



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 5, 2023 10:30 a.m.
Scout Sunday

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

****Posting of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance**

Members of Troop 75 & 75G and Pack 371

Prelude

Wonderful, Merciful Savior with I Will Sing of the Mercies

arr. C. Tornquist

Psalms 89:1-2: I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations. I will declare that your love stands firm forever, that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

"Wonderful merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend. Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men, oh You rescue the souls of men. You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for; oh our hearts always hunger for:"

(words and music by D. Rodgers/E. Wyse, 1989; Curb Dayspring/Word Music; admin. by Warner-Tamerlane Publishing)Corp.)

"I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing I will sing. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness, thy faithfulness. With my mouth will I make known, Thy faithfulness to all generations."

(words and music by J. Filmore, Sr., early 20 century; public domain)

(this piano solo: Word Music, LLC/Dayspring Music, LLC; 1989)

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**

L: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

P: Your name is above every name, O God, we will worship you in the splendor of holiness.

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

P: May the Lord give strength to your people, O God, may the Lord bless your people with peace.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 203**

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Source of redeeming grace and infinite goodness, hear us as in Christ we pray for forgiveness. While you reach out to us in fellowship, we turn from you in shame. We do not do what you command. We proclaim not your love, since we seldom serve others. We confess Christ as Savior, yet obey him indifferently, if at all. Our discipleship suffers, for we heed not your guidance. We are in need of repentance as we confess our sins. Have mercy upon us, and grant us your pardon. 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

Lindsey Kim

**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 announcements for special instructions*

Word in Music

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

arr. J. Koerts

Lamentations 3: 22-23: *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

(words and music by D. Rodgers/E. Wyse, 1989; Curb Dayspring/Word Music)
(this choral anthem: Word Music and Dayspring Music, 2014)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Isaiah 6:1-8

John 3:1-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

To Be Born Again

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 216**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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 Paid It All with The Wonderful Cross

arr. C. Tornquist

Mark 10: 45: *For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.*

"I hear the Savior say, 'Thy strength indeed is small, child of weakness, watch and pray,
find in me thine all in all.' Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow."

(words by E. Hall, 1865; music (*All to Christ*) by J. Grape, 1865; public domain)

"O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died; my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride."

(chorus music and lyrics by C. Tomlin/J. Walt/J. Reeves/L. Mason, 2000; *When I Survey* lyrics by I. Watts, 1707)
(Rising Springs Music/Vamos Publishing/worshiptogether.com songs, 2000; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

(The ending, *The Old Rugged Cross*, composed by American evangelist/song leader G. Bennard, 1912; public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music Publishing, Inc., 2011)

**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

Near the Cross

arr. H. Sorenson

Matthew 16:24: *Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."*

"Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream, glows from Calvary's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; 'til my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river."

(words by F. Crosby, 1869; music (*Near the Cross*) by W. Doane, 1869; public domain)

(this piano solo: Pilot Point Music, 2009)

Prayer

**Hymn - 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

**Benediction

Postlude

In The Cross Of Christ I Glory

arr. R. Lau

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.*

"In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide."

(words by J. Bowering, 1825; music (*Rathburn*) by R. Cobkey, 1849; public domain)

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

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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!

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!

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.

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.

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

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!



216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

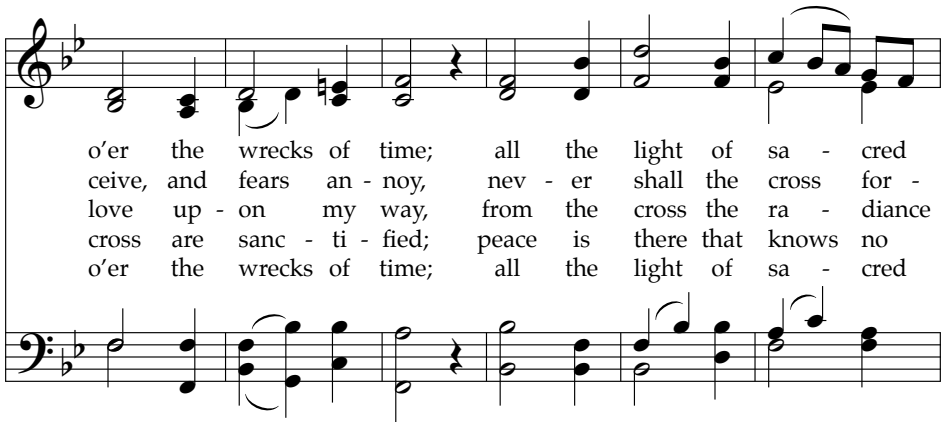
from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

For sheer intensity of feeling few hymns can match this meditation on the cross; impressive images and strong contrasts combine to give the text its ardor. The passionate language is augmented by the highly chromatic tune later composed for these words.

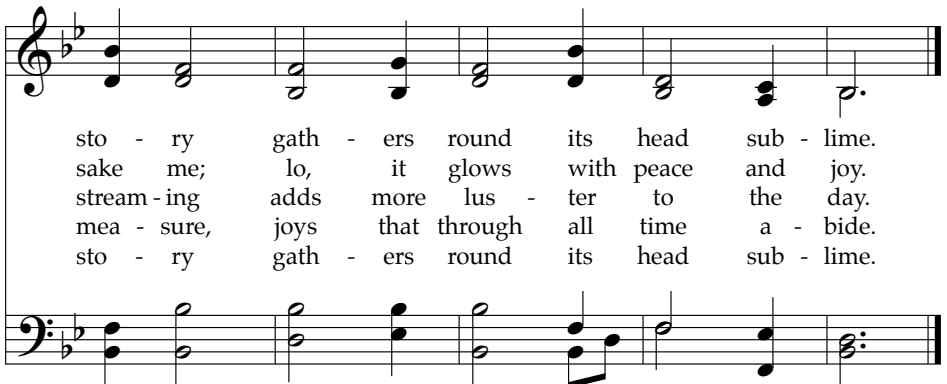
In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing



o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.