

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 16, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

There Is a Redeemer Isaiah 47:4: Our Redeemer - the Lord Almighty is his name - is the Holy One of Israel. arr. C. Tornquist

"There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son; and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done. Jesus my Redeemer, name above all names. Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son; and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done." (words and music by Melody Green, 1982; Universal Music/Brentwood Benson Publishing; admin. Capitol CMG Publishing)

(this piano solo: Birdwing Music/Ears to Hear Music/Brentwood Benson Publishing, 1982)

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: Peace be with you.
- P: How good and pleasant it is when we live together in unity.
- L: Receive the Holy Spirit.
- P: It is like precious oil on the head, the blessing of the Lord.
- L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn –** 234

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

**Common Prayer of Confession You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

	on is the Good News of the Gospel hrist we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!	
** Response - insert	Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks	
Moment with Chil *Please note that any	dren children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestrea	Lindsey Kim m on Facebook
Sacrament of Bap	tism (see insert) Children ages preschool—third grade dismissed to Sunday Experience Please see the following page for special instructions	
Word in Music	There Is a Redeemer with I Know That My Redeemer Lives Isaiah 43:1: But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!"	arr. L. Larson
	(<i>There Is a Redeemer</i> words and music by Melody Green, Birdwing Music 1982) (<i>I Know that My Redeemer</i> by S. Medley, 1775; public domain)	
	(this choral arrangement Birdwing Music/BMG Songs to Hear Music, 2007)	
Prayer for Illumina	ition	
Scriptures	Hebrews 11: 1-3; 12: 1-2 John 20: 19-31	
L: The Word of P: Thanks be t		
Sermon	"Doubting" Thomas Re	v. Scott Hoffman
** Hymn - 249	Because You Live, O Christ	
left today. Cards with a Q	ing to give to the work of CMPC. Offering plates will be passed through the pews during the offertory for R code that will direct you to our online giving page are located in the pew racks. Donations can alwa hurch at any time using the address on the back page of the bulletin. Thank you for your support!	
Offertory	Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing Psalm 95:1: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.	arr. C. Yocum

"Good Christians all rejoice and sing, now is the triumph of our King. To all the world glad news we bring. Alleluia, alleluia! Your name we bless, O risen Lord. And sing today with one accord. The life laid down the Life restored. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!"

(from a hymn by Cyril Argentine Allignton, 1872-1955; renewed 1986, Hope Publishing Company) (music: renewed 2005 Birnamwood Publications, admin. by MorningStar Music Publishers)

(this organ solo: Harold Flammer Music, 1998)

**Doxology - insert

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

****Hymn** –238

Thine Is the Glory

**Benediction

Postlude

There Is a Redeemer

arr. L. Larson

Isaiah 48:17: This is what the Lord says, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go."

"When I stand in glory I will see His face; there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. Thank You O my Father for giving us Your Son; and leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done."

(this piano solo: Birdwing Music/BMG Songs/Ears to Hear Music; admin. by EMI CMG Music, 1982)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Fellowship Hour

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting Fellowship Hour every other Sunday. Volunteers are needed for set up and clean up. Please contact Tom Trodden if you are able to help (ttrodden@howardcountymd.gov). Fellowship Hour will be held on the following, upcoming Sundays: 4/23, 5/7, and 5/21

LOGOS Garden

Many thanks to the Bulb Heroes who donated to the LOGOS program's garden and helped make it so beautiful this spring!"

- Lauren Anderson, Joyce Danzig, Liz Perraud, and Jennifer Seinfeld 90 daffodil bulbs in memory of their dear friend Linda Lange
- The Gliptis Family
- The mystery Crocus family

And all the BUGS, FROGS, ROCK, and FISH participants who have worked so hard getting the LOGOS Garden up and blooming!!



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!

Attention all graduates!

CMPC would like to recognize all of our graduates on Graduation Sunday, May 21st! 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 Tuesday, May 16th.

Vacation Bible School

Join us this summer!

