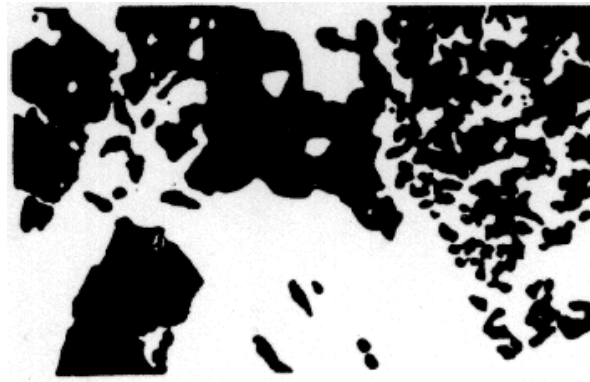


***Carmel Presbyterian Church
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 31, 2021***



Order of Worship

** Please stand, as able.*

*Congregation speaks **Bold** responses.*

Greeting and Announcements –

***Prelude – Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott,¹ Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)
("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God")***

**** Call to Worship (Spoken responsively.) –***

The Spirit is here,
 Bringing vision and hope for our world.
Christ lifts us up,
 Welcoming us with loving arms.
God showers the earth,
 Nourishing all creation with grace.
Sense the Spirit moving within and among us.
 Feel Christ's presence healing and blessing us.
As we gather in worship this day,
 We receive the showering love of God.

**** Opening Hymn No. 457 – "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"² — (TOULON)***

Call to Confession (From 1 John 1:9) –

Prayer of Confession (In unison) –

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God of grace and mercy, we often say that we love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, but when we look closely at our lives, we confess that our hearts are full of concerns that are not your concerns. Our souls are neglected. You are barely on our minds, and our strength is depleted by things that do not have anything to do with you. Please forgive us our sin. Cleanse us. Renew us. Reform us. Make us ever new. We ask this in the name of the One who died to set us free, Jesus the Christ...

(A moment for silent reflection and confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) –

We may not keep our promises to God, but God's promises to us never fail.

For God answers prayer, and offers grace that forgives transgression.

Friends, let us rejoice that because of God's great faithfulness, we have been forgiven.

We are forgiven and freed to newness of life. Amen.

**** Gloria Patri (Hymn No. 567) – "Glory to the Father"³ — (Gloria Patri)***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**** Passing of the Peace (Read responsively.) –***

Since God loved us so much, we are free to love one another.

Let us love one another, since love comes from God.

Now is the time to share Christ's love and forgiveness with one another. Let the Christ in you greet the Christ in another with signs of peace and reconciliation. The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

(Remaining in your pew, greet one another, sharing God's peace now and through the week.)

Children's Message – Pastor Ashley

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison.) – Led by Denise Abraham

Let us pray,

Spirit of God, we ask that you open our eyes and our ears so that we might see and hear a word from you. Transform us and reform us by your Living and Holy Word, we pray. Amen.

First Reading — Read by Denise Abraham

The first lectionary reading is Deuteronomy, chapter 6, verses 1-9. The Great Commandment: Hear, O Israel: The Lord alone is our God; you shall love the Lord. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Now these are the commandments, the regulations, and the case laws that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you to follow in the land you are entering to possess, so that you will fear the Lord your God by keeping all his regulations and his commandments that I am commanding you—both you and your sons and daughters—all the days of your life and so that you will lengthen your life. Listen to them, Israel! Follow them carefully so that things will go well for you and so that you will continue to multiply exactly as the Lord, your ancestors' God, promised you, in a land full of milk and honey.

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Israel, listen! Our God is the Lord! Only the Lord!

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol. Write them on your house's doorframes and on your city's gates.

*This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!***

*** Hymn No. 233 – “Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart”⁴ – (RICHMOND)**

(Based on today's Psalm from the lectionary Psalm 119:1-8. Happy are those who seek God and walk in the ways of the Lord.)

