

***Carmel Presbyterian Church
Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022***



Order of Worship*

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

Greeting and Announcements – Pastor Peter

Prelude – Two variations on “Blessed Jesus, We Are Here”, J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

God built the heavens, the earth, and everything in them.

God calls us to be builders as well.

God calls us to build our lives:

To restore broken places and continue to grow.

God calls us to build our faith:

To study the Word and ponder its interpretation.

God calls us to build our community:

To build bridges of understanding and systems of justice.

God calls us to build history by fulfilling the promises of Scripture:

To preach the good news of God’s love and liberation for all people.

**** Opening Hymn No. 454 – “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” — (LIEBSTER JESU)***

Call to Confession –

Prayer of Confession (In unison) –

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to our relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust...

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively; From: Psalm 19:7-8; Luke 4:18-19, 21) –

God’s word does not come to condemn us,

But to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts

God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ,
Who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.
Friends: hear and believe the Good News of the gospel!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*** Gloria – Hymn No. 567 – “Glory to the Father” — (Gloria Patri)**

*** Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively) –**

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

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

The peace of Christ be with you!

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) –

We have gathered before your Word, O God. We want to hear with understanding, so give us attentive ears. By the power of your Holy Spirit at work in the word read and proclaimed, make the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts acceptable to you, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

Old Testament Reading –

The Old Testament lectionary reading is Nehemiah, chapter 8, verses 1-3, 5-6, and 8-10. Ezra reads God's law to the people; they weep to hear God's words. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the Lord had instructed Israel.

So on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of both men and women and anyone who could understand what they heard. Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll....

Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground....

They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction.

"Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our Lord. Don't be sad, because the joy from the Lord is your strength!"

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

*** Hymn No. 166 – "The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise" – (CAITHNESS)**

(Inspired by today's lectionary Psalm 19. The heavens tell God's glory; the law of the Lord is perfect.)

New Testament Reading –

Our second reading from the lectionary is First Corinthians, chapter 12, verses 12-31a. Christ's body has many different members; in the Spirit we are one. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. Certainly the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body. So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they? Use your ambition to try to get the greater gifts.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading –

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 4, verses 14-21. Jesus reads from Isaiah and announces good news to the poor: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,
and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*

He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

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

Sermon

Pastor Peter

"God's Spirit On Us"

*** Hymn 411 – "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" – (FESTAL SONG)**

Sharing Joys and Concerns –

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession and The Lord's Prayer (Using 'debts' & 'debtors') –

Invitation to the 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 – "The Heavens are Telling"; Text: Psalm 19 – Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827)
Sanctuary Choir

*The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory, Through all the earth His praise is found.
The seas re-echo the marvelous story: O man, repeat that glorious sound!*

*The starry hosts He doth order and number, He fills the morning's golden springs,
He wakes the sun from his night-curtained slumber; O man, adore the King of kings!
O man, adore the King of kings!*

*The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor, His power in all things thou dost see;
The Lord of hosts who for ever and ever Thy God and Father still shall be.*

*He is thy Maker whose love shall not waver, A God of wisdom, ever kind;
Praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor, In Him salvation shalt thou find,
In Him salvation shalt thou find!*

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

*** Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts and Tithes –**

Let us pray,

God of life and of new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world. Amen.

*** Hymn No. 332 – “Live Into Hope” – (TRURO)**

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

The Spirit is still at work among us, disciples of Christ

Sending us to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to those in captivity, to be healers and a freedom force against all oppression.

Go boldly as disciples, trusting in the Spirit’s guidance! As we go from this place on this day holy to God we rejoice in the strength of God, we fix our eyes on the grace of Christ, and we drink deeply of the Spirit, who makes us one.

Amen and Amen.

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

Postlude – Psalm 19 — Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

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!

THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning are given in loving memory of Scott Morris by his parents and sisters.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN CARMEL HALL IS SUSPENDED – Due to the pandemic, Session is prudently suspending Coffee Fellowship time after Sunday worship in Carmel Hall.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION MEETING IS JANUARY 30, 2022 – The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of Carmel Presbyterian Church will be held virtually on Zoom following worship on Sunday, January 30, 2022 to receive the reports of the Pastors, the Session, Board of Deacons, Board of Shepherds, special committees, financial reports and pastors’ terms of call, and any other business to be considered. We invite all members to Zoom in with us!