Vacation Bible School is back for summer 2023 and registration is filling up quickly! Join us on a Stellar Adventure as we learn about shining Jesus' light during the week of July 10th-14th. Vacation Bible School will run daily from 9 AM to 12 PM. We are also looking for teen leaders to support our elementary crews (middle school, high school, and college). Please reach out to Laura Jean Graybeal vbs@cmpcusa.org if you are interested in helping!

Register Here:



Grassroots Day Resource Center Meals

The Mission and Local Outreach Committee has received a call to serve from our partners at Grassroots Crisis Intervention. On the 4th Monday of each month we would like to offer dinners to those present at the Day Resource Center in Jessup. On April 24th, we need volunteers to bake casseroles, deliver and serve the meal from 3:45-6pm. The M&LO Committee will provide details, salads and drinks.

Thank you to the Mission Committee and Tiffany Carmean for these beautiful aprons the servers can wear!



For more information, please contact Todd Stubbs at todd.stubbs@gmail.com. Sign up below:



GIFT Movie Night

All ages are invited to join us Sunday, May 7 (5:00-8:00pm) for our next GIFT (Generations In Faith Together) event--a Movie Night, presented by the Christian Education and Fellowship Committees. Donations accepted to defray the cost of the meal (pizza) and snacks. Bring a comfy chair. RSVP by May 6 to GIFT@cmpcusa.org. Nursery available if requested by April 30th.

Akeelah and the Bee (PG) tells the story of an 11-year old girl who participates in the National Spelling Bee. The theme for the inspirational movie is about overcoming obstacles despite difficult challenges along the way. Akeelah is coached by Dr. Larabee, portrayed by Laurence Fishburne.

Milltown Quilters 2023 Quilt Show

Friday, May 5, 10-6 and Saturday, May 6, 10-4 Admission: \$10

Milltown Quilters would like to invite you to our 2023 Quilt Show. View 200+ quilts, find small craft items made by members at our Sew Unique Shoppe, quilted items for sale at Artisan Alley, visit our Peddlers Table (gently used items) plus a chance to win a Raffle Basket full of all your quilting needs plus an opportunity to win our stunning, queen size raffle quilt.

Milltown Quilters meet weekly at Christ Memorial in the Trinity Room, on Tuesday's from 10-2. If you would like to join us, please visit our website www.milltownquilters.com or contact Colleen Hughes at chughes527@comcast.net



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 Grassroots 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.



One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.



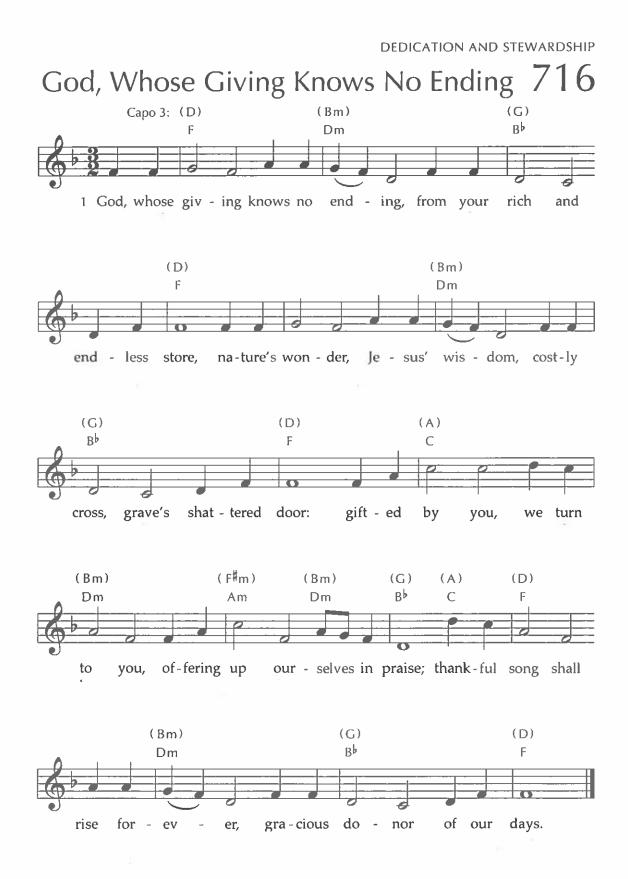
This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.



