



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 26, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

O Worship the King

arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 150:6: *Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.*

"O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail; in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend."

(words by R. Grant, 1833; music (*Lyons*) by J.M. Kraus, 1784; hymn is public domain)
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co, 2021)

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord
(see insert)

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**

Tom Engle

L: Give praise to God!

P: Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves...

L: It is God who forgives...

P: It is God who delivers...

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn - 619**

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven (Psalm 103)

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Have mercy on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. 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 103:8-12
Matthew 18: 12-35

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

On Forgiveness

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 754**

Help Us Accept Each Other

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 the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

arr. V. Labenske

Ephesians 1:18: I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.

*“Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you;
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you;
to see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing
“Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you. ”*

*(words and music by P. Baloché, 1997; Integrity’s Hosanna Music; admin by EMICMGPublishing.com)
(this piano solo: Integrity’s Hosanna Music, 1997)*

****Doxology - 710**

We Lift Our Voices

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts”)

****Hymn – 772**

Live into Hope

****Benediction**

Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 35:28: My tongue will proclaim your righteousness, your praises all day long.

*“O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise; the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace! He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.”*

*(words by C. Wesley, 1739; music by C. Glaser, 1839; hymn is public domain)
(this piano solo: Alfred Music Publishing Co., Inc., 2012)*

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Plan to celebrate!

Join us on Sunday, October 3 when we'll recognize a milestone of ten years of ministry with CMPC and Rev. Scott Hoffman. There will be special plans in worship that morning followed by an outdoor gathering for lunch, presentations, and fun on the lawn. We will be in the upper parking lot area after worship, so no parking there that morning.

If you will be joining us for lunch, please RSVP on the events page (cmpcusa.org/events) by September 30 (at the latest) so that we can plan well. Please bring your own lawn chair.

New Security Cameras

Please note that the church recently installed security cameras at numerous points on the exterior of the building to improve safety and security on our grounds. These are in addition to the Ring video doorbell devices we have had at the entrance off the parking plot and the doors by the playground. If you see one of the cameras, feel free to wave!



Bible Basics Will Return

Pastor Hoffman will resume the weekly Bible Basics class on October 19th. The class meets each Tuesday at 11:00 am on Zoom. If you would like to join the class please email Pastor Hoffman (pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org) for the meeting link. All are welcome to attend!

Summary of the Sept. 20, 2021 Session Meeting

The Session voted to approve two motions:

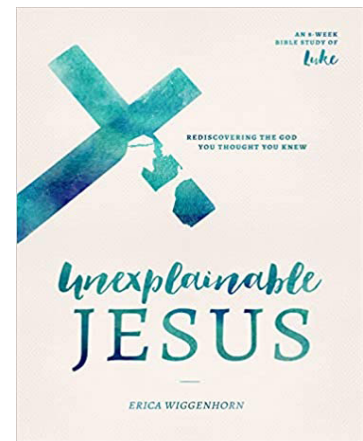
- To allow two catered meals for the 3rd Capital Campaign to take place in Fellowship Hall: an invitation-only gathering for advanced commitment pledges before the campaign officially launches, and a congregation-wide luncheon on Vision Fest Sunday on Nov. 7. Both get-togethers will adhere to the most-recent CDC and government guidance available, including switching to a virtual event format if necessary. More details coming soon, including the potential option of requesting a carryout meal.
- To require all adult volunteers working with children and youth to show proof of covid-19 vaccination or proof of a negative test (weekly) at the individual's expense. This rule applies to LOGOS, Sunday Experience, confirmation class and the nursery.

In other business:

Finance Committee Chair Bob Clemens announced the group currently anticipates the church will convert from a construction loan to a mortgage with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program on Oct. 6. PILP has agreed to grant another deadline extension if needed, he said.

The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group

Come join the Monday Morning Women's Bible Study Group. We meet every second and fourth Mondays of each month from 9:30-11:30 in the Trinity Room of the church. Members enjoy prayer time, Bible study, fellowship, and mission projects as well as regular lunch outings. The group meets from September to May. We will be using Erica Wiggernhorn's *Unexplainable Jesus* book and DVDs in our study this year. All women of the church and members of the community are welcome to participate in this loving Christ-centered group. Please contact Miriam Miller at 410-531-6528, or jtmillerj@verizon.net or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or bapetro@aol.com for more details.



Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

An update on some details about our finances. Thank you for your generosity to CMPC!

As of August 31, 2021 (67% of calendar year):

Actual Income \$319,241 - 64% of budget

Actual Expenses \$309,514 - 61% of budget



Mission Committee Response to Hurricane Ida

"God's people are once again called to stand in the gap. In response to Hurricane Ida, CMPC will be doing a special offering to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) efforts to provide immediate humanitarian relief to communities impacted by the storm. After initial needs are addressed, PDA will work with partners on-the-ground to provide emotional and spiritual care and long-term recovery to address unmet needs. The Mission and Local Outreach Committee will match the first \$1,000 in donations received".

Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by
Lanny Wolfe

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CHORUS

D F#m Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y

6 A⁷ D G/D A⁷ D F#m

pow - er and His grace. I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see

11 Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷ A⁷ Em A⁷ D

glo - ry on each face; Surely the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

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.

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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).

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.