

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 30, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

arr. C. Tornquist

Prelude

Here I Am to Worship with O Worship the King
Psalm 63:2: So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory.

"Light of the world You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see; beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You. So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me. (words and music by T. Hughes, 2000; ThankYou Music/Capitol CMG Publishing)

"O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise."

(words by R. Grant, 1833; music (*Lyons*) by J. Kraus, 1784; public domain)

(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 2001)

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

Tom Engle

- L: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!
- P: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!
- L: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples, we will sing praises to you among the nations.
- P: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
- L: Let us worship God!

**Hymn - 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. 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

*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 MusicCome, Now Is the Time to Worship (incorporating Praise to the Lord, the Almighty)
Psalms 95:1-2: Come, let us praise the Lord! Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us! Let us come before
Him with thanksgiving and sing joyful songs of praise.

arr. M. Hayes

(words and music by B. Doerksen, 1998; Vineyard Songs; admin. by Integrity Music)

(this choral arrangement: Vineyard Songs; admin by Music Services, 2005)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures Psalm 23 John 10:1-10

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

Sermon Shepherd and Sheep Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn** -802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)

* Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Received

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr.V. Labenske

1 Chronicles 29:11: Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriends you."

(words by J. Neander, 1680; translated by C. Winkworth, 1863)

(music (Lobe Den Herren) from a J.S. Bach cantata, 1725; public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing Do., Inc., 2007)

**Doxology - insert

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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

****Hymn** –187

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

**Benediction

Postlude

O Worship the King

arr. M. Bober

1 Timothy 1:17: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

"O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love, whom angels delight to worship above! Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze, in true adoration shall sing to your praise!"

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(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2009)

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.

Thank you to Jeff Bruce and Neil Danzig for providing audio support this week! Thank you to Kofi Akuoko for operating the sanctuary cameras this week!

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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: 5/7, and 5/21

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

An update on March 31, 2023 (25% of calendar year): Actual Income \$140,529 - 30% of budget Actual Expenses \$134,321 - 24% of budget

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.

Fifth Sunday Offering

Today 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.

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! If you are able to support the VBS team by purchasing supplies, please click below:

Register Here: Amazon Wish List:





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



Musical Treats & Sweets

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church June 11, 2023 6:00-8:00pm

Musical performances, silent auction, and special snacks!
\$5 suggested donation at the door. Fun for all ages



fundraiser to benefit GenOn Youth Summit attendance (our community and a community in-need)

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks



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.

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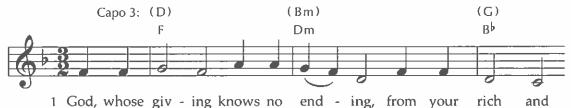
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- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

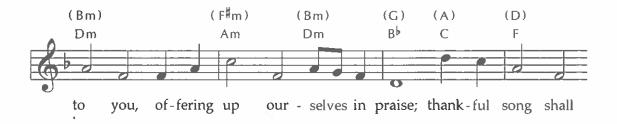
Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716











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.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.