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WELL INFORMED—CHECK OUT CARMEL’S NEW WEBSITE! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Easily find links for the current livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and find out the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH NEW STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES LOCATED IN THE FLOYER – Collect your **Stewardship Giving Envelopes** in the church foyer arranged alphabetically. If you need a yearly **Giving/Pledge Card**, they may be picked up near the **Offering Plate** as you enter the sanctuary. Please return it to the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity in caring for others through your church family!

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 NOTES: **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 designated Sundays, 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.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING GROUP STUDY LED BY THE SENIOR PASTOR – We are trying a new time to include those for whom Sunday mornings are not a good fit! So, we’re moving the **Pastor’s Adult Group Study to Wednesday evenings: 7:30-9:00 pm on ZOOM** (and hopefully in Fellowship Lounge when WiFi is available to have a hybrid group meeting). During the four Wednesdays of February, beginning Wednesday, February 2nd, we will discuss the **Follow Me** PC(USA) short four-week course: **Practice Joy**. As we approach the two-year mark of the Pandemic, we all can use some **JOY!** We usually think of joy as a feeling, a response to something we experience. Scripture, however, invites us to experience joy as more than a passive response; instead, we practice joy as a faithful choice. Joy is something that we experience, something we savor, and something that is gifted to us by a loving and merciful God. While we experience joy individually, it is also a communal practice, one that is experienced in different ways by all God’s people. We will use the **Practice Joy** discussion to explore this faithful choice in greater detail together. Pick up an **Adult Reflection Booklet** in the Church Office beginning Sunday, January 30th.

Looking ahead to Lent, a special six-week study **Practice Spiritual Disciplines** is planned. It will begin the First Sunday in Lent, March 6 on ZOOM from 7:30-9:00 pm. Make your Lent time preparing for **Holy Week** more meaningful as you prepare for Easter’s new life! God’s central invitation to followers of Jesus is to draw near to God in Christ and to allow God, through the Holy Spirit, to transform us into Christ’s image. **Christian spiritual disciplines and spiritual practices** are ways in which we do that. Spiritual disciplines are usually thought of as those things that help us draw near to God and might include different forms of prayer,

meditation, study, and service. Spiritual practices are seen as those things Jesus did, said, or embodied; we as Jesus' followers try to do so as well. Many of the spiritual disciplines covered in this unit have emerged over the centuries as Christians have experimented with ways to make space in their lives to be with Jesus and to allow Jesus to transform them. As with *Practice Joy*, an **Adult Reflection Booklet** will be available in the Church Office as we approach Lent. We hope you will participate in both group discussions!

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!

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Participating in Worship this Morning

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor

Ashley B. Rossi, Associate Pastor

James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Lynne Schutt, Liturgist

The Sanctuary Choir

Kelly Rose and Janet Simon, Greeter/Ushers

Barbara Podrost and Kristin Waldner, Shepherds

Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member

Gary Moll and Kerri Strike-Stahler, 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/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJljiDvsRw>

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.

Signup to Help with Worship!

Each Sunday we have several spots you can assist. Click here:

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

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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Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. 1972

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.

1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your word We are gath - ered
 2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est
 3. Glo - rious Lord, Your - self im - part! Light of light, from

all to hear You; Let our hearts and souls be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, Till Your Spir - it breaks our night
 God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our ears and heart,

Now to seek and love and fear You; By Your teach - ings
 With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; You a - lone to
 Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing; Hear the cry that

true and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.
 God can win us, You must work all good with - in us.
 we are rais - ing; Hear, and bless our prayers and prais - ing.