New Testament Reading – Read by Denise Abraham

Our second reading from the lectionary is Hebrews, chapter 9, verses 11-14. By the blood of Christ, our high priest, we will be made clean. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

But Christ has appeared as the high priest of the good things that have happened. He passed through the greater and more perfect meeting tent, which isn't made by human hands (that is, it's not a part of this world). He entered the holy of holies once for all by his own blood, not by the blood of goats or calves, securing our deliverance for all time. If the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkled ashes of cows made spiritually contaminated people holy and clean, how much more will the blood of Jesus wash our consciences clean from dead works in order to serve the living God? He offered himself to God through the eternal Spirit as a sacrifice without any flaw.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading – Read by Pastor Peter

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Mark, chapter 12, verses 28-34. God's most important command: Jesus summarizes the commandments: to love God and neighbor. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

One of the legal experts heard their dispute and saw how well Jesus answered them. He came over and asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”

Jesus replied, “The most important one is *Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength*. The second is this, *You will love your neighbor as yourself*. No other commandment is greater than these.”

The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one's strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.”

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When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon

Pastor Peter

“Follow Your Most Important Priority!”

*** Hymn No. 367 — “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”⁵ — (CHEREPONI)**

Sharing Joys and Concerns –

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord’s Prayer (Using ‘debts’ & ‘debtors’) – Pastor Ashley

Invitation to Offering –

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

***Offertory – “How Firm a Foundation”⁶, Alfred V. Fedak
Sanctuary Choir***

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow.
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The fire shall not hurt thee; I only design*

⁵ "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love," Text: Ghanaian folk song, Translated by Tom Colvin, 1969. Music: Ghanaian folk melody. Adapted by Tom Colvin, 1963. Arranged by Jane Marshall, 1982. Hymn tune name: Chereponi. Text and Music translation and adaptation copyright 1969 by Hope Publishing Company. Arrangement copyright 1982 by Hope Publishing Company. Reprinted and streamed under One License 735006-A.

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thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine."

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"*

*** Doxology No 592 – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”⁷ (DOXOLOGY)**

*** Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Tithes (In unison.) – Led by Denise Abraham**

Let us pray,

For refreshing autumn rain and for sparkling dew in the morning, we thank you, generous God. For humbling lessons and for prophetic calls to discipleship, we thank you, challenging God. For reassuring words of comfort and for your powerfully protective love, we thank you, gracious God. In thanksgiving and gratitude, we return a portion of these gifts to you and ask that you transform these gifts into blessings for a world in need. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn No. 260 — “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”⁸ — (EIN- FESTE BURG)**

*** Charge and Benediction (Read responsively.) –**

Go out into the world in peace;

Have courage;

Hold on to what is good;

Return no one evil for evil;

Strengthen the fainthearted;

Support the weak;

Help the suffering;

Honor all people;

Love and serve the Lord, spreading good news,

Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Postlude – Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott⁹ — Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)
(“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”)

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. Please

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⁹ "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" by Johann Gottfried Walther, 1684-1748. Public Domain.

introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us out front under the portico for refreshments after the service! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will join with us again. We invite you to speak with our Pastor if you are interested in membership. Enjoy catching up on the latest news with friends and refreshments at **Live Fellowship Under the Portico**. A **Virtual Fellowship Time** is also possible on Zoom. Welcome!



FALL FOR CARMEL – TODAY!!! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 11:30 am-1:30 pm! Join in the fun and Carmel Camaraderie! Lunch TO GO or lunch to STAY – and spend some time together! Congregational Life invites you to come hang out or drive by and pick up a hearty lunch, toasty warm and sure to fill your belly. If the weather permits, we'll play some outdoor games while we embrace the change of the season together. Lunches have been pre-ordered, but we plan to have a few extras if you didn't pre-order!

JOIN WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY NEXT SUNDAY AS WE REMEMBER ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY! Sunday, November 7, is All Saint' Sunday and Carmel will have our annual remembrance of those who have joined the church triumphant since last year's All Saints' Sunday. Worship with us as we remember the faithful who have served Carmel, its membership, our community and the world!

