



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 4, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Meditation on America

arr. J. Linker

Psalm 33:12: *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.*

*"My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing: land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring!"*

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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**

Sue Ashman

L: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

P: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

L: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.

P: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn - 365**

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Gracious Power, you call us to your everlasting springs to be drenched and reformed, but we fail to heed you. We do not turn with love to our neighbors, to ourselves, or to you. Forgive us for our failings, shield us from our due, and guide us into unity with all for the sake of the whole world. 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

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 97
Acts 16:16-34

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Free for What?

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 661**

Why Should I Feel Discouraged (His Eye Is on the Sparrow)

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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)

arr. J. Holstein

Matthew 5:9: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love. Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in You. Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy."

*(words are attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, 1912; music by S. Temple, 1963)
(this piano solo: OCP Publishing, 1967 and 2006)*

****Doxology - 710**

We Lift Our Voices

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

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

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer

****Hymn - 337**

My Country 'Tis of Thee

****Benediction**

Postlude

America

arr. J. Linker

2 Corinthians 3:17: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

*"My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills; my heart with rapture thrills like that above."
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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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.

Faith & Waterworks

Please come and join your church family for our next GIFT event!

We will gather outdoors on July 7th from 6 – 7:30 pm for a Fun-filled evening of fellowship, pizza, and games.

There will be activities for all ages to enjoy!

Water Games – Sponge Relays, Ice Building, Sidewalk Water Painting

Lawn Games – Corn Hole, Jenga, Checkers

Bring chairs or a blanket for your family.

We will be collecting donations for Howard County Vaccine Workers. Please bring individually wrapped snack items that will be distributed to those working hard to get all in our community vaccinated. Suggestions include: Skinny pop popcorn, KIND granola bars, Snyder's pretzels, Frito Lay sun chips, Garden veggie straws, Goldfish crackers, Nature Valley granola bars, Pop Chips or Apple Chips.



Please SIGN UP on the events page (cmpcusa.org/events) to notify us that you will be attending by Monday, July 5th so we can be sure to have enough pizza for all attending!

Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee

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.

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice! 365

(Psalm 97)

1 God reigns! Let earth re - joice! Let o - ceans
 2 God's fire ig - nites the clouds with judg - ment
 3 False i - dols rise to claim the weak - ness
 4 The ra - diance of God's light beams joy in -

shout God's might! Borne up by truth and righ - teous - ness, God's
 swift and just; the e - vil find their deeds in vain; God's
 of our pride, but can - not touch the faith - ful ones, for
 to our days; now filled with God's own peace and love, our

Refrain

throne is our de - light.
 foes are brought to dust. Re - joice! Re -
 God stands at our side.
 hearts re - sound with praise.

Re - joice!

joice! God reigns! Let earth re - joice!
 Re - joice!

The theme of rejoicing that unites Psalm 97 is fittingly emphasized here by the refrain that ties together these four stanzas. Instead of the intimacy with God celebrated in other psalms, the primary concern here is to proclaim God's power over all false gods that tempt us.

FORGIVENESS

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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.

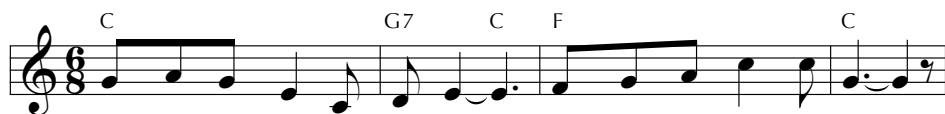
D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G

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.

661 Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

His Eye Is on the Sparrow



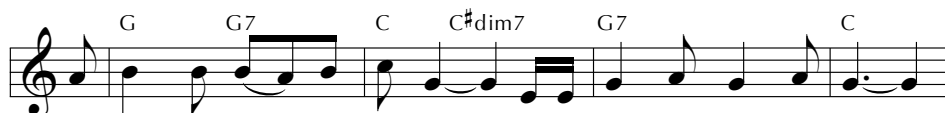
1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



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Refrain



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)



This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29-30/Luke 12:6-7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

THANKSGIVING

for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

C7 F Fm C G7 C

We Lift Our Voices

We Are an Offering

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We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our
 voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
 lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
 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
 voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an offering; we are an offering.

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).

337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of
 2 My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the
 3 Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from
 4 Our *fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing: land where my
 no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy
 all the trees sweet free - dom's song. Let mor - tal
 lib - er - ty, to thee we sing. Long may our

*fa - thers died, land of the pil - grims' pride,
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;
 tongues a - wake; let all that breathe par - take;
 land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

*Or "parents"

This now-familiar patriotic song was written by a Baptist minister and received its first public performance at an Independence Day celebration by the Boston Sabbath School Union in 1831. It was written to replace a German patriotic text sung to the same tune.