



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

February 26, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Go to Dark Gethsemane

R. Lau

Mark 14:32: *They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to the disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.'*

"Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's power; your Redeemer's conflict see;
watch with him one bitter hour; turn not from his griefs away; learn from Jesus Christ to pray."
(words by J. Montgomery, 1820; music (*Redhead 76*) by R. Redhead, 1853; public domain)

(this organ solo: Harold Flammer Music(a division of Shawnee Press, Inc.), 1990)

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

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**

Allen Exner

L: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

P: The word of the Lord is our daily bread.

L: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

P: Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.

L: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

P: We worship the Lord our God alone.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 223**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 - insert**

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

Moment with Children

**Please note that any children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestream on Facebook*

Children ages preschool—third grade dismissed to Sunday Experience

Please see the following page for special instructions

Word in Music

*Go to Dark Gethsemane
Bells of Joy*

arr. J. Krug

Matthew 26: 36, 38b: *Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray. Stay here and keep watch with me."*

See V1 text in prelude citing. "Follow to the judgment hall; view the Lord of life arraigned. O the worm-wood and the gall! O the pangs His soul sustained! Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss; learn of Him to bear the cross." (words by J. Montgomery, 1820; music (*Redhead 76*) by R. Redhead, 1853; public domain)

(this handbell arrangement: Beckenhorst Press, 2014)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Luke 4: 1-13

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Real Temptations

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 166**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

arr. J. Schrader

1 John 2:6: *The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.*

"Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by himself. Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; He had to walk it by himself. We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves. Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves. You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself. Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself."

(American folk hymn/spiritual; credited to D, Miller, 1927; Thorpe Music Co.)

(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 2005)

****Doxology** - 606

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** – 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

****Benediction**

Postlude

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

arr. L. Smith

Galatians 6:14: *May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

"Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way; from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day."

(words by E. Clephane, 1868; music (*St. Christopher*) by F. Maker, 1881; public domain)
(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2005)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Town Hall Meetings

All are invited and encouraged to participate in our Visioning Town Hall meetings taking place TODAY following worship and Monday February 27th at 7:00 pm to continue the conversation about the future of CMPC. The Sunday session will be held in the Trinity Room.

CHANGE: The Monday evening session will take place via Zoom. If you would like to participate please email Kathleen in the church office (office@cmpcusa.org) and she will send you the link.

Even if you have participated in previous stages of the process we invite and encourage you to attend one of the town halls. It is the hope of the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee that the communal setting will allow for participants to react to and build off of the feedback of others.

The more who participate, the better!



Vacation Bible School

We are excited for Vacation Bible School to return to Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church this summer! Join us on a Stellar Adventure as we learn about Shining Jesus' Light! Mark your calendars for the week of July 10th. Registration will open for CMPC members on 2/17 and the general public on March 1st. To make this a successful week for the kids of Christ Memorial and the community we need volunteers. Please consider participating in this great church event. We need adult leaders and teen leaders (middle school, high school and college). For adult leaders, registration is free for the second child registered. Please reach out to Laura Jean Graybeal (vbs@cmpcusa.org) if you are interested in helping!

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross has canceled our blood drive due to a shortage of staff. There is still an urgent need for blood if you would like to give at another site (redcrossblood.org). We hope you will choose to donate at our regularly scheduled blood drive in August.

Pine Springs Summer Camp—Director here March 26th

“To provide all campers with a vital encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to growth in Christian faith and discipleship” is the mission of Pine Springs Camp—a Presbyterian summer camp located in Jennerstown, PA. Pine Springs, beloved by the Hoffman family and a favorite of more and more families of the church and community, is the place where you should consider sending your children or grandchildren for an incredible week of fun and faith development. To provide an introduction to the camp and answer any questions you might have, Summer Camp Director Mike Hurley will be at CMPC on Sunday, March 26th. Mike will speak briefly in worship and then have a fuller presentation following worship in the Trinity Room. Please plan to attend if you have interest.



New Directory coming soon!

The Membership & Hospitality Committee has determined it's time to update the "CMPC Member Directory". Each Sunday following worship, starting today and running through March 26, from 11:30 - 12:30, photos will be taken by committee members at the lower entrance (near the elevator). No appointment necessary! If this time frame doesn't fit your schedule, please feel free to submit your own photo to chughes527@comcast.net.

