Carmel Presbyterian Church Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Stewardship Dedication Sunday November 21, 2021



"Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden."

— Corrie Ten Boom

Order of Worship

* Please stand, as able. Congregation voices **Bold** responses.

Greeting and Announcements –

Prelude – "How Firm a Foundation",¹ arr. Sandra Eithun "When Morning Gilds the Skies",² arr. Karen Roth Handbell Choir

* Call to Worship (Spoken responsively.) -

To the Thanksgiving table of plenty,

Come, thankful people, come!

To the kitchen where familiar hands prepare with love,

Come, thankful people, come!

To the farm where calloused hands plant and tend,

Come, thankful people, come!

To the rich earth, where roots stretch and seeds grow,

Come, thankful people, come!

To this service of worship of stewardship dedication and praise of the God of creation, **Come, thankful people, come!**

Call to Confession -

Prayer of Confession (In unison) -

O Holy One: you showed us what it means to live by your reign; sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill our lives with grace...

^{*} Opening Hymn No. 551 – "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" – (ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR)

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Read responsively) -

Created community, know that God's everlasting faithfulness reaches out to each and every one of us through the bounty by God blesses us as stewards.

God reminds us of and gives us hope for a better harvest in the changing seasons of our lives.

All we have and are belongs to God. All our gratitude goes to God!

We are forgiven and freed to newness of life. Glory to God! Amen.

* Gloria Patri (Hymn No. 567) – "Glory to the Father" 4— (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.

* Passing of the Peace (Read responsively.) –

Share with one another signs of peace and love.

Show Christ to one another, that we may be reminded of the peace that passes all understanding.

Let the Christ in you greet the Christ in another with signs of peace and reconciliation.

Peace be with you!

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

Children's Message – Pastor Ashley

(Following the Children's Message, children third grade and below are invited to depart for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison.) –

Let us pray,

Remember this day the gifts and blessings that God showers in our lives. This is a season to trust God's providential care. In God's Word, we rest assured that we are held in Christ's gentle arms of love. In those arms, we have everything we need. Let us listen for God's love in the Word God offers this morning and let us rejoice and give thanks. Amen.

First Reading —

The first lectionary reading is Daniel, chapter 7, verses 9-10, 13-14. The Ancient One gives all dominion to a human, coming in the clouds. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

As I was watching,

thrones were raised up.

The ancient one took his seat.

His clothes were white like snow;

his hair was like a lamb's wool.

His throne was made of flame;

its wheels were blazing fire.

A river of fire flowed out from his presence;

thousands upon thousands served him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood ready to serve him!

The court sat in session; the scrolls were opened.

As I continued to watch this night vision of mine, I suddenly saw one like a human being coming with the heavenly clouds.

He came to the ancient one and was presented before him.

Rule, glory, and kingship were given to him; all peoples, nations, and languages will serve him.

His rule is an everlasting one—it will never pass away!—
his kingship is indestructible.

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

* Hymn No. 213 – "God, Our Lord, a King Remaining"⁵ – (BRYN CALFARIA)

(Based on today's Psalm from the lectionary Psalm 94. The ancient and everlasting Lord is enthroned in majesty.)

New Testament Reading -

Our second reading from the lectionary is Revelation, chapter 1, verses 1:4b-8. Jesus is coming with the clouds; the Lord is Alpha and Omega. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne, and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading -

The gospel reading from the lectionary is John, chapter 18, verses 33-37. Pilate questions Jesus: Are you a king? Jesus answers: I came to show the truth. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?"

Pilate responded, "I'm not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus replied, "My kingdom doesn't originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn't have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn't from here."

"So you are a king?" Pilate said.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice."

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

Sermon Pastor Peter

"Can You Say It?"

* Hymn No. 153 — "He Is King of Kings" — (HE IS KING)

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 – "O God, Beyond All Praising", Richard Proulx Sanctuary Choir

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to praise you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

^{*} Doxology No 592 – "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (DOXOLOGY)

^{*} Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts and Tithes (In unison.) -

Let us pray,

We lift up these offerings and dedicate these pledges as a sign of our gratitude, O God, for your love and care. We pledge ourselves—time, talent, and treasure. We pray that we may follow in the spirit of the poor woman who gave her all without hesitation. We dedicate our lives to you, our stewardship to your purposes, and seek to grow in our faithfulness to your Word. Amen.

- * Closing Hymn No. 555 "Now Thank We All Our God" (NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT)
- * 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 – Nun danket alle Gott¹⁰ — Albert L. Travis ("Now Thank We All 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. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and 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 join with us again. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with a Pastor if you are interested in membership. A Virtual Fellowship Time is also possible on Zoom. And—restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building. Welcome!