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR OTHERS AS CANDIDATES FOR THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE – An insert is in the bulletin for you to nominate yourself or others as a candidate for Carmel's **Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)**. Please review the entire insert to learn about the privilege, duties and responsibilities of serving in **the group that will select and nominate Carmel's next Senior Pastor** for election at a future special meeting of the congregation. A box for your nomination(s) will be in the rear of the sanctuary and in the Church Office during the week. Thank you for your assistance in bringing names as possible candidates to serve on the PNC.

SENIOR PASTOR'S SUNDAY MORNING GROUP'S NEW STUDY THIS SUNDAY— "FOLLOW JESUS" is the new discussion group Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am, starting this Sunday, October 31 through Sunday, November 21 and meets in Carmel Lounge. The new four-week discussion – **"Follow Jesus"** – uses the **"Follow Me" Biblical Practices for Faithful Living** curriculum. When Jesus says, "Follow me," we are being invited into God's reality of reconciling love. When we choose to become a disciple, we are choosing to be taught and formed into someone who is Christlike. Jesus shows us what we are choosing: restored fellowship with God and one another. The new **Adult Reflection Guide** for **"Follow Jesus"** is available in the Church Office.

THE CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE continues its work selecting Elders, Deacons, Shepherds, and an Auditor as well as committee members for next year's class. If you would like to serve or you know someone who would like to serve, complete the form in the Church Office or contact any of the Nominating Committee's members: Jay Raulinaitis, Chair: (jay.raulinaitis@gmail.com), Nicole Bohlander

nicoleylb@verizon.net; Barbara Knox (lknoxie@comcast.net), Nancy O'brien (njjobrien@comcast.net), Nancy Pinkowicz (nlogan1@comcast.net), Barbara Podrost (dday062792@aol.com), Peter Sulyok, Pastor, *ex officio*: (petersulyok@aol.com). Call the Church Office for a Nominating Form.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME SING FOR CHRISTMAS! A Festival Choir for the Christmas season will begin rehearsing on Thursday, November 18, at 7:30 pm. Join in to prepare for the annual Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday evening, December 12 and the 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. See the November *Courier* for more details.

STEWARDSHIP AT CARMEL – WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE COMING WEEKS! November is often known as “Stewardship Month” and this year is no different. It’s when the Stewardship Committee and Session send out the yearly giving cards and invite you to consider your discipleship. Of course, stewardship is not limited to November; we are stewards of everything we are and have—since all are gifts of God we generously return to God’s throughout the year. November is our opportunity to challenge you as Session considers and plans the 2022 Church Budget. When you receive your letter, remember to bring in your giving card Sunday, November 21, during worship, as we dedicate our tithes and offerings.

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care and Children’s Worship** during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are being led by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, **Marleen Heintz for Nursery Care and Melissa MacFarland for Children’s Worship**. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, ***please call the Church Office by Friday noon*** so that the nursery is staffed. Children’s Worship will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after **Children’s Story Time**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen or Melissa.

CARMEL YOUTH GROUPS OASIS AND REFUGE & CONFIRMATION CLASS NOVEMBER DATES: **Refuge** will meet the following Wednesday nights, November 3, 10, & 17, 6:30-7:30 pm, in person, in Carmel Hall and welcomes all in grades 3-8. Safety protocols will be followed with dinner and a rotating activity each week: service or craft project, Bible lesson, gym or game room activity and monthly special activities. **Oasis** will meet November 7 & 21, 7:00 pm in the Loft and welcomes all in grades 9-12. Join in the Fellowship and, as always, friends are welcome. The **Confirmation Group** begins Sunday, November 11 and will meet every Sunday at 9:00 am in the Loft.

MUSICAL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT: Please mark your calendars for Choir Rehearsals!

- Children's Choir, for anyone in Grades K-2 is held Wednesdays from 5:00 PM -5:40 PM.
- Junior Choir, for anyone in Grades 3-8 is held Wednesdays, from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Youth Choir, for anyone in Grades 9-12 is held Sundays from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM.
- Sanctuary Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult is held Thursdays from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Handbell Choir, for anyone in Grades 6-adult is held Mondays from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

All safety measures will be followed as set up by the CDC, state and local governments. Please contact Abby Palmisano if you have any questions. Hope to see you soon.

FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning offer glory to God and God’s good creation.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUPPLIES, HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BIBLES and ORDERS OF SERVICE are available from the Ushers.

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP!

EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without your gift as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AS WE START THE NEW CHURCH YEAR WITH WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY! For those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations, **Live Streaming Worship** continues on YouTube! We look forward to your presence...

Participating in Worship this Morning

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor

Ashley B. Rossi, Associate Pastor

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Denise Abraham, Liturgist

The Sanctuary Choir

Jed Smith, Greeter/Ushers

Patricia Agbote and Margie White, Shepherds

Our Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) member is Walter Newman

Gary Moll and Jay Raulinaitis, Live-Streaming Operators

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live streamed at 10:00 am)

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIDvsRw>

Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

"Virtual Fellowship Time" may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

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For those Participating and Facilitating in Worship

By attending in-person worship at Carmel Presbyterian Church you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and variants and voluntarily assume the risk that you and your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You also acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and its variants may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and/or others, including, but not limited to, church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families. You agree to assume all the foregoing risks, waive liability against Carmel Presbyterian Church and church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families, and accept sole responsibility for any illness, injury, disability, or death to you or your family, including all claims that may arise resulting from any of these.

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457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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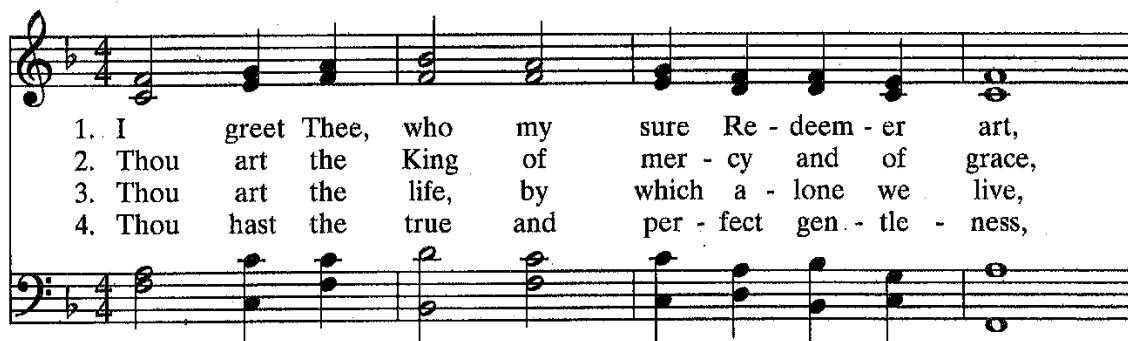
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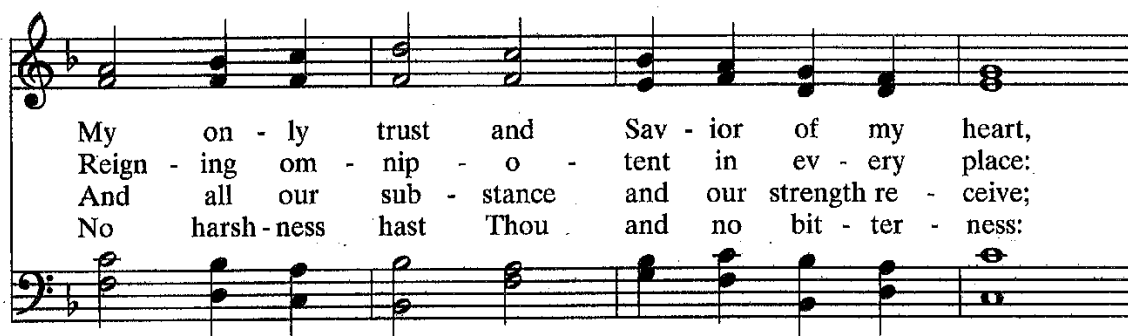
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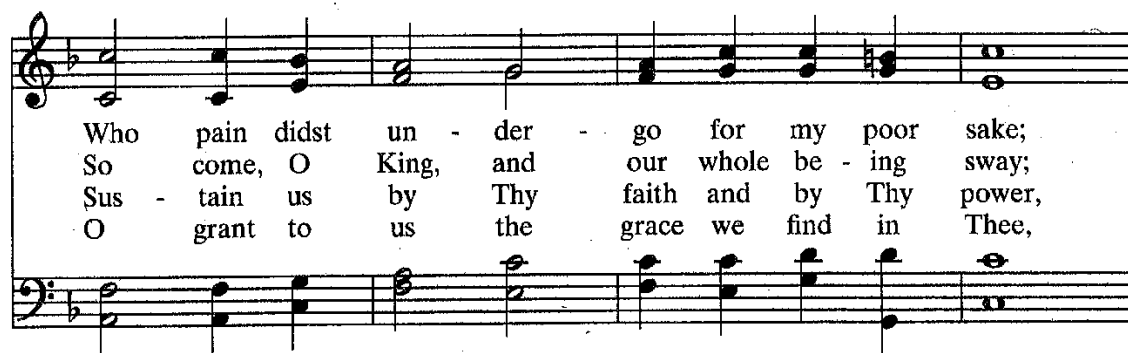
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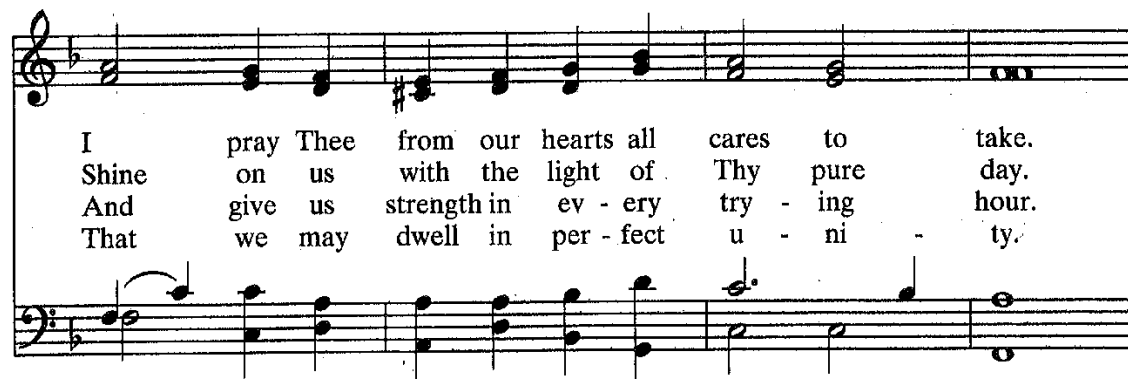
1. I greet Thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3. Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,



