



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**August 8, 2021 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

**Hymn Prelude - 172**

*Blest Are They*  
(Congregation will sing)

**Welcome and Announcements**

Noah Teshome

**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 Most High invites us into the Kingdom

**P: Let us accept God's great and holy invitation into the Kingdom**

L: Mighty ruler, lover of justice, and righteousness

**P: God invites us to establish fairness and justice among us.**

L: Let us worship God!

**\*\*Hymn - 378**

*We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom*

**\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**

**Holy and Just God, you continually invite us into your kingdom. We sometimes intentionally resist that invitation and sometimes unknowingly; perhaps believing you have blessed us already and we need not do any more. Even when we accept your generous invite, we receive it with unrighteous and unforgiving hearts. We fail to be like you even when we attempt to be like you. Forgive us so we may forgive others; continue to bless us so we may bless others; encourage us to be merciful as you are merciful to us; strengthen us so we may confront injustice and not perpetrate it. May we be the merciful, the forgiving, and the righteous ones in fulfilling your invitation into your glorious Kingdom. 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

Lucas Teshome

## Word in Music

*The Beatitudes* by Stu Garrard; arr. by A./H. Miller and A. Exner  
Allison and Hannah Miller

(composed by B. Fielding/B. Johnson, 2014; recorded by Hillsong, 2017;  
Hillsong Music Publishing Australia/admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing;  
Bethel Music Publishing)

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scriptures

Matthew 5:1-12

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Blessed, Are We?

Hyiwot Teshome

### \*\*Hymn - 753

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

### 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

*Purify My Heart*

arr. J. Nelson

Psalm 86:11-12: *Teach me your way, Lord, that I may rely on your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.*

"Purify my heart; touch me with Your cleansing fire. Take me to the cross; Your holiness is my desire. Breathe Your life in me, kindle the love that flows from Your throne. Oh purify my heart. Purify my heart."  
(words and music by J. Nelson, 1993; HeartService Music; admin. by Maranatha Praise, Inc.)  
(this piano solo: Maranatha Praise, Inc., 1993)

### \*\*Doxology - 710

*We Lift Our Voices*

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

### \*\*Hymn - 379

*We Shall Overcome*

### \*\*Benediction

### Hymn Postlude - 853

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*  
(Congregation will sing)

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events



**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 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](http://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](mailto:jbgliptis@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!



# Blest Are They

172

Gsus Leader or All G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

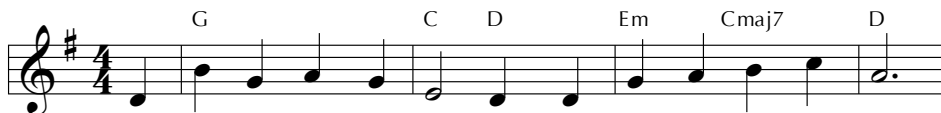
ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

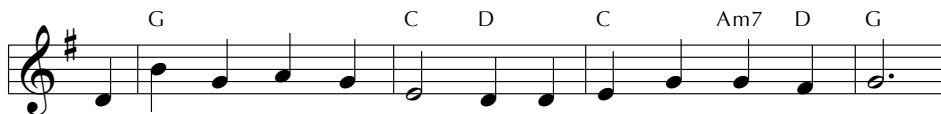
Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God’s ways.

# We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



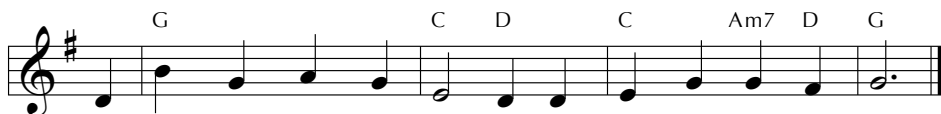
1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie  
2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?  
3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,  
4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,  
We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.  
when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"  
to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;  
Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:  
still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:  
The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.  
we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.  
*sha-lom* for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.  
to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6-9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.

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.

# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.

# JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



Musical notation for the first line of the song. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

Chords: G, Em, F#m, Bm



Musical notation for the second line of the song. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: loved as to love with all my soul.

Chords: E, E7, A, E, A, A7

*to Stanza 4*



# 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).

# 379 We Shall Overcome

1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;  
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;  
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;  
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;  
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;

we shall o - ver - come some - day.  
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.  
 we shall live in peace some - day.  
 we are not a - fraid to - day.  
 God will see us through to - day.

*Refrain*

O, deep in my heart I do be -

lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a worksong aboard slave ships.

## 853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Siyahamba*

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the  
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;  
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo

oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen -, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing  
Si - ya - ham - ba

oo

oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.  
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...