We are asking \$5 per directory to cover the cost of printing. Please be prepared to pay when your photo is taken or submitted. For your convenience you can make a payment using the pull down menu on Bridge.

If you have any questions, you may contact Colleen at the email listed above.

Spring Clean Up

Our annual spring clean-up here at CMPC will be on Saturday May 13th from 8:30-1pm. We will work on various projects inside and outside the church. Some of our tasks include light gardening, window cleaning, painting, and organizing.

This is rain or shine, and please feel free to come and go as your schedule allows.

We appreciate all those who volunteer their time and efforts! It does make a tremendous difference when we come together to invest in the upkeep of our church and work as one. Thank you!

World Premiere Recital

Margaret McGillivray cordially invites the congregation of CMPC to the World Premiere Recital and official publication launch of Lift: Solos for Horn by Black Composers! The recital will take place at Duke Ellington School of the Arts, 3500 R Street NW in Washington, DC on February 28th, 2023. We'll begin with a reception and mingle at 6pm, followed by the recital at 7pm. We would love for you to attend, meet some of the students who inspired this project and a few of the composers who contributed to it. The effort to plan, commission, fundraise, edit and produce this collection of solos has been a labor of love for Margaret for over 2 years and she can't wait to share it with everyone!

RSVP by tonight, Sunday, February 26th to help us plan for food for the reception.



2022 Contribution Statements are Now Available

Your 2022 year-end statements are now available for download from CMPC Bridge. From February 1 - April 30, you can click on the "2022 Contribution Statement" blue button to view and download your year-end giving statement.

If you have any questions about your statement or would like to request a statement be mailed or emailed to you, contact our assistant treasurer, Joyce Danzig, at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your generous and continued support of the work of our congregation.

2023 Giving Envelopes

Our shipment of giving envelopes for 2023 is delayed due to issues with our vendor. It may take several weeks before we receive the envelopes. A box of envelopes will be available for households who used them last year. If you did not use envelopes last year and would like to receive a box when they arrive, please contact Joyce Danzig, Assistant Treasurer at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

In the meantime, please use the envelopes in the pews or a plain envelope to mark your contribution.

New Member Class

If you feel that CMPC is a place where you would like to put down roots and become more fully involved in the life of the church, we have great news. We are planning to hold a New Members Class sometime after worship one Sunday in the next few months. During the class you will have the opportunity to learn about our church and our tradition, get to know some of the leadership of the church, and form bonds with others who have decided to move into membership as well. If you would like to join us for the class, please RSVP by calling the church office at 410-997-8011 or emailing Pastor Scott (pastor.hoffman@cmpcusa.org). A light lunch will be provided and childcare will be available upon request. When submitting your RSVP for the class, please indicate if you will need childcare.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

O LAMM GOTTES 7.7.7.7.7.7

Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541

Trans. Arthur Tozer Russell (1806-1874)

Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541

Stanzas 1,2,3

O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,

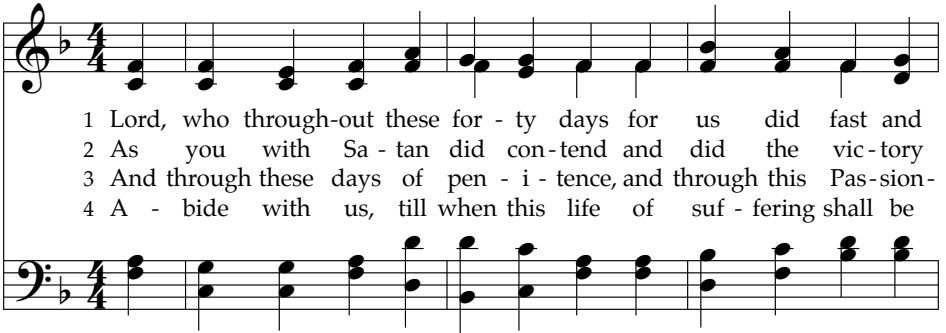
And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;

Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for -

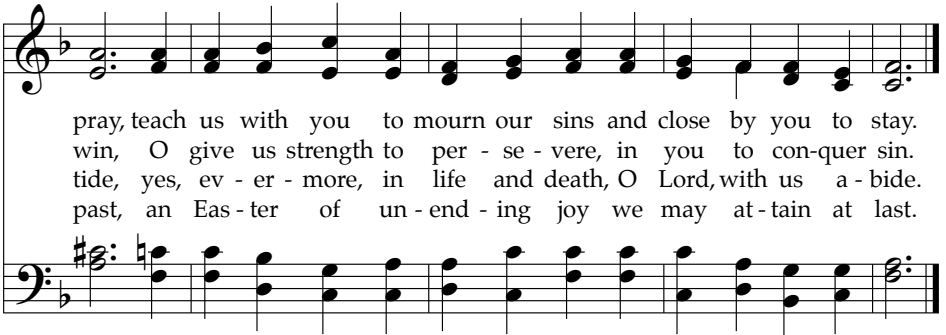
sak - en: 1. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days

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1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



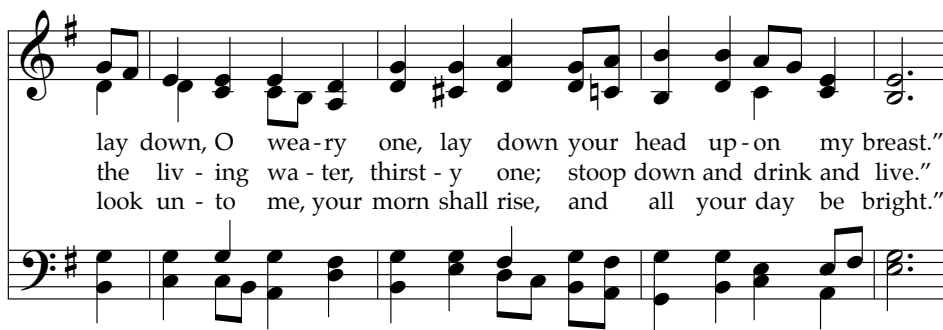
pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.

Like many of this author's hymns, this text was written primarily for children but works equally well in reminding adults how Lent connects us with Christ's temptation in the wilderness and prepares us for Easter. The 16th-century English psalm tune provides sturdy support.

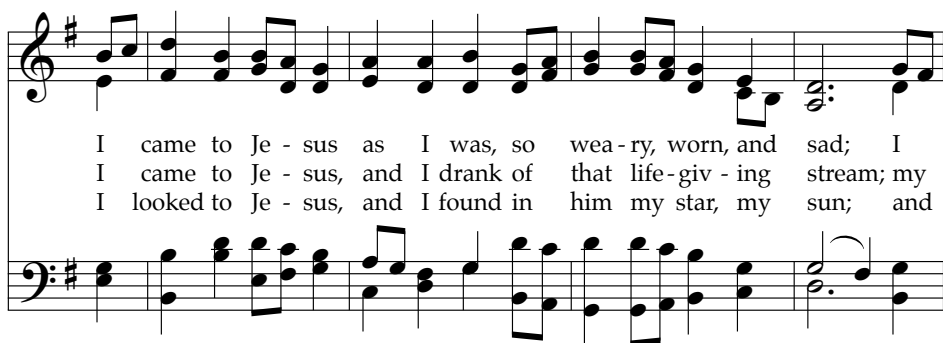
182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



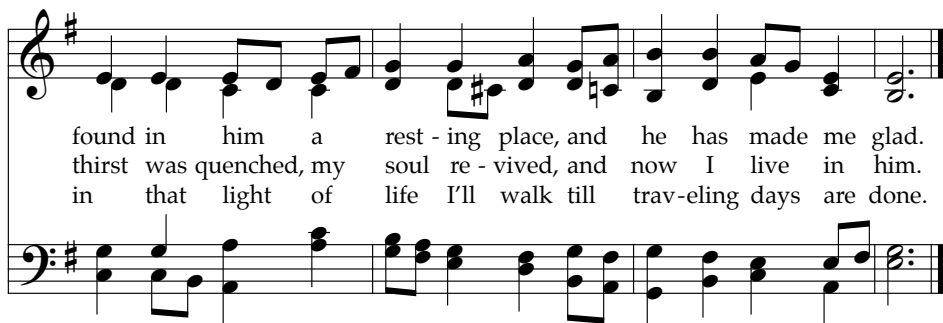
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).