My on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 Reign - ing om - nip - o - tent in ev - ery place:
 And all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 No harsh - ness hast Thou and no bit - ter - ness:



Who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 So come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 Sus - tain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,



I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.
 And give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 That we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.

5. Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
 Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
 That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

Glory to the Father

Gloria Patri

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John Weaver, 1978

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

Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is

now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

*May be sung as a canon.

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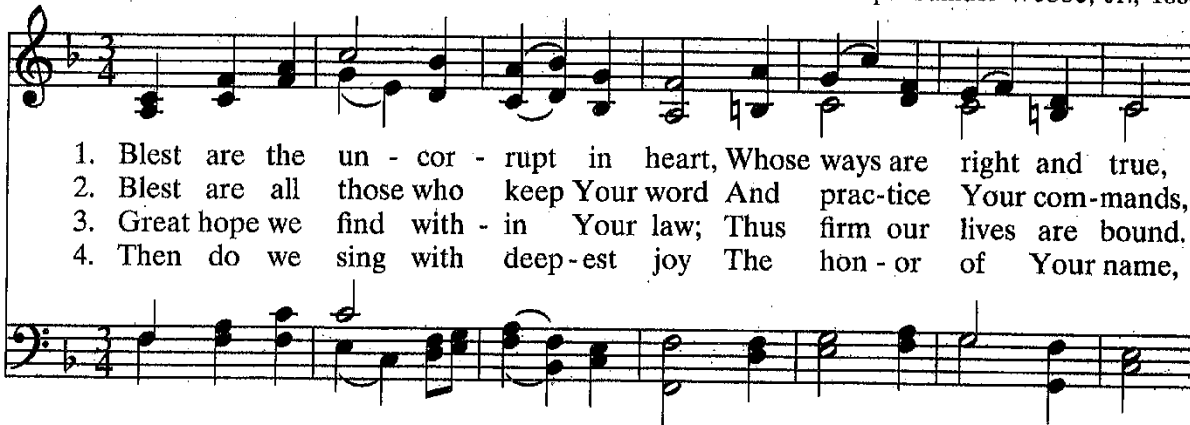
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Blest Are the Uncorrupt in Heart

