



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 25, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me

arr. A.G. Whitworth

John 3: 16: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so."
(words by A.B. Warmer, 1859; music by W.B. Bradbury, 1859; words and music are public domain)
(this organ solo: John T. Benson Publishing Co/ASCAP, 1981; distributed by Genevox Music Group)

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**

Chad Board

L: May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

P: May you have the power to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge.

L: Now to the One who is able to accomplish far more than all we can ask or imagine,

P: To God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn - 408**

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Blessed Redeemer, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. You endow us with goodness while we squander your blessings. We yearn for the possessions that our neighbors enjoy. Envy, greed, and selfishness consume us. Satisfaction eludes us as our cravings increase. Quiet our longing for material riches, and help us trust in Jesus, who provides for our needs. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

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

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

****Response - 447**

We Are Forgiven

Moment with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

2 Kings 4:42-44
John 6:1-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Generous Meal

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**Hymn - 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

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

You Are Mine

arr/edited C. Wahl

Isaiah 43: 1: *Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.*

"I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice; be still, and know I am near. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see; in the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in Me. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow Me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."
(words and music by D. Haas, 1957; GIA Publications, Inc., 1991)
(this piano solo: GIA Publications, Inc., 2013)

**Doxology - 710

We Lift Our Voices

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

**Hymn – 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

**Benediction

Postlude

You Never Let Go

arr. V. Labenske

Deuteronomy 31:6: *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Your perfect love is casting out fear, and even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back I know You are near. And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me, and if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear? Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm. Oh no, You never let go, in ev'ry high and ev'ry low. Oh no, You never let go, Lord You never let go of me."
(byM./B. Redman; ThankYou Music, 2005) (this piano solo: Thankyou Music/EMC/MCP Publishing, 2005)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Summary of the July 19, 2021 Session Meeting

The Session voted unanimously to approve two recommendations from the Reopening Task Force:

1. To fully reopen the church building to all groups, both internal and external; and
2. To lift the mask mandate (making mask wearing optional) while maintaining the current social distancing practices like cordoning off every other pew. Unvaccinated persons are encouraged to continue to wear a mask for their own safety. All are welcome to wear masks if they feel comfortable doing so.

This guidance was informed, in part, by the extremely high vaccination rate in Howard County and within our congregation.

In other business:

The Session unanimously offered its vote of confidence in the direction of planning underway for a 3rd Capital Campaign, which is required by our mortgage lender and will launch on Vision Sunday, Oct. 24. The vote to choose a specific approach from available options will come later.

Church Treasurer Bob Ashman and members of the Finance Committee are tackling these labor-intensive preparations with the assistance of consultant Jeff Newlin, who also helped guide our first two efforts to raise funds to pay for the Ministry Expansion Project. This is intended to be the final campaign.



**American
Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

2021 Red Cross Blood Drive

CMPC is hosting its annual Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, August 12, 2021 from 2:00-7:30. Note that this is the second Thursday in August. We did such a great job in past years that they have upped our goal this year. We need everyone to volunteer to donate blood and save up to 3 lives! Our goal is to collect at least 25 units this year! Sign up online today on our events page!

This is by appointment only, no walk-ins. Please share this with friends and neighbors, especially in the Allview neighborhood. THERE IS A CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE THIS YEAR!! PLEASE DONATE!!



Christian Coordinates

Mark your calendars for the next summer GIFT event!

Friday, August 20th from 6 - 7:30 pm!

It will be a fun night of fellowship, games and a scavenger hunt!

Join your church family on an adventure discovering the Armor of God!



ReBuilding Together Work Day—Save the Date

This year's Rebuilding Together Howard County (RTHC) is scheduled for October 9, 2021. A team of volunteers from CMPC will use this day to make home improvements for a homeowner in need within our local community. We are working with the RTHC team now to pick the home. More can be found about RTHC at www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org. Please consider volunteering for this very meaningful event. If you are interested, you can contact the team captain, Joshua Gliptis at jbglptis@gmail.com or by phone at 410-804-3228.

The RTHC workday event, for which CMPC has participated for many years, is a very noble cause and a very tangible opportunity for us to put our faith into action. The RTHC group qualifies all applicants and the need is real, even within our blessed and relatively affluent community. Those who have participated in the workdays in the past have found it very rewarding. A single day's work by the volunteer teams have provided many meaningful improvements to the homeowner which they will appreciate and enjoy for many days to come. Please consider volunteering for this year's work day!

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

FORGIVENESS

447

We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to

G Am7 Dsus D G Am

God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.

D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G

We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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.

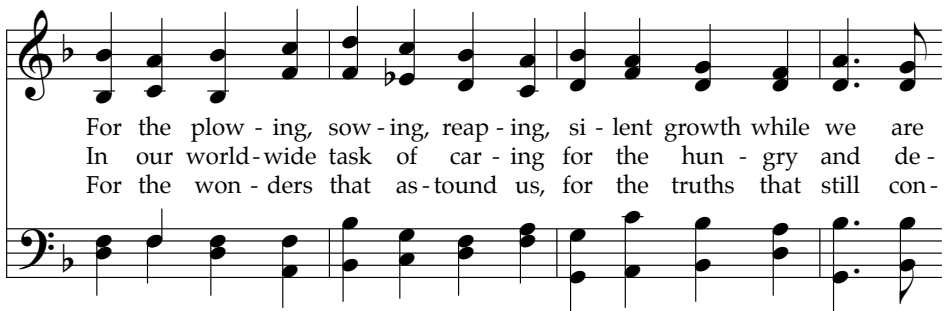
For the Fruit of All Creation 36



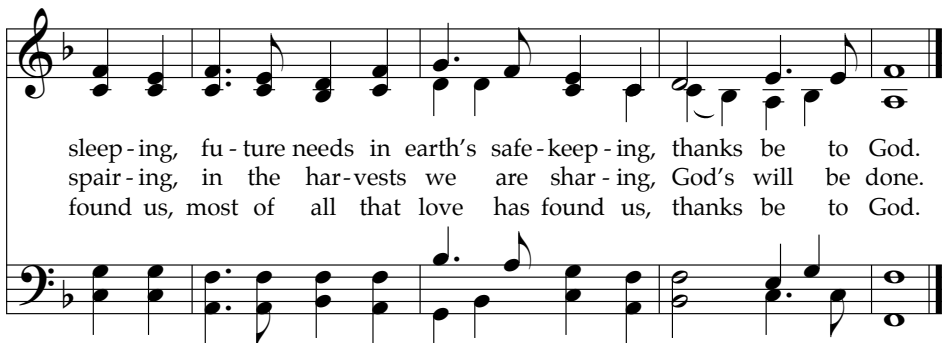
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

We Lift Our Voices

We Are an Offering

710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
 voice - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our
 voice - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

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).

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.