Glory to the Father

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Gloria Patri

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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PSALM 19:1-6

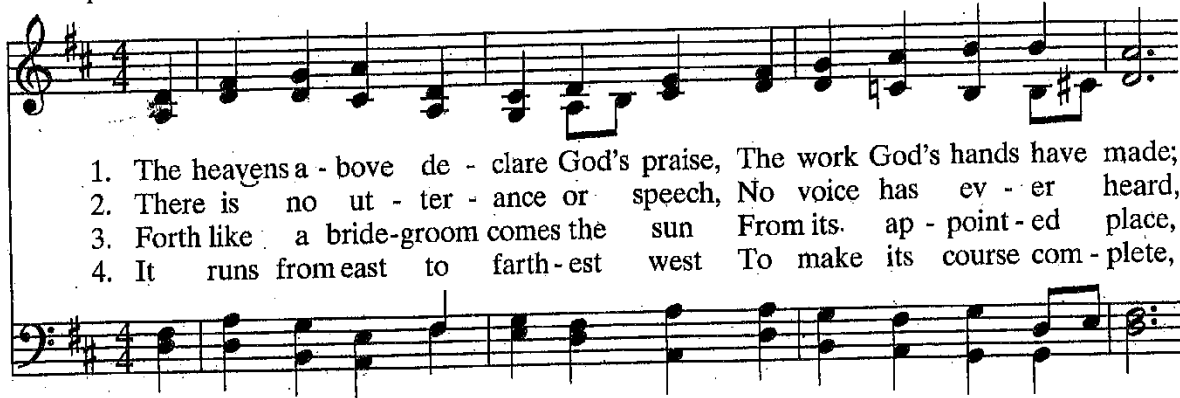
The Heavens Above Declare God's Praise 166

CAITHNESS CM

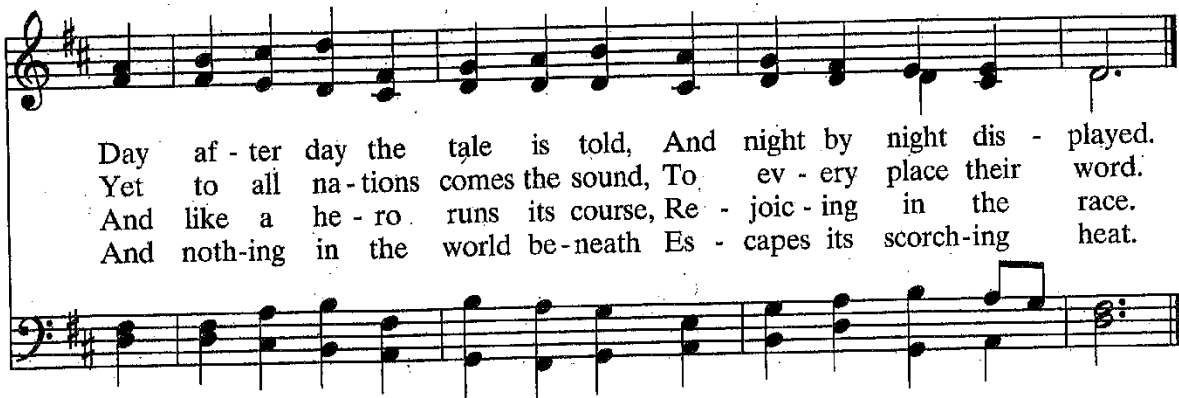
Scottish Psalter, 1635

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; alt.

Christopher L. Webber, 1986



1. The heavens a - bove de - clare God's praise, The work God's hands have made;
2. There is no ut - ter - ance or speech, No voice has ev - er heard,
3. Forth like a bride-groom comes the sun From its ap - point - ed place,
4. It runs from east to farth - est west To make its course com - plete,



Day af - ter day the tale is told, And night by night dis - played.
Yet to all na - tions comes the sound, To ev - ery place their word.
And like a he - ro runs its course, Re - joic - ing in the race.
And noth - ing in the world be - neath Es - capes its scorch - ing heat.