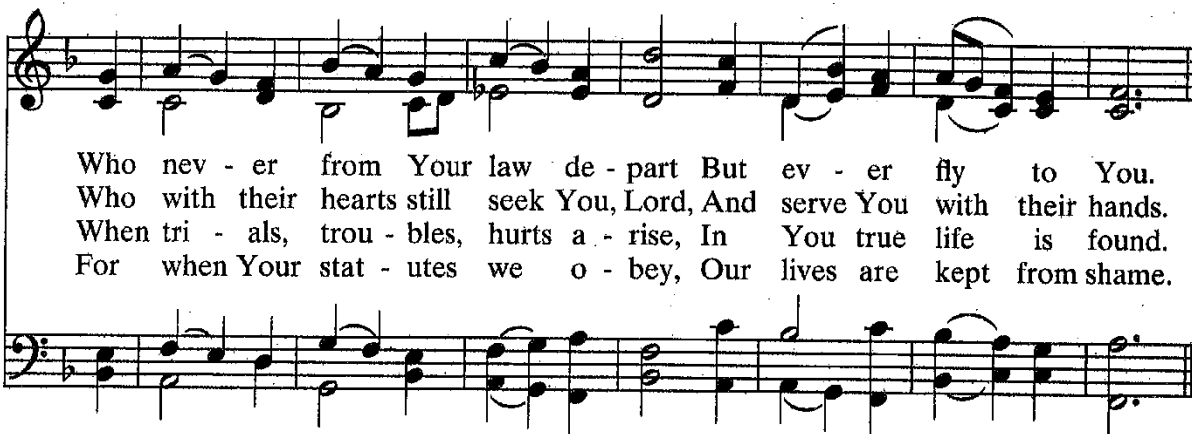
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Fred R. Anderson, 1986

Thomas Haweis, c. 1792
Adapt. Samuel Webbe, Jr., 1808



1. Blest are the un - cor - rupt in heart, Whose ways are right and true,
2. Blest are all those who keep Your word And prac-tice Your com-mands,
3. Great hope we find with - in Your law; Thus firm our lives are bound,
4. Then do we sing with deep-est joy The hon - or of Your name,



Who nev - er from Your law de - part But ev - er fly to You.
Who with their hearts still seek You, Lord, And serve You with their hands.
When tri - als, trou - bles, hurts a - rise, In You true life is found.
For when Your stat - utes we o - bey, Our lives are kept from shame.

5. To You, O God of truth and law,
To You, O living Word,
To You, O Comforter of life,
May now our praise be heard.

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367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI Irregular with refrain

Ghanaian folk song
Trans. Tom Colvin, 1969

Ghanaian folk melody
Adapt. Tom Colvin, 1963
Arr. Jane Marshall, 1982

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with Your love, Show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from You. *Fine*

1. Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, Var - ied in col - or and
3. These are the ones we should serve, These are the ones we should
4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, Serv - ing as though we are
5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

LIFE IN CHRIST

D.C.

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line on a single staff and piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race, Neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh-bors to us and You.
 slaves, This is the way we should live with You.
 feet, This is the way we should live with You.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

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

The first line of the musical score is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

here be-low; Praise *Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;

The second line of the musical score continues the melody and bass line from the first line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

The third line of the musical score concludes the doxology. The melody and bass line end with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

* Or "God."

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7

Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

Martin Luther, 1529

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;

Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;

For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y

power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.

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