



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 22, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

arr. M. Hayes

Matthew 18: 20: *For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.*

"Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord
is in this place."

(words and music by L. Wolfe, 1977; Lanny Wolfe Music; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2010)

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**

L: The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

P: Thanks be to God!

L: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

P: Praise the Lord!

L: Let us worship God!

Liz Perraud

****Hymn - 402**

How Lovely, Lord (Psalm 84)

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

God of our redemption, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. We have not served you with sincere hearts nor trusted in your salvation. We have forsaken you, the living God, and have chosen to follow the lifeless idols of worldly power and wealth. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to heartfelt repentance that we may honor you with our lips and serve you with our lives; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

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

P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

****Response - 447**

We Are Forgiven

Moment with Children

Sarah Trodden

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 84
Ephesians 6: 10-20

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Armor of God

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**Hymn - 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

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

Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 119:18: *Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.*

"Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus."
(words and music by Bob Cull, 1976; Brentwood Benson Publishing, Inc.)

"Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought,
by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light."
(words are from an Irish poem, translated by M. Byrne, 1905; music is an Irish ballad composed by D. Evans, 1927;
words and music are public domain) (this piano solo: Maranathe! Music, 1976/1992)

**Doxology - 710

We Lift Our Voices

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

**Hymn – 838

Standing on the Promises

**Benediction

Postlude

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

arr. M. Hayes

Jeremiah 10: 12: *It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.*

"I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise; that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey."
(words by Isaac Watts, 1715; hymn tune is Ellacombe, 1784; words and music are public domain)
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2011)

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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 July 31, 2021 (58% of calendar year):

Actual Income \$279,545 - 56% of budget

Actual Expenses \$271,237 - 54% of budget



Fifth Sunday Offering

Christ Memorial Christian Preschool has been blessed to be a mission of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church since 1978. During the past 43 years the love of God has been shared with many children of the church and the community through the work of the preschool. The staff of Christ Memorial Christian Preschool are looking forward to reopening the school on August 30, 2021 after a year closure due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As a non-profit preschool the closure year created a situation where no funds were funneled into the preschool via tuition, however we needed to continue to support our staff as best we could. As we are reopening, we are looking towards rebuilding and feel blessed to receive the support of the Mission and Local Outreach Committee to accomplish this goal by choosing us to be the recipient of the 5th Sunday Offering on August 29, 2021. We look forward to continuing our service to God's children through our partnership with Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church.



Blessing of the Backpacks

August is drawing to a close and September is just around the corner! It's time for the Blessing of the Backpacks. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 29! During the 10:30 worship service (in person and virtual) all students, preschool to post graduate, will be invited to bring their backpacks forward and join in a special blessing for students, teachers, aides, and administrators preparing for the new school year.

LOGOS Volunteer and Parent Training

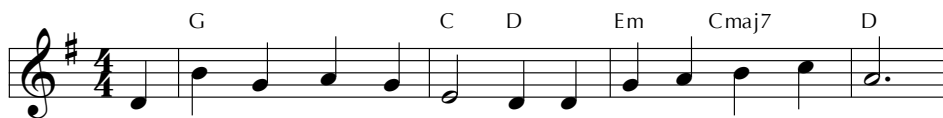
This will be held both in person and on Zoom, following worship on Sunday, September 19th from 11:30-12:30. Anyone considering enrolling their child(ren) in LOGOS this fall should plan to attend.

ReBuilding Together Work Day—Save the Date

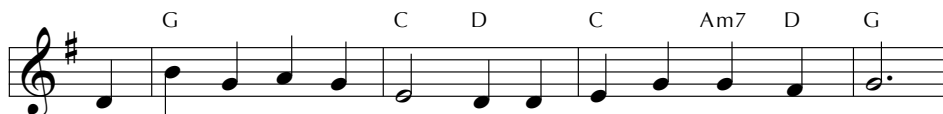
This year's Rebuilding Together Howard County (RTHC) is scheduled for October 16, 2021. A team of volunteers from CMPC will use this day to make home improvements for a homeowner in need within our local community. We are working with the RTHC team now to pick the home. More can be found about RTHC at www.rebuildingtogetherhowardcounty.org. Please consider volunteering for this very meaningful event. If you are interested, you can contact the team captain, Joshua Gliptis at jbgliptis@gmail.com or by phone at 410-804-3228.

How Lovely, Lord

(Psalm 84)



1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
 is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
 you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
 I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
 The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
 than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
 and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

The author of this text, a Presbyterian minister and educator, was humming this tune as he began to create a paraphrase of Psalm 84 that would emphasize the beauty and peace of God's house. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

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.

735 I Need Thee Every Hour

1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;

no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

Refrain

I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!

O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.

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).

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.