



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**April 23, 2023 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

### **Prelude**

*I Will Sing of My Redeemer*

arr. A.L. Page

Job 19:25: *For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.*

"I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me; on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free. I will sing of my Redeemer and his heavenly love for me; he from death to life has brought me, Son of God, with him to be. Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free."

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(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2017)

### **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**

Liz Perraud

L: Sing to the LORD a new song;

**P: sing to the LORD, all the earth.**

L: Sing to the LORD, praise his name;

**P: proclaim his salvation day after day.**

L: Let us worship God!

#### **\*\*Hymn – 246**

*Christ Is Alive!*

**\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world, but we have lived as though darkness still reigns. We have given in to doubt and fear. We have hurt others by what we have done, and by what we have failed to do. We have taken your abundant gifts for granted. Forgive us, God, and make us whole, for the sake of Jesus, our risen 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**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

**Moment with Children**

Sarah Trodden

*\*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**

*Redeemer*

arr. H. Sorenson

Isaiah 44:24: *Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, who made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who by myself spread out the earth.*

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(this choral arrangement: Lil'Jas Music/Wordspring Music, LLC, 2012)

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Luke 24:13-35

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Well-Known Christians

Rev. Carl Wilton

**\*\*Hymn - 257**

*The Risen Christ*

**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***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

arr. T. Fettke

Psalms 107:14: *He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their chains in pieces.*

"Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost but now I'm found. was blind but now I see. My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood, His mercy rains; unending love amazing grace. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me. And like a flood, His mercy rains; unending love, amazing grace."

(words and music by C. Tomlin/J. Newton/L. Giglio, 2006; Rising Springs Music/Vamos Publishing/worshiptogether.com songs)  
(admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

(this piano solo: WorshipTogether.com/SixSteps Music, 2006; admin by EMI CMG Publishing)

**\*\*Doxology** - insert*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending***Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")****\*\*Hymn** -729*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian***\*\*Benediction****Postlude***Redeemed*

arr. C. Berry

Psalm 107:2: *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble.*

*"Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child, and forever, I am. Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! His child, and forever, I am."*

(words by F. Crosby, 1862; music (Redeemed) by W. Kirkpatrick, 1859; public domain)  
(this piano solo: Hal Leonard Publishing, 2013)

**Sunday Experience Policy**

Calling all parents of children preschool through third 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 third grade.
2. After the worship service, parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their child/ren.

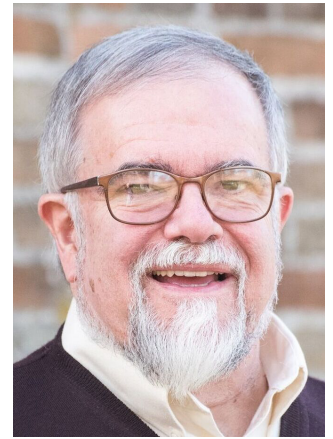
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# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Welcome!

In Pastor Scott's absence today, we welcome the Rev. Carlos "Carl" Wilton, Ph.D., a retired minister member of the Presbytery of Baltimore. He has served as pastor in Hawley, Pennsylvania; in Bedminster, New Jersey; and in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. He has also served as Director of Admissions and Assistant Dean at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, as an adjunct professor at Princeton and New Brunswick Theological Seminaries, and as stated clerk of two different presbyteries.



## 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

## Spring Clean Up

Our annual spring clean-up here at CMPC will be on Saturday May 13th from 8:30-1 pm. 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.

## Fifth Sunday Offering

On April 30th we will be collecting a Fifth Sunday Offering to benefit Rebuilding Together Howard County.

Rebuilding Together Howard County was formed in 1992 when a group of committed Howard County residents and businesses joined together to mobilize volunteers and provide free home repairs to low-income families in Howard County. For many of these homeowners, these repairs were truly a gift.

Rebuilding Together is committed to improving the lives of the elderly, individuals with disabilities, veterans, and families with children; all homeowners in Howard County who have worked hard, but can no longer afford to keep up with repairs.

## **Summary of the April 17 Session Meeting**

The Session embarked on a discussion of how to best launch the two visioning projects prioritized by the congregation in recent individual interviews and town hall meetings and reported by the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee. Tentative plans call for establishing a leadership team to tackle the housing and food insecurity initiative first, then perhaps eventually creating a similar model for the mental health and wellness initiative.

Next steps involve shaping concrete goals and enlisting volunteers to tackle community projects aimed at fulfilling the Ministry Expansion Plan objectives that drove our church renovation and expansion project in the first place.

Though our efforts were delayed by the global pandemic, we are finally standing at the threshold of realizing our shared vision of making an even greater difference in the community. These are exciting times in the life of the church. Stay tuned!

In other business:

- Pastor Hoffman announced plans to organize a new member class within the next few months after getting inquiries from people who have been regularly attending worship service.
- Work to try to resolve the ongoing humidity issue in the sanctuary, which will be coordinated by general contractor Whiting-Turner at no cost to the church, will soon get underway with a temporary dehumidification system put into service in the meantime. If this latest effort doesn't fix the problem, the church may need to consider purchasing additional equipment.
- The Session discussed the best way to bring elected church officers and at-large committee members back together for in-person meetings, perhaps on a quarterly basis at first. Plans are expected to be finalized soon after conferring with the Board of Deacons and others.
- Finance Committee Chair Jeff Bloom reported continued good news on the revenue and expenses fronts, and Pastor Scott said the church may be close to qualifying for rebates from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, which holds our mortgage.

## **Nominating Process**

The Nominating Committee has begun its work of discerning the sisters and brothers of CMPC who God is calling to serve as Elders and Deacons in the class of 2026. Perhaps that is you. Perhaps it is someone you have witnessed exhibiting the qualities our congregation needs in its leadership. In the months ahead, the committee will be reaching out to members asking them (you) to consider service on the session or diaconate. Please begin now prayerfully considering if this is something to which you feel called or if there is someone you think God might be preparing to serve. If you have any questions please feel free to contact committee chair Judy Brown at [jbrown10632@gmail.com](mailto:jbrown10632@gmail.com).

## 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@cmpecusa.org](mailto:vbs@cmpecusa.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](mailto: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@cmpecusa.org](mailto:GIFT@cmpecusa.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](http://www.milltownquilters.com) or contact Colleen Hughes at [chughes527@comcast.net](mailto:chughes527@comcast.net)



## Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.



# 240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

*Refrain* E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

Now we shall live for - ev - er.

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.

## The Risen Christ

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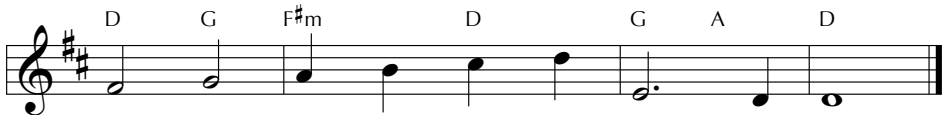
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y  
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -  
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -  
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and  
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new  
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -  
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This perceptive hymn centers on Christ's post-Resurrection appearances described in John 20:19–29 and Luke 24:13–48. The first three stanzas are shaped by the wounded body parts: feet, side, hand; the fourth prays for such woundedness in the witness of Christ's body, the Church.

# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na-ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost-ly

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F

to you, of-fering up our - selves in praise; thank-ful song shall

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.

*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.

# 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,  
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.