

**Carmel Presbyterian Church
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 13, 2022**



Order of Worship*

** Please stand, as able.*

*Congregation voices **Bold** responses.*

Greeting and Announcements –

**Prelude – “O Lord Most Holy” – Cesar Franck
Peter Heckman, tenor soloist**

*O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.*

*Rule Thou our wilful hearts, Keep Thine our wandering thoughts;
In all our sorrows let us find our rest in Thee;
And in temptation's hour, Save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us: Hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor, So shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.*

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

Blessed are those who trust God, whose trust is the Lord.

They are like trees planted by water, sending out roots by the stream.

They have no fear of summer's heat, nor do they wither in the sun.

In the year of drought, they are not anxious, for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.

Come to the waters of life all you who trust in the Lord.

We have come to worship and to send forth our roots into streams of God's living waters.

*** Opening Hymn No. 281 – “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” — (CWM RHONDDA)**

Call to Confession –

Prayer of Confession (In unison) –

Gentle guide, loving guardian, heal our foolish ways. We long to forsake the advice of the wicked and the slow seduction of sinful paths, but our speech and actions often contradict us. We yearn to be like trees planted beside living waters, bearing the fruit of righteousness in due season, but the seat of scoffers calls to us and the temptation to return evil for evil withers our souls like shrubs in the desert.

Our hearts seek the way of your Spirit and the waters of life, but our footsteps lead us into arid, desert sands. This is not your hope and plan for us. Forgive us. Turn us again to the healing you so freely offer, and mend the brokenness in our lives and in our world...

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

Amen. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively; Adapted from Luke 5) –

Friends: hear the good news of the gospel! God looks at us in our brokenness, and offers blessings to all who turn to the Lord.

With the assurance of God's faithful love, today we choose to be people of blessing!

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) –***

Those who place their faith in the Lord are blessed.

Let us share this blessing with those around us as we pass the peace of Christ.

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) –

Holy God, you graciously strengthen and replenish all who wait upon you. Grant us your Spirit, so that by seeking you, we may also gladly serve others, true to your Word. Amen.

Old Testament Reading –

The Old Testament lectionary reading is Jeremiah, chapter 17, verses 5-10. Curses and blessings; those who trust in the Lord are like trees. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

The Lord proclaims:

Cursed are those who trust in mere humans,
who depend on human strength
and turn their hearts from the Lord.

They will be like a desert shrub
that doesn't know when relief comes.

They will live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in a barren land where no one survives.

Happy are those who trust in the Lord,
who rely on the Lord.

They will be like trees planted by the streams,
whose roots reach down to the water.

They won't fear drought when it comes;
their leaves will remain green.

They won't be stressed in the time of drought
or fail to bear fruit.

The most cunning heart—
it's beyond help.

Who can figure it out?
I, the Lord, probe the heart
and discern hidden motives,
to give everyone what they deserve,
the consequences of their deeds.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

*** Hymn No. 158 – “The One Is Blest” – (DUNFERMLINE)**

(Inspired by today's lectionary Psalm 1. Happy are those who delight in God's law, like trees by the water.)

New Testament Reading –

Our second reading from the lectionary is First Corinthians, chapter 15, verses 12-20. If there is no resurrection of the dead, our faith has been in van. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, “There's no resurrection of the dead”? If there's no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn't been raised either. If Christ hasn't been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless. We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn't raise him if it's the case that the dead aren't raised. If the dead aren't raised, then Christ hasn't been raised either. If Christ hasn't been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins, and what's more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever. If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He's the first crop of the harvest of those who have died.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading –

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 5, verses 17-26. In his sermon on the plain, Jesus speaks of blessings and curses; happy people and doomed people. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a large area of level ground. A great company of his disciples and a huge crowd of people from all around Judea and Jerusalem and the area around Tyre and Sidon joined him there. They came to hear him and to be healed from their diseases, and those bothered by unclean spirits were healed. The whole crowd wanted to touch him, because power was going out from him and he was healing everyone.