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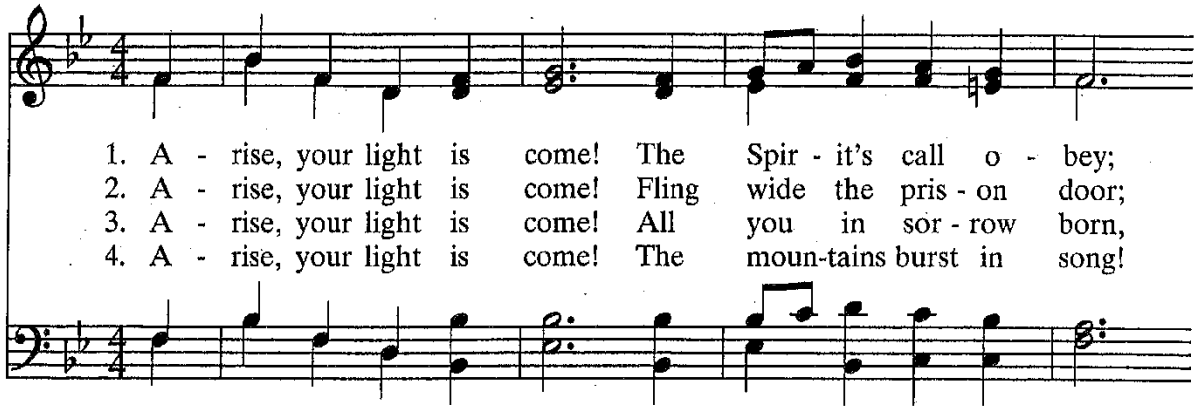
Arise, Your Light Is Come!

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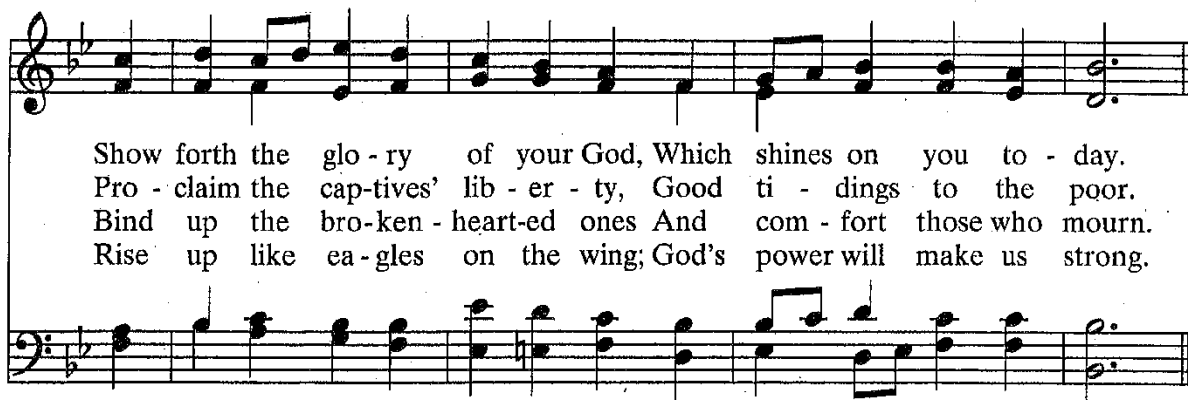
FESTAL SONG SM

Ruth Duck, 1974

William H. Walter, 1894



1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God, Which shines on you to - day.
Pro - claim the cap-tives' lib - er - ty, Good ti - dings to the poor.
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea-gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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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

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

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

* Or "God."

