

Christ Memorial

Presbyterian Church

April 2, 2023 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

The King Rides In

by L. Smith

Zechariah 9:9: Rejoice greatly, daughter Zion! Shout, daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1974)

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

Chad Board

- L: Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!
- P: Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!
- L: Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs
- P: Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!
- L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
- P: Hosanna in the highest!

**Hymn - 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Loving God, on this day, Your Son entered the rebellious city that later rejected Him: we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's. Our faith is often more show than substance. Our hearts are in need of cleansing. Have mercy on us, Son of David, Savior of our lives. Help us to lay at Your feet all we have and all we are, trusting You to forgive, to heal, and to receive us as Your own. Through Jesus 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 - insert

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

Moment with Children Liz Perraud

*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

He Comes in the Name of the Lord

arr. L. Larson

Matthew 21: 7-9: (The disciples) brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

(words and music by B. Sharpe, 2018; Lorenz Publishing Co/Lorenz Corp.)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

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

Sermon Triumphal Entry Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** - 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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 support!

Offertory

Jesus Messiah

arr. V. Labenske

John 20:31: But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

"He became sin who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness; He humbled Himself and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing. Jesus Messiah, name above all names. Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The Rescue for sinners. The Ransom from heaven. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all."

(words and music by: D. Carson/C. Tomlin/E. Cash/ J. Reeves, 2008)

(this piano solo: Worship Together.Com Songs/SixSteps Music/Vamos Publishing, 2008)

**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.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

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

Sharing of Bread and Cup (Please eat and drink when you are served.)

The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.

Music during Communion

The Old Rugged Cross

arr. C. Berry

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.

"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown. To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown."

(words and music by Rev. G. Bennard, 1913; public domain)

(this piano solo: Hal Leonard Corporation, 2014)

Prayer

****Hymn** –198

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

**Benediction

Postlude

Ride On!

arr, G. Parker

Psalm 45:4: In your majesty ride forth victoriously in the cause of truth, humility and justice; let your right hand achieve awesome deeds.

"Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry; thy humble beast pursues its road with palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The hosts of angels in the sky look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice."

(words by H Milman, 1827; music (St. Drostane) by J. Dykes, 1862; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Company, 2009)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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!

Session Summary from Officer's Retreat

The Session met as part of the Officers' Retreat on Sunday, March 19. The Session voted unanimously to express sincere gratitude to the members of the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee for the hard work and dedication involved in designing and seeing the visioning process through to its conclusion—a report presented to elders and deacons at the retreat.

The Session is committed to continuing the significant and intentional conversation around the recommendations of the committee that was begun during the retreat. The report of the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee may be found here



In other business:

- Finance Committee Chair Jeff Bloom gave an update on the 2023 budget, the progress of the 3rd capital campaign, and the current balance on the mortgage with PILP.
- Don Mitchell, Chair of Personnel, presented the results of the 2022 performance evaluation for Pastor Scott

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. Please contact Tito Baca via pm@cmpcusa.org if you have an interest in working with us or have questions.

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!

Mission and Local Outreach

A HOME OF OUR OWN HOWARD, INC., also known as HOME OF OUR OWN (HOOO), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization in Howard County that was introduced to CMPC Mission Committee in December 2022. Learn more about HOOO using the QR code.



The following is an excerpt from their January Newsletter:

"In this past year, we helped 87 children, giving them a table to eat their meals at, a bed to get a good night's sleep and a place to call home to have their friends come over to play. Besides these children we gave 118 individuals, families, and veterans a new beginning. Transportation picked up 226 donations this past year".

Donations of furniture, beds, bedding, kitchen and household items are accepted. HOOO will pick up all donations. For a complete list of items accepted visit the website. To schedule a donation send an email to donate@homeofourownhoward.org.

Volunteers are needed for data entry and record keeping, client coordination, grant applications, fund raising, outreach to community and corporations, perform minor repairs and cleaning.

To volunteer visit the website and complete the Volunteer contact form (https://forms.gle/f7DXYMdB2nWJdQVGA).

Questions? Contact BJ Walworth 410.300.0242 bjwalworth@hotmail.com

The Bells of Joy

We are planning an outing to see the Raleigh Ringers (an internationally acclaimed community bell choir) perform a concert on Saturday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in Bethesda, Maryland at Bradley Hill Presbyterian Church.

Please let Ashlyn Sowell know if you would like to attend and carpool. The group might also go to dinner in advance.

Please purchase your concert tickets on your own at this link:



Ashlyn can be reached at ashlynsowell@yahoo.com. Please contact her by Wednesday, April 12 at noon. Thanks!

Window on Mission

In an effort to keep the congregation better informed about the its work, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee has decided to share periodic informational updates. M&LO wants to increase awareness about what it is doing in the community, nationally, and globally on the congregation's behalf, and also encourage participation in hands-on mission opportunities. Here is a summary of activity from January to March.

Local Mission

- The committee is gearing up for the Rebuilding Together build that will take place Saturday April 29. This will help improve lives of the disabled, veterans, elderly, and low-income families with children in Howard County who can no longer afford to keep up with repairs. CMPC is a sponsor again this year.
- Members of the committee visited Home of Our Own that provides furniture and household items at no cost to individuals and families transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing in Howard County. This is a new mission partner with opportunities for volunteers to lend a hand in their warehouse.
- The committee approved funds to support scholarships at CMPC Preschool.
- On the fourth Monday of every month, volunteers continue to provide and serve hot dinners, at the Grass-roots Day Resource Center in Laurel that serves the homeless in our community. This is an ongoing mission that welcomes new volunteers.

National Mission

• The committee made a donation to support the mission of Dustin and Holly Garner at OneEleven Ministries in Kansas City where they are preparing interns to sing and pray the Bible and share God's goodness through evangelistic outreaches.

Global Mission

- In response to the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the committee matched generous contributions from the congregation which was sent to Mercy Corps to support relief efforts.
- The committee continues to support Sharon Kandel, PCUSA Mission worker who is the Regional Liaison for Horn of Africa based in Southern Sudan. Here is a link to her most recent newsletter https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter/new-beginnings/

All of this work would not be possible without the generous support of our congregation for which we are very grateful and appreciative.

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil-dren sang; From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd, high - est!" That an-cient song we sing, 3 "Ho - san - na in the through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang. vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant-ing clear and loud; the for Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King. blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast, To Je - sus, who had heav - en rode on in low-ly state, the Lord of earth and O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice, chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best. nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait. and his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.



These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! 198



This 19th-century Palm Sunday text is better understood as the reflections of someone standing outside the event rather than as coming from those participating in the actual procession. This poignant text is set to a tune written especially for it later in the same century.