This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

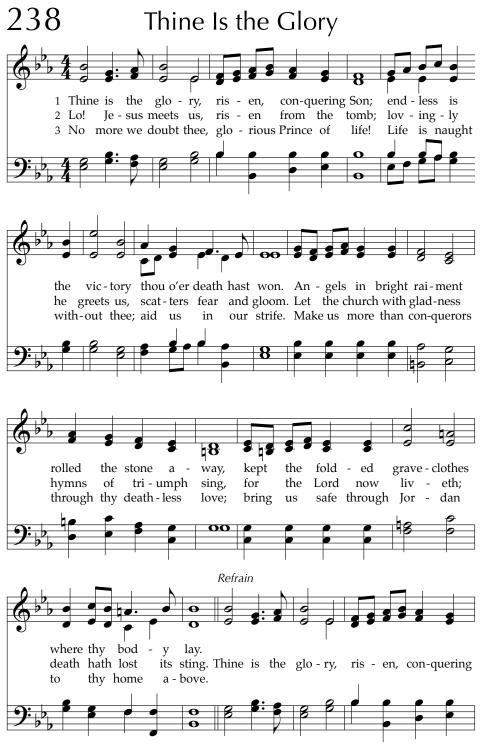




Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION



This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION



The Sacrament of Baptism

Since water was such a precious and scarce commodity in the Middle East, it is easy to see how frequently it became a symbol of life, death, and hope for many religious ceremonies. Such was the case for Christians.

Baptism can be performed by immersing a person in water, or by pouring or sprinkling water on one's head. It can be done in a stream or pool, or by using a bowl or a font. More and more, throughout the ecumenical Christian world baptism is mutually honored no matter what the method.

The method may vary but the symbolism remains the same; it is by the grace of Jesus Christ that our sins are forgiven (washed away); and, as the apostle Paul says, "If we have been buried (immersed) with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be raised (lifted) in a resurrection like his." Baptism reminds us that we can have a living relationship with Christ, by which we can become "new creatures" in Him (reborn spiritually). All those who are baptized are welcomed into "the house-hold of God" (the church).

From the moment of our birth, sin (rebellion against and separation from God) is part of our nature. While the physical act of baptism, in and of itself, does not cleanse, it is a firm reminder that God's grace in Jesus Christ is able to conquer sin and redeem and cleanse our sinful nature. Therefore, it is never too early to baptize our children and to claim by the vows taken by their parents the promise that God can and does cleanse us, save us, and make us new. In adolescence, we invite young people to confirm the vow taken by their parents and to pledge their full participation in the community of faith.

As those who ourselves have been baptized in the name of the God who created us, Jesus who redeemed us, and the Spirit who sustains us, we join together in welcoming, by their baptism, Theresa Roscoe into the life and ministry of the Risen Christ.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Theresa Carol Roscoe April 16, 2023



Words of Gathering

Words of Presentation

<u>Prayer</u>

**<u>Affirmation of Faith</u>

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he de scended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

<u>Question to the Congregation</u> Our Lord Jesus Christ orders us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, the people of the church, promise to tell Theresa the good news of the gospel, to help her know all that Christ commands and, by your fellowship, to strengthen her family ties with the household of God? Please answer, "We do."

Congregation: We do.

Question to the Children

Do we, the children of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church, promise to be Theresa's sisters and brothers in Christ as she grows up in our church family, showing her God's love as we learn together, play together, grow together, and worship together? Please answer, "We do."

Children: We do.

Choral Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise Child of blessing, child of promise Baptized with the Spirit's sign, With this water God has sealed you Unto love and grace divine.

<u>The Baptism</u>

Words of Charge

**Those who are comfortably able may stand.

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, **"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; For it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."** And Jesus took them up in his arms, Laid his hands on them, and blessed them. - Mark 10: 13-16

Kingdom

Adam Rizvi