

# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

# May 22, 2022 10:30 a.m.

## Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Partita on New Britain (Amazing Grace) John 1:16: And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. arr. C. Callahan

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!"

(text: J. Newton, 1779; music: traditional American melody from Columbian Harmony, 1879; words and music are public domain)

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord

#### **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: Our Lord is the giver of peace P: Thanks be to God L: Our God's peace is everlasting P: We praise this giving God L: We joyously accept this peace P: We praise God for this unconditional gift ALL: Let us worship God!

\*\***Hymn** – 623

l've Got Peace Like A River

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

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

Peace giving God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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! Noah Teshome

\*\*Response - 448

*Peace of God Be With You* Peace of God Be With You Peace of God Be With You

#### **Moment with Children**

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience Please see announcement for special instructions

Word in Music

#### Fairest Lord Jesus/You Are Beautiful to Me

arr. H. Sorenson

Liz Perraud

Colossians 1: 15-17: The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

(this anthem: Daybreak Music/Hal Leonard Corporation, 2013) (Fairest Lord Jesus is an anonymous German hymn; text composed in 1677, music in 1842; public domain) (You Are Beautiful to Me is an original composition by H. Sorenson)

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Scriptures

Psalm 67 John 14:23-29

L: The Word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.** 

Sermon

I Leave You These

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 will be passed through the pews during the offertory 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 Amazing Grace with Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone) arr. V. Labenske Ephesians 2: 8-9: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

"The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures." (text: J. Newton, 1779; music: traditional American melody from Columbian Harmony, 1879; words and music are public domain)

"My chains are gone I've been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains; unending love, amazing grace. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. But God who called me here below will be forever mine, will be forever mine. You are forever mine. My chains are gone I've been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood His mercy rains; unending love, amazing grace." (by C. Tomlin/J. Newton/L. Giglio; Six Steps Music, 2006; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

(this piano solo: WorshipTogether.com SongsSixSteps Music and Vamos Publishing, 2006)

We lift our voices;	All that we have,
we lift our hands;	all that we are,
we lift our lives up to you:	all that we hope to be,
we are an offering.	we give to you,
Lord, use our voices;	we give to you.
Lord, use our hands;	We lift our voices;
Lord, use our lives;	we lift our hands;
they are yours:	we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.	we are an offering;
	we are an offering.

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

\*\***Hymn** – 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

#### \*\*Benediction

#### Postlude

Amazing Grace 2 Peter 1: 2: May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. arr. H. DeCou

"Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun." (text: J. Newton, 1779; music: traditional American melody from Columbian Harmony, 1879; words and music are public domain)

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### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

#### Attention all graduates!

CMPC would like to recognize all of our graduates on Graduation Sunday, June 12th! If you or someone you know from the CMPC family is graduating from high school, trade school, college, or graduate school, please send us a brief paragraph featuring the graduate's name, the institution they are graduating from, and future plans. Pictures should also be included. Please send write-ups to Kathleen at office@cmpcusa.org by Wednesday, June 1st.



#### **Fifth Sunday Mission Offering**

We will collect the Fifth Sunday Mission Offering during worship on Sunday, May 29. This is a special offering that is received during the singing of the second hymn and is meant to be an above-and-beyond gift to a specific mission cause. This month's mission offering will go to support the ministry of Pine Springs Camp in Jennerstown, PA. Pine Springs is a PC(USA) camp affiliated with the Redstone and Washington Presbyteries and has become a favorite summer destination for many kids from and connected to CMPC. Please give generously to support this important ministry partner.



#### The Stewardship Committee presents – Did you know?

Greetings! Once a month the Stewardship Committee hopes to share some interesting information about the work of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church that is made possible by your gifts. We thank you for your financial support and hope that you can see God at work in our congregation.

Did you know...that on any given Sunday we have dozens of families that livestream our worship service? I bet you also didn't know that we sometimes have over a hundred online views after our service ends! Our online worship service enabled us to continue our glorious praise of the Almighty with our faithful congregation during the pandemic and continues to enable CMPC members – near and far – to worship with us when unable to do so in person. Moreover, our livestream worship service offers us the opportunity for outreach to potential new friends of CMPC.

Over the last two years, CMPC has tweaked and improved our online broadcast with additional cameras (for different angled views) and an improved audio system to make each livestream service more dependable and true-to-life. As you may know, much preparation goes into our livestream worship service – from securing and paying for performance rights (to present and record our music offerings), arranging volunteers to man the audio/visual table during the service and the creation of announcement slides that display before/after the livestream, just to name a few.

Of course, the system and these improvements would not have been possible without your generous annual Stewardship dollars, help from a ministry fund endowment and the dedication of so many of our members. There are so many who have given their time and talents to this effort, but we would be remiss if we didn't specifically acknowledge Neil Danzig for all he does behind the scenes, before and on Sundays, to make our livestream worship such a success! Thank you, Neil. Thank you, Worship Committee and Thank you, generous and faithful "stewards" of CMPC!

#### Joint Webinar Announcement from Stewardship/Care and Wellness Committees

The Stewardship and Care & Wellness Committees are pleased to announce a joint webinar on estate planning as a follow-up to last year's "End of Life Care" series. The webinar will be held via Zoom on Monday, June 13 from 7-8 p.m. We are fortunate to have Philip Fish as our guest speaker. Please RSVP to Ashlyn Sowell at ashlynsowell@ yahoo.com by Friday, June 10 at noon.