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“Happy are you who are poor,
because God’s kingdom is yours.
Happy are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.
Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.
How terrible for you who have plenty now,
because you will be hungry.
How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.
How terrible for you when all speak well of you.
Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Peter

“It’s All about Roots”

**** Hymn 379 – “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” – (SOLID ROCK)***

Sharing Joys and Concerns –

Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession & The Lord’s Prayer (using ‘debts’ and ‘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 – “Awake, My Heart” – Jane M. Marshall

Sanctuary Choir

*Awake, my heart, and render To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, A song of love and fervor.*

*Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending, beginning, middle, ending, Will all be upward tending.*

*My heart shall be thy dwelling, With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture, thy word my nurture, given To bring me on toward heaven.*

Awake, my heart, and render To God thy sure defender,

Thy Maker, thy preserver, Thy Maker, preserver, A song of love and fervor.

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

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

Source of every blessing, you have planted us beside living waters and nourished our souls with your ways of life. In gratitude and thanks for the fruit we have born in due season, we return these gifts to you. Bless them with your manifold grace, and multiply them in your mercy, that they may go forth to heal a world trapped in loneliness and isolation. In the name of the one who leads us into life, we pray. Amen.

*** Hymn 432 – (Please sing through twice) – “Song of Hope” – (ARGENTINA)**

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

Go from this place as those who are blessed.

We will live in God’s love.

Go from this place as trees planted beside living waters.

We will drink of Christ’s mercy.

Go from this place to bear the fruit of righteousness.

We will share the Spirit’s strength with everyone we meet.

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

**Postlude – “God of Grace” — Paul Manz
(Hymn tune: Cwm Rhondda)**

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 (currently suspended due to the pandemic)! 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!

WE WELCOME BACK PETER (PJ) HECKMAN – We are grateful to have Peter singing with us today. Peter grew up here at Carmel Church. He began singing in our Children's Choir at age 4 and continued singing in the church choirs through High School. PJ teaches 5th through 8th grade general music and choir at Pond Road Middle School in Robbinsville, NJ. He also leads their annual musical as well as several community concert events. PJ is also the director of ArtsForm, a comprehensive performing arts studio in East Windsor, NJ that offers voice, dance, acting, and performance classes. He holds a Masters degree in music from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, NJ.

CARMEL TACKLES SOUPER BOWL OF CARING THIS SUNDAY! This morning we are collecting cans of soup and donations for the **Interfaith Food Cupboard**. For over 30 years, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** movement has been inspiring people to tackle hunger in their local communities creating over \$170 million worth of support that stays completely local. **Interfaith Food Cupboard** is a favorite Carmel beneficiary. They have served Montgomery County families in need since 1970. The Cupboard serves more than 2,100 individuals experiencing food insecurity. Support the **Souper Bowl of Caring** and enjoy the Super Bowl!

THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning are in loving memory of Rev. John A. Lampe, Elizabeth P. Lampe and Esther J. Lampe by their children.

SESSION CALLS A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION – Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation of Carmel Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 20, 2022, immediately following the 10:00 am worship to act on Pastor Ashley's Rossi's request to dissolve her pastoral relationship. Following the meeting you are invited to stay for a celebration and appreciation of Pastor Ashley's ministry to be followed by a reception in Carmel Hall.

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 WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUP STUDY LED BY PASTOR PETER – Pastor Peter's **Adult Group Study** is now **Wednesday evenings: 7:30-9:00 pm on ZOOM**. During Wednesdays in February, we continue the short study: **Practice Joy** from the **Follow Me** PC(USA) curriculum. 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 your **Adult Reflection Booklet** in the Church Office.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT – Participate in a special Lenten six-week adult group study **Practice Spiritual Disciplines**. It begins the First Wednesday in Lent, March 2 on ZOOM from 7:30-9:00 pm. Make the Season of Lent more meaningful; prepare for **Holy Week** and 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 **Practice Spiritual Disciplines** will be available in the Church Office as we approach Lent. Join in both group discussions Wednesday evenings!

