



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 21, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. C. Rice

Psalm 57:10: *For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.*

"Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"
(words by T. Chisholm, 1923; music (*Faithfulness*) by W. Runyan, 1923; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Word Music/Word Music Group, Inc., 2001)

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**

Allison Miller

L: God is our rock and our fortress,

P: our refuge and strength.

L: God is our hope and our trust.

P: Praise the Lord!

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 761**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

God of justice and love, we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help. Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a garden freshly watered. 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 - 288**

Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Moment with Children

Children ages preschool—second grade dismissed to Sunday Experience
Please see the following page for special instructions

Word in Music

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Riley Jackson and Lorri Yawney, piano duet

arr. Lani Smith

Psalm 5:11a: *But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.*

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.”

(words by H. van Dyke, 1907; music (*Hymn to Joy*) by L. van Beethoven, 1842; words and music are public domain)

(this piano duet: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1993)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Jeremiah 1:4-10
John 15: 12-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

All Are Called

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 720**

Jesus Calls Us

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

The Solid Rock

arr. M. Kim

Psalm 94:22: *The Lord has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.*

“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other
ground is sinking sand.”

(words by E. Mote, 1834; music (*Solid Rock*) by W. Bradbury, 1863; words and music are public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2012)

****Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")****Hymn –749**

Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)

****Benediction****Postlude**

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise
2 Thessalonians 3:16: *Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way.*
The Lord be with all of you.

arr. W. Held

"Savior, again to thy dear name we raise, with one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease, then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace."
(words by J. Ellerton, 1866; music (*Ellers*) by E. Hopkins, 1869; words and music are public domain)

(this organ solo: Augsburg Publishing House, 1972)

Sunday Experience Policy

Calling all parents of children preschool through second grade planning to have children attend Sunday Experience during worship:

1. After the Moment with Children, parents will need to escort their child/children downstairs to the area below the sanctuary. Classroom LOVE will be for Preschool through second grade.
2. Each parent will be asked to answer COVID-19 questions when checking in their child/ren.
3. After the worship service, parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their child/ren.

Thank you to Jeff Bruce and Neil Danzig for providing audio support this week!

Thank you to Kevin Wilson for operating the sanctuary cameras this week!

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



CMPC to host Presbytery of Baltimore

Christ Memorial will have the distinct privilege of serving as the host for the Presbytery of Baltimore's Gathering on Thursday, **September 8th** (approximately 9:00 am to 3:00 pm). This is the first time CMPC has hosted a Presbytery meeting in many years. To make the day run smoothly we will need a small army of volunteers. We will need help setting up the building the day(s) before. We will need people to help direct parking. We will need folks to serve as guides around the building. We will need volunteers to help serve lunch. And we will need even more. Please mark your calendar now and plan to help us make CMPC as hospitable as possible on September 8. More details to follow.

Mission and Local Outreach

In response to the severe flooding in Eastern Kentucky in late July, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee has pledged \$1,000 to support relief efforts through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Affected Presbyteries will be offered grants and resources to help cope with this catastrophic flooding that caused millions of dollars in damage and the tragic loss of life. Members of the congregation are invited to join in the effort by contributing to relief efforts by putting "KY Floods" in the memo line of their checks or donating online.

Nominating Process

As the Nominating Committee continues its discernment process we believe it is imperative for the entire congregation to understand that currently our board of Deacons is operating with the minimum number of deacons allowable by our bylaws (12) and the Session is operating with only one elder more than the minimum (13). This means that without full slates (and then some) this year we risk being in violation of our own bylaws and seriously hampering the work of our two leadership boards. So, we ask each and every member of the congregation to seriously and prayerfully consider accepting a call to serve if it should come from the nominating committee. These are exciting times in the life of CMPC and we need willing and faithful leaders to guide us in and through them. Thank you in advance for seriously considering the call to serve!

CMPC Visioning

It is very clear those of us who call CMPC our faith home and family have been abundantly blessed—especially in recent years. The hard work and dedication of our fellow sisters and brothers of faith (those who have come before and those here now) is inspiring. We clearly have a story and history of which we can be exceedingly proud—as we boast in the Lord. AND we all share in the desire for that to continue.

To that end, the session has formed an Ad Hoc Visioning Committee that has been hard at work over the last few months developing a process by which we can prayerfully discern God's will for our future here at CMPC and beyond. We are now ready to engage the rest of the congregation in this process. Over the next few weeks and months we will be contacting member households to conduct listening sessions so that we can get your feedback on where you think we should focus our attention and energies in the near term and long term future. Please participate as you are able as we hope to get input from everyone. Keep your eyes and ears open for announcements, phone calls, letters, and other forms of contact so you can be engaged in this process with everyone else.