**Guest Speaker:** 

Philip W. S. Fish, CFP Vice President, Estate Planning Specialist Sandy Spring Trust

As a CFP<sup>®</sup> and Estate Planning Specialist, Phil brings over 30 years of experience in estate and financial planning to his clients. Phil serves as an educator and problem solver for members of the community. Since joining Sandy Spring Bank in August 2000, Phil appreciates collaborating with Aging Life Care Specialists to benefit older adults and protect their family members.

Join us to learn about Transition Planning: helping older adults and families navigate through retirement, illness and the loss of a loved one. Bring your questions!

#### **Milltown Quilters**

During Fellowship Hour on Sunday, June 5, Milltown Quilters will have a display representing some of the charitable work they do. As a quilting group they make and donate quilts to several organizations including Project Linus and Quilts of Valor. They also have an ongoing project that provides NICU blankets for newborns.

Please join us on June 5 during Fellowship Hour to view some of Milltown Quilters beautiful quilts and meet the ladies who create them.

Milltown Quilters meet in the Trinity Room every Tuesday from 10-2. You can check out our website at: milltownquilters.com.

We are welcoming new members. If you are a quilter or just enjoy sewing and are interested in attending a meeting, please see Colleen or just stop by.

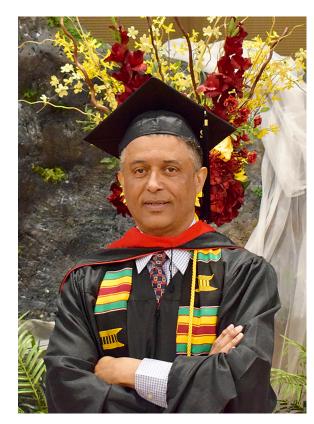
Dear CMPC family,

By the Grace of God and lots of help from you all, I have successfully completed my seminary journey at Lancaster Theological Seminary. I am immensely grateful for your love and support, especially your prayers that have kept me going forward even when the going was tough, as it was for many during the tragedy of the COVID pandemic.

With my denominational requirements already completed, I am now ready to focus on the ministry that God has in mind for me. While I remain deeply thankful for all your support thus far, I am now even more in need of your prayers as I discern where God wants me to minister when I finish my chaplaincy work in mid-August. I urge you to continue to pray for me and my family, just as you did over the last three years.

With deepest appreciation and abiding love,

Your brother in Christ, Hyiwot Teshome



#### Summary of the May 16, 2022 Session Meeting

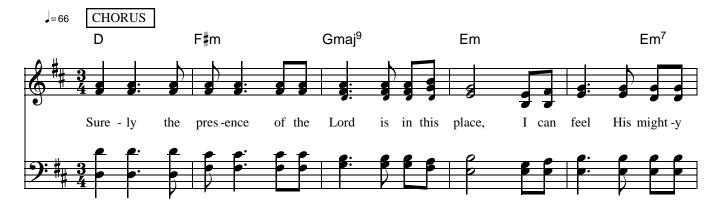
The Session approved a motion that should the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention upgrade its current covid-19 community level rating for Howard County from medium to high, CMPC will automatically institute an indoor mask mandate as recommended by the CDC.

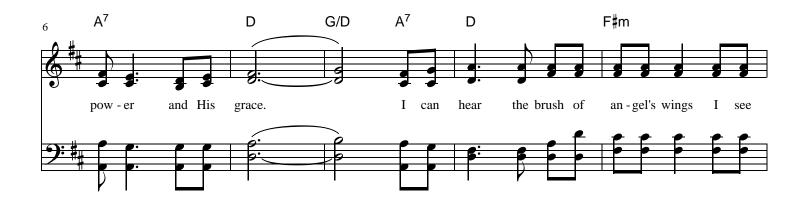
In other business:

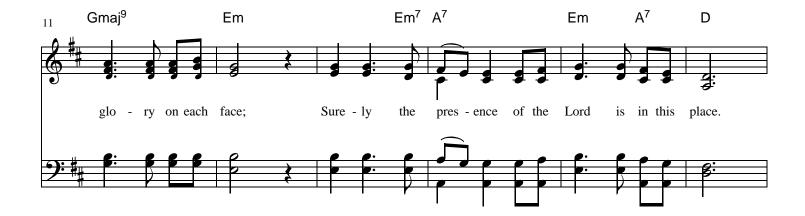
The Session approved a motion from the Property Committee to permit the serving of wine and beer on CMPC premises when specifically requested on a facility use application. It was agreed that a hold-harmless clause covering the church, along with language specifying that no person or organization may profit from such service, would be incorporated into request forms.

# Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe







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In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.



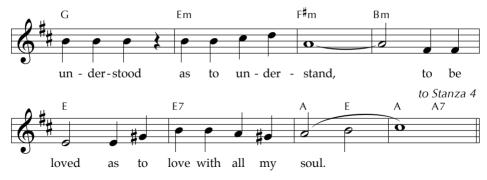
Both being Semitic languages, Arabic and Hebrew have many similar words, as can be heard here in *Salaam*, which sounds much like *Shalom*. This setting uses the same words and music in all but one phrase, making this brief song easy to learn in either English or Arabic.



#### 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





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).



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.