



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 5, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**i indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

We Bow Down

arr. M. Hayes

Philippians 2: 9-11: *Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

"You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life, Lord of the land and the sea. You were Lord of the heavens before there was time, and Lord of all lords You will be. We bow down and we worship You, Lord. We bow down and we worship You, Lord. We bow down and we worship You, Lord. Lord of all lords You will be!

You are King of creation and King of my life, King of the land and the sea. You were King of the heavens before there was time, and King of all kings You will be. We bow down and we crown You the King. We bow down and we crown You the King. We bow down and we crown You the King. King of all kings You will be!"

(words and music by T. Paris, 1984; Singspiration Music, admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.)
(this piano solo: Singspiration Music, 1984)

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**

Kofi Akuoko

L: Everyone is welcome at God's table

P: Thanks be to God

L: Our God is merciful

P: Praise the Lord for this free gift

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn - 401**

Here In This Place

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Gracious, loving, and merciful God, we continue to refuse to abide by your commandment to love everyone. We pick and choose sides and whom to love with each changing day. We sow division instead of uniting in your love. Forgive us for our misdeeds and excuse our reluctance to engage each other as brothers and sisters. Continue to love us even though we ourselves are unloving. Change our hearts and minds so we may be like you. We ask all this in the name of your holy Son, Jesus the 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 – 437**

You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

Moment with Children

Marilyn Mills

Word in Music

People Need the Lord
Allen Exner

by G. Nelson/P. McHugh

Psalm 62:5: *Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.*

(words and music by Greg Nelson and Phil McHugh, 1983)
(River Oaks Music Company/Shepherd's Fold Music; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 125
Mark 7:24-37

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dogs Welcome

Hyiwot Teshome

****Hymn - 769**

For Everyone Born

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

Indescribable

arr. J. Koerts

1 Peter 1:8: *Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.*

"From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea, creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring, ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming: Indescribable, uncontainable, You placed the stars in the sky and You know them
by name. You are amazing God; all powerful, untamable; awestruck we fall to our knees as we
humbly proclaim: You are amazing God."

(words and music by J. Reeves/L. Story; Laura Stories/SixSteps Music/worshiptogether.com; 2004)
(this piano solo: WorshipTogether.com Songs; SixSteps Music/Laura Stories, 2004)

****Doxology - 710**

We Lift Our Voices

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

****Hymn – 547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

****Benediction**

Postlude

How Majestic Is Your Name

arr. L. Mayfield

Psalm 8: 1: *O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens.*

"Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is
Your name in all the earth. Oh Lord, we praise Your name; Oh Lord, we magnify Your name;
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Oh Lord God Almighty!"

(words and music by M.W. Smith, 1981; Meadowgreen Music Co.; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)
(this organ solo: Meadowgreen Music Co./EMI Christian Music Publishing, 1981)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Annual Outdoor Service and Picnic

Christ Memorial will once again hold its annual outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 12th (weather permitting) followed by the outdoor picnic. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us at 10:30 a.m. for the service, followed by a time of fun, food, and fellowship!

Please bring your own chairs and/or blankets to spread out. Boxed lunches will be provided or you may bring your own food. Please sign up to receive a box lunch so the Fellowship Committee can order enough boxes. Sign up on our events page (cmpecusa.org/events).

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 Howard County

The event scheduled for October 16th has been postponed until Spring.



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. Current preparations include special plans in worship that morning followed by an outdoor gathering for lunch, presentations, and fun on the lawn. Save the date for now and watch for more details coming soon.

Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by
Lanny Wolfe

CHORUS

F#m

Em

Em⁷

Musical score for the hymn "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty". The score is written for a soprano voice and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are: "Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y".

 A^7

D

G/D

 A^7

D

F#m

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

Gmaj⁹

Em

$$\text{Em}^7 \quad \text{A}^7$$

Em

A⁷

D

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

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

401



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

FORGIVENESS

437 You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

Em D Em Am Em D Em

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Am D C D Em C Em

You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Em D G Am Em D E

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

This adaptation of the traditional *Kyrie eleison* text transforms a series of petitions into a series of acclamations. With harsher music these might have seemed bold or rash, but this plaintive setting derived from an Appalachian melody preserves a sense of humility and trust.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; rev. *The Worshipbook*, 1970

MUSIC: Appalachian folk melody; arr. Richard D. Wetzel, 1972

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Music © 1972 The Westminster Press (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

WAYFARING STRANGER

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769

For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

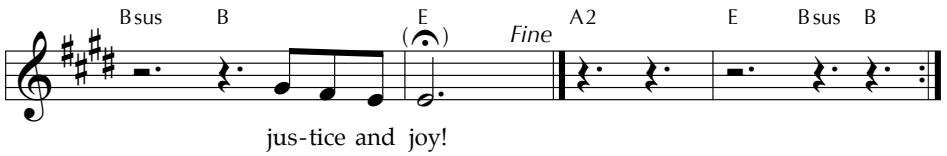
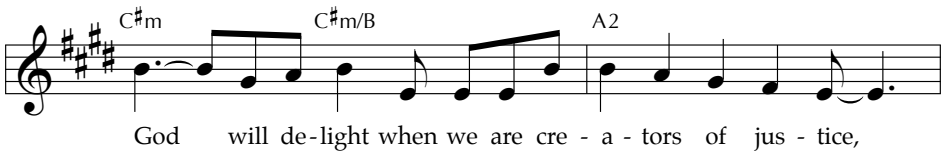


for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

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
 voices; 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
 voices; 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).

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.