And, most importantly, please join us in praying for God's will to be made clear to all of us as we seek what is best for our congregation and how we, as a faith family, can best serve the Kingdom of God in the world.

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 28! 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.

Congregational Depression Awareness Program

CMPC is teaming up with the Congregational Depression Awareness Program (CDAP) run out of Johns Hopkins by Dr. W. Daniel Hale, a world-renowned psychologist, and fellow presbyterian. Dr. Hale is the author of a wonderful book, "Depression: Out of the Darkness and Into the Light", a first-hand account of the tragedy of undetected and unacknowledged depression chronicling his personal struggles with his own depression and the depression that took the life of his daughter at the tender age of 36.

We here at CMPC are cognizant of the prevalence and high cost of depression in our communities. Depression is now the 2nd leading cause of death in the 10-34 year-old age group and the 4th leading cause of death among adults aged 35-54.

On Sunday, September 18, we have the great fortune of having Dr. Hale join us for a presentation for after worship. The Care and Wellness committee will provide a light lunch. Registration is now open: please check the link in the e-news or scan the QR code below. We have purchased twenty copies of Dr. Hale's book. The first twenty registrants will each receive a book free of charge and Dr. Hale has also graciously agreed to sign each book for us on that Sunday.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Hyiwot Teshome at hyiwot@gmail.com or 240-535-6577.



Summary of the Aug. 15, 2022 Session Meeting

The Session voted to make masks optional in the church building until further notice to align with Howard County government and school system policies, while pledging to respond to any pertinent updates to covid-19 guidance that may occur. Masks will still be required in the nursery.

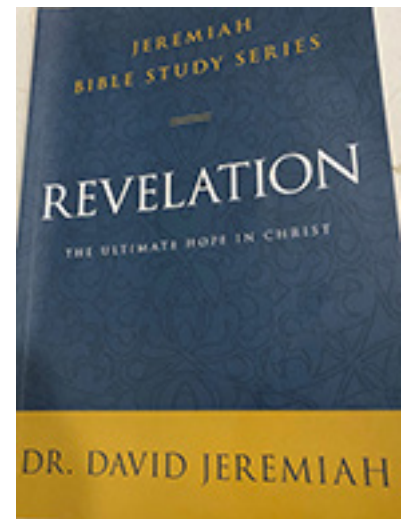
In other business:

- The Christ Memorial Christian Preschool board recently voted to support optional masking for the 2022-2023 school year since their students are eligible for vaccines this summer, a move the Session's updated policy supports.
- Talks continue with contractors and consultants on identifying the cause of high humidity in the Sanctuary that forced removal of Bibles from the pews and the ongoing use of dehumidifiers. Bible readings are being printed in the worship service bulletin in the meantime.
- Households will soon be asked to participate in one-on-one interviews as part of the first phase of the churchwide visioning process to determine CMPC's current and future priorities by year's end. Details to come.

The Women's Monday Morning Bible Study Group

Monday, September 12th at 10:30am

All women are invited to join the CMPC women's bible study group for a kick-off potluck lunch at Jan Keister's home. At this time, we will have a short introduction to our study book, *Revelation The Ultimate Hope in Christ* by Dr. David Jeremiah. The group meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 9:30 to 11:15 am during September through May. Come be a part of a Christ-centered, Bible-loving group of ladies. All ladies of the church and community are welcomed. Please contact Miriam Miller at 410-531-6528, or jtmillerj@verizon.net or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or bapetro@aol.com



2022 CMPC Church Picnic

The annual church picnic will take place immediately following the outdoor worship service on September 11, 2022. Please RSVP below or on our events page (cmpcusa.org/events). Hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided. If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish. If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert.

Sign up Here!



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

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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

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Gmaj⁹ Em Em⁷ A⁷ Em A⁷ D

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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

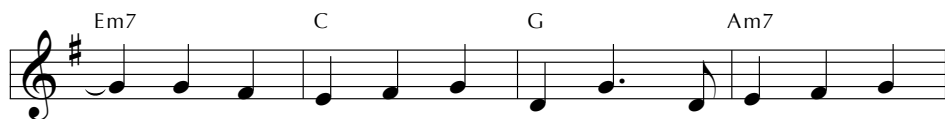
We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"