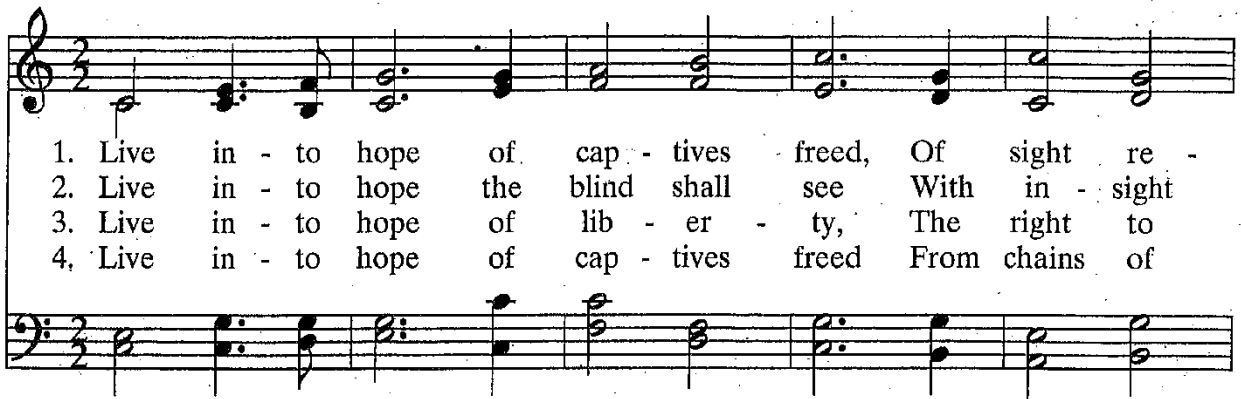
Live Into Hope

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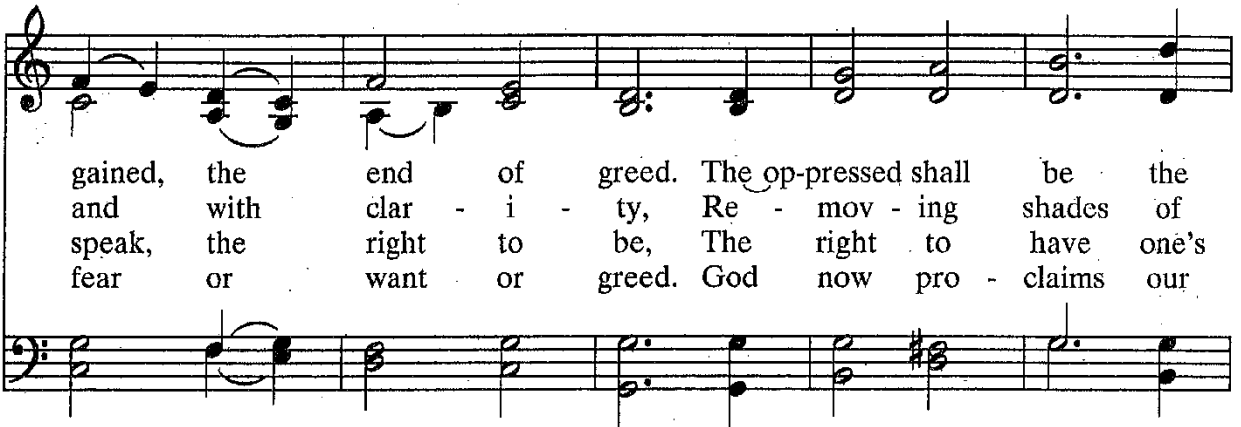
TRURO LM

Jane Parker Huber, 1976

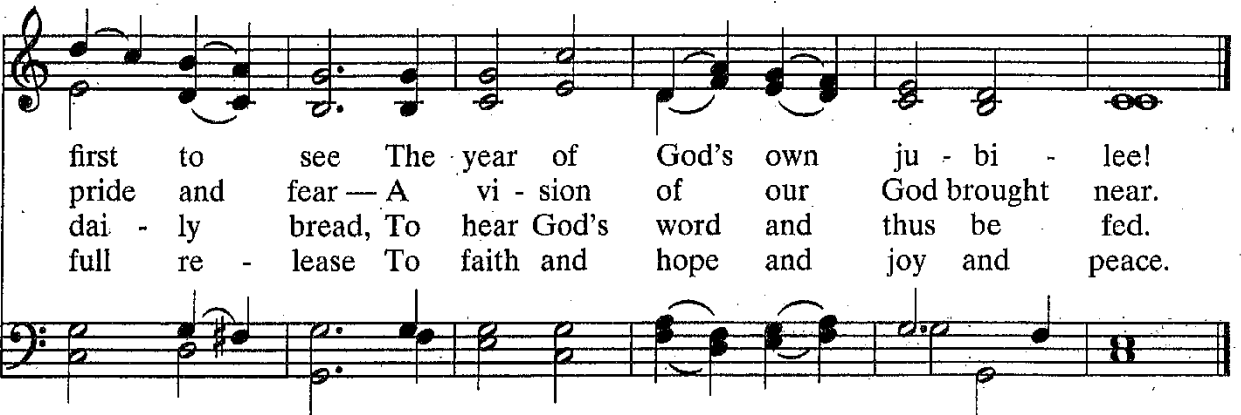
Thomas Williams, 1789
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)



1. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, Of sight re -
2. Live in - to hope the blind shall see With in - sight
3. Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, The right to
4. Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed From chains of



gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
and with clar - i - ty, Re - mov - ing shades of
speak, the right to be, The right to have one's
fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



first to see The year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
pride and fear — A vi - sion of our God brought near.
dai - ly bread, To hear God's word and thus be fed.
full re - lease To faith and hope and joy and peace.

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