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary: 9:30 AM
Worship with Communion, in Sanctuary: 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour, Carmel Hall: 11:00 AM

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