

Christ Memorial

Presbyterian Church

July 18, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. M. Bober

Psalm 95:6-7: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

"Brethren we have met to worship, and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.

Brethren pray and holy manna will be showered all around."

(words by G. Atkins, 1819; music by W. Moore, 1829; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2009)

Welcome and Announcements

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

**Call to Worship Allison Miller

L: Come into the presence of the Most High God with songs of praise and shouts of thanksgiving.

P: For our Savior frees us from slavery; our Savior heals our diseases; our Savior is our peace.

L: You are a holy temple in the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Come; let us worship God.

****Hymn** - 49

The God of Abraham Praise

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, your steadfast love endures forever. We confess that we act as if we are in control; as if you will bless whatever we do. If we think of others at all, it is with an eye toward their usefulness to us. If we consider your creation, it is to ponder what benefits us. We have failed to show your love or to do justice in obedience to you. Have mercy on us, God of grace. Forgive our sins, we humbly pray. Put the mind of Christ within us, O God. Use us to break down walls of hostility within the church, among the nations, and around the world. Equip us to do your will, giving you glory, honor, and praise forever and ever. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Moment with Children Sarah Trodden

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Ephesians 2:11-22

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon The House of the Lord Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** - 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Invitation to Offering

There are numerous ways to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates are located near the exits of the sanctuary for checks or cash to be left today. Cards with a QR code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks.

Donations can always be mailed to the church at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your gift!

Offertory

Minuet on Jesus, Lover of My Soul

arr. D. Hustad

2 Corinthians 1:3-5: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

"Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly. While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide; till the storm of life is past. Safe into the haven guide, oh, receive my soul at last."

(words by C. Wesley, 1740; music, Martyn, by S.B. Marsh. 1834; words and music are public domain) (this organ solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1978)

****Doxology -** 710

We Lift Our Voices

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")

****Hymn** – 700

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

**Benediction

Postlude How Firm a Foundation arr. C. Tornquist

2 Timothy 2: 19a: Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his."

"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 have fled?" (words attributed to G. Keith and R. Keen; 1787; music is an American fold melody published in 1832; words and music are public domain) (this piano solo:: Word Music, 2007)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

An update on some details about our finances. Thank you for your generosity to CMPC! As of June 30, 2021 (50% of calendar year):

Actual Income \$243,176 - 49% of budget Actual Expenses \$239,179 - 47% of budget

In Search of Notaries

From time to time the church staff, volunteers, and members are in need of the assistance of a notary. We would like to compile a list of anyone in the congregation who is commissioned as a notary so we know who to reach out to in these circumstances. If you are a notary public and would be willing to have your name added to the list please contact Kathleen in the church office (office@cmpcusa.org).

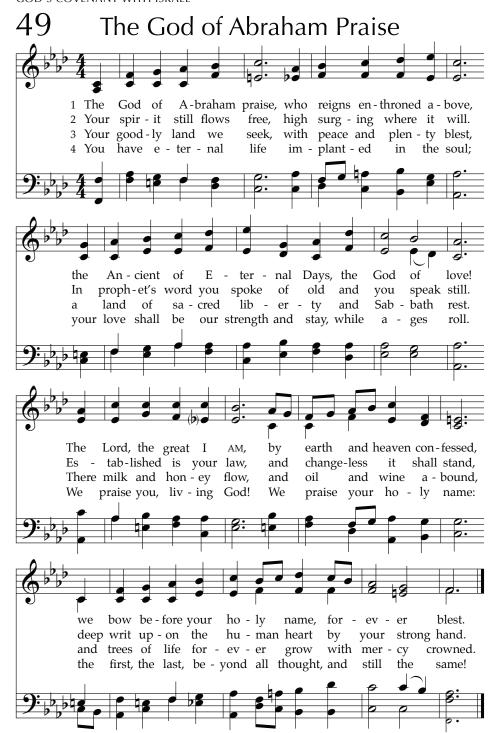


Contribution Records in Bridge

At the beginning of this year we began capturing contributions to CMPC in the CMPC Bridge system. If you log into Bridge you are able to see the record of your contributions. To date, all of the 2021 contributions are reflected in Bridge. We are in the process of converting contributions to the Realizing the Vision capital campaign from 2019 and 2020 into Bridge. Those will begin to be shown in Bridge over the coming weeks. Please be patient as the conversion process is time-consuming. We will publish a notice in the Friday e-news when the conversion is complete. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Treasurer, Joyce Danzig (joyce.danzig@gmail.com). Thank you.

From the CARE Group

Maryland is offering a free program called "Senior Call Check". Residents 65 or older can sign up to receive a daily phone call to verify your well-being. The call will be scheduled for a time of day that is convenient for you. Find out more and register by going to aging.maryland.gov, or call 1-866-502-0560. M-F 8-5 and Sat. 9-3.



Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

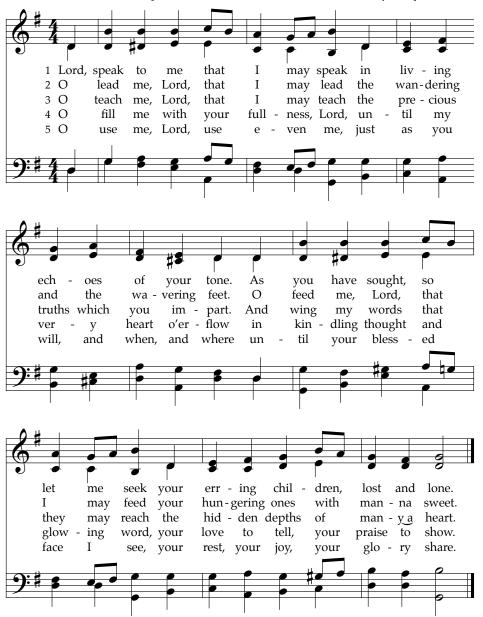
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We Are Forgiven



To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.



This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.