Embrace the Challenge!



EMBRACE THE CHALLENGE! TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY 2022! Last Sunday Pastor Peter offered the **Stewardship Challenge Sermon** as we explored how, when Jesus pointed out a widow offering a couple of pennies to the Temple—all her possessions, her story might be compared to Jesus own offering up all that he had for all of us—his life. Your **yearly giving/pledge cards** arrived in your *snail mail* this week, with

the request to consider your stewardship of everything you are and have—since all are gifts of God that we generously return to God throughout the year. This **Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 21**st, please bring or send your yearly giving/pledge card to worship, as we dedicate our time, talents, tithes and offerings.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER/MUSIC DONATIONS DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, DEC 5TH – In your bulletin over the next several services is a form for Christmas Memorial Flowers and Christmas Music Memorials. Dedications can be made "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. Poinsettias are delivered by Shepherds to Carmel family homebound members, those in nursing homes, and those who have recently suffered the loss of a family member. Music Memorials provide instrumental and vocal music to enhance our Christmas Services. The price of poinsettias increased by 47% this year; so, we appreciate your generosity in order to cover our costs for this thoughtful way to spread holiday cheer to our members. Please submit your donations to the office by the deadline on Sunday, December 5th. Thank you!

SANCTUARY DECORATING—PLEASE JOIN US TO PREPARE FOR JESUS' ARRIVAL by progressively decorating the sanctuary for Advent. Wreaths and swags come first on Saturday, 11/27 at 10:00 am; then we'll add the trees and lights on 12/4 at 10:00 am; and, finally the finishing touches of candelabras and poinsettias on 12/11 at 10:00 am. There will be music and good cheer to put us all in the Christmas spirit—come find your Joy. Attend one time, or come to all—the more the merrier! Use this link to sign up, so we know you're coming: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning offer Glory to God and witness to the beauty of God's creation.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST. Session calls the Special Meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of electing Church Officers: to elect the individuals nominated for Church Officers: elder, deacon, shepherd, auditor; and also, to elect the individuals nominated to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). Both are critical to the future leadership of Carmel so it is important to have you there in person to participate and vote. For those not able to be there in person an option to participate and vote via zoom will be provided. The meeting will take place on Sunday, November 21, 2021, immediately following the 10:00 am worship, in the sanctuary.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME SING FOR CHRISTMAS! A Festival Choir for the Christmas season will be preparing for the annual Candlelight Carol Service on Sunday evening, December 12 and the 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. The choir is made up of youth and adults from the Carmel choirs and members and friends of the congregation who enjoy singing but who cannot commit to weekly rehearsals year-round. Come and sing for this special festive Christmas season. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 7:30 PM in the church sanctuary. We hope you can join us! Please tell Abby you are coming so a folder of music will be ready for you!

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering Nursery Care and Children's Worship (third grade and below) 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 the Children's Message. 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 on designated Wednesday nights, 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** meets next on November 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** meets Sundays 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.

ATTEND THE SENIOR PASTOR'S SUNDAY MORNING GROUP STUDY— "FOLLOW JESUS" is the current discussion group Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am, concluding Sunday, November 21 in Carmel's Fellowship Lounge. The last of the four-week discussion — "Follow Jesus" — uses the "Follow Me" Biblical Practices for Faithful Living curriculum. And Adult Reflection Guide for is available in the Church Office.

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

WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – All are requested to wear masks at all times and practice social distancing at your and other's comfort levels during worship and when inside the church facilities

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! Live Streaming Worship continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone and on Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. See below!

Participating in Worship this Morning

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor
Ashley B. Rossi, Associate Pastor
Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music
Deb Gates, Liturgist
The Sanctuary Choir
David Campbell, Co-Director of the Handbell Choir
Melissa Keller and Margie White, Greeter/Ushers
Melissa Keller and Margie White, Shepherds
Walter Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member
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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljlDvsRw

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

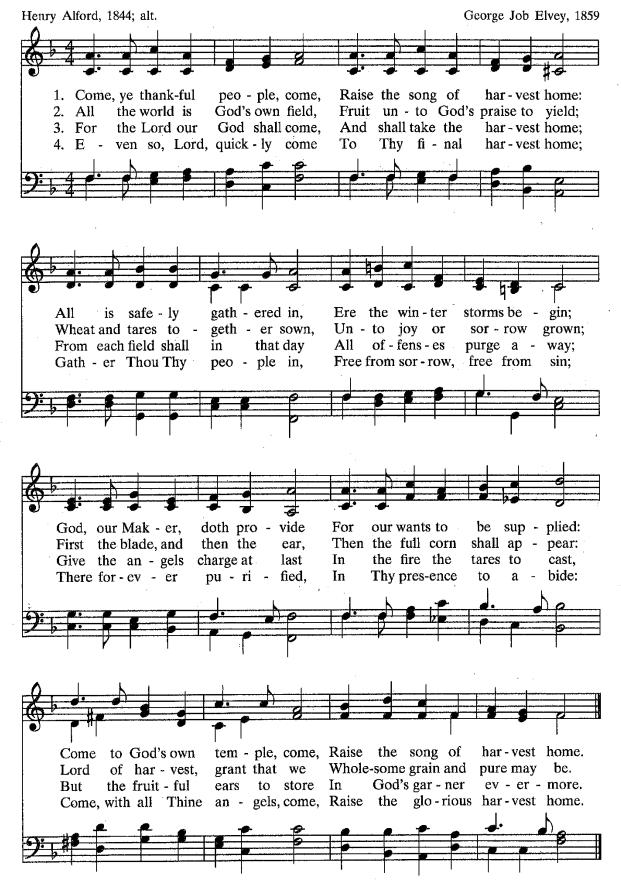
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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7 D



Glory to the Father

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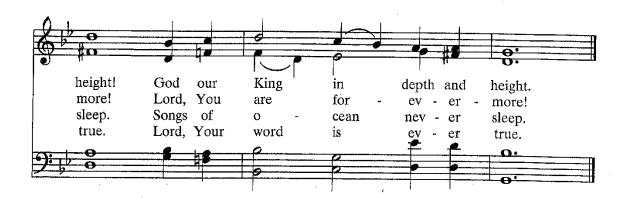


*May be sung as a canon.

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God, Our Lord, a King Remaining

BRYN CALFARIA 8.7.8.7.444.7.7 John Keble, 1839; alt. 1988 William Owen, 1852 Robed in maj 1. God, our Lord, King re-main - ing, a last-ing sta - tion Earth is poised, to its ev - er 2. In wa - ters blend - ing, Glo - rious is the 3. With all tones of fect 4. Lord, the words Your lips are tell - ing Are the per You have robed Your self, and reign - ing, ty and light: swerve no more; You have laid Your throne's foun - da - tion with - out end - ing, Glo-rious, beau - teous, break-ing deep; ter - nal dwell - ing, In Your high е and the true. Al - le - lu - ia! with power and might. Clothed Your-self thought can soar. Al - le - lu - ia! time where From all Al - le - lu heaven's high steep. ia! God, who reigns on Al - le - lu shall live with You. ia! Ho - li - ness God our King in depth and Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, You are for - ev - er -Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Songs of o - cean nev - er Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, Your word is ev - er Al - le - lu - ia!



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He Is King of Kings



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* Or "God."

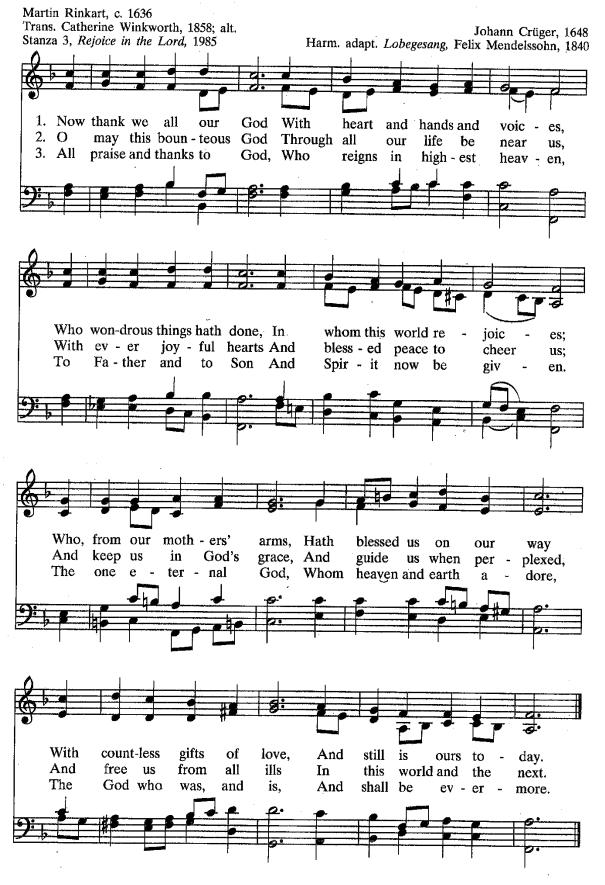
592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



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Now Thank We All Our God

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