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, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation—and not to miss the latest on the Carmel Calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page.

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

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.

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 you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

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.

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Participating in Worship this Morning (and clergy)

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor

Ashley B. Rossi, Associate Pastor

James D. Eby, Pastor Emeritus

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Nancy Pinkowicz, Liturgist

The Sanctuary Choir

Peter (PJ) Heckman, guest soloist

Abigail Clayton and Jed Smith, Greeter/Ushers

Beth Cherry and Cindy Keshishian, Shepherds

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

Gary Moll, Stefanie O’Gara, Jay Raulinaitis, 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/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.

Signup to Help with Worship!

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

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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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GOD

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

Glory to the Father

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Gloria Patri

John Weaver, 1978

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system begins with a vocal line starting on a whole rest, followed by the lyrics 'Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the'. The piano accompaniment starts with a forte (f) dynamic and includes a 'Ped.' (pedal) marking. The second system continues the vocal line with 'Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines. The third system concludes with the vocal line 'now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.' and a final piano accompaniment ending with a double bar line.

*May be sung as a canon.

♩=58-63

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PSALMS

PSALM 1

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The One Is Blest

DUNFERMLINE CM

The Psalter, 1912; alt. 1985

Scottish Psalter, 1615

1. The one is blest who, fear - ing God, Walks
2. How blest the one who in God's law Finds
3. That one is nour - ished like a tree Set
4. The wick - ed, like the driv - en chaff, Are

not where sin - ners meet, Who does not stand with
good - ness and de - light, And med - i - tates up -
by the riv - er's side; Its leaf is green, its
swept from off the land; They shall not gath - er

wick - ed ones, And shuns the scorn - ers' seat.
on that law With glad - ness day and night.
fruit is sure: The works of such a - bide.
with the just, Nor at the judg - ment stand.

5. The Lord will guard the righteous well,
Their way to God is known;

The way of sinners, far from God,
Shall surely be o'erthrown.

379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, My an - chor
 whelm-ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is
 Him be found, Dressed in His righ - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

Refrain

lean on Je - sus' name.
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
 all my hope and stay.
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

SERVICE MUSIC

592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

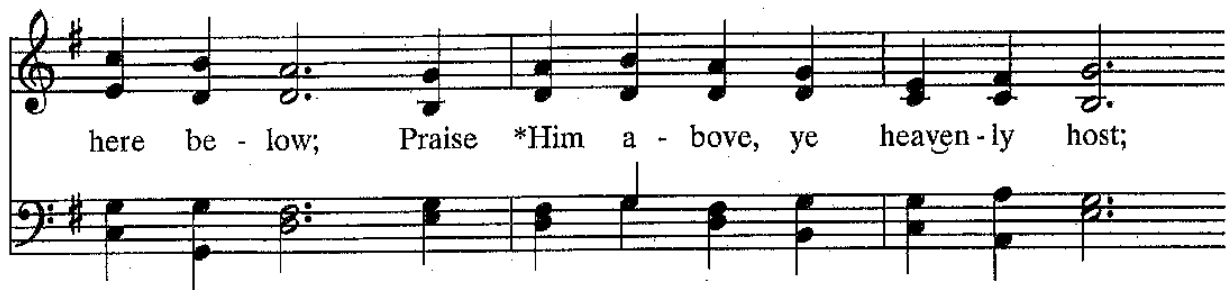
OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise *Him, all creatures



here below; Praise *Him above, ye heavenly host;



Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Or "God."

Canto de Esperanza Song of Hope

ARGENTINA 11.11.11.11 with refrain

Alvin Schutmaat, 1984

Argentine folk melody

¡Dios de la es-pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun-do en
May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, Fill-ing all our

cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us

nos tu luz, Luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
on our way, Bring-ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.

CHURCH: MISSION

Refrain

O - re - mos por la paz, Can - te - mos de tu a - mor.
Pray - ing, let us work for peace, Sing - ing, share our joy with all,

Lu - che - mos por la paz, Fie - les a Ti, Se - ñor.
Work - ing for a world that's new, Faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.