



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 16, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. V. Labenske

1 Timothy 1:17: *Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes; most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days; almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise! Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice, like mountains high soaring above; thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love."

(words by W. Smith, 1867; music (*St. Denio*) is a Welsh Fold melody, 1839; public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2012)

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: In the morning, O Lord, you hear our prayers.

P: In the light of this day we praise your name.

L: Through the abundance of your steadfast love you have gathered us into your house.

P: In the holiness of your presence, we bow down to worship and adore you.

L: Let us worship God!

****Hymn – 395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we disobey your will. We show neither justice nor mercy to others. Christ our Savior, love incarnate, we confess that we take your love for granted. We do not give of ourselves, nor do we rejoice in all the blessings we receive. Holy Spirit, power and breath, we confess that we block your movement. We do not live holy lives of sacrificial love. Gracious Trinity, forgive us and grant us your peace. Help us to turn from our sins so that we may love you by joyfully caring for others. 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**

Spirit of the Living God

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*

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 119: 33-40
Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Path, Rocks, Thorns, and Good Soil

Rev. Scott Hoffman

****Hymn - 450**

Be Thou My Vision

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

How Great Is Our God with I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Psalm 147: 5: *Great and mighty is our Lord; his wisdom cannot be measured.*

arr. C. Berry

"The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty, let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice. How great is our God, sing with me how great is our God, and all will see how great, how great is our God!"

(words and music by C. Tomlin/J. Reeves/E. Cash, 2004)

(Rising Springs Music/Vamos Publishing/worshiptogether.com songs; Wondrously Made Songs)

(Capitol CMG Publishing, Music Services, Inc.)

"I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day. The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey."

(words by I. Watts, 1715; music by R.V. Williams, 1906; public domain)

(this piano solo worshiptogether.com Songs/six steps Music/ASCAP, 2004; admin. by EMI CMG Publishing)

****Doxology - 710**

We Lift Our Voices

We lift our voices;	All that we have,
we lift our hands;	all that we are,
we lift our lives up to you:	all that we hope to be,
we are an offering.	we give to you,
Lord, use our voices;	we give to you.
Lord, use our hands;	We lift our voices;
Lord, use our lives;	we lift our hands;
they are yours:	we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.	we are an offering;
	we are an offering.

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

****Hymn - 707**

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

****Benediction**

Postlude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. D. Wood

Psalm 95:7: *For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, he flock under his care.*

"Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours."

(words by D. Thrupp/H. Lyte, 1834; music (*Bradbury*) by W. Bradbury, 1859; public domain)

(this organ solo: The Sacred Music Press, 1992)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome Ted Markle!

We would like to introduce and welcome our new Accompanist/Pianist Ted Markle.

Ted is from Carroll County, Maryland. At age 14 he began playing the organ in church and accompanying school choirs and musicals. He has a bachelor's degree in church music from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey. He has served as a music director and organist/pianist at several churches in Maryland. Ted teaches private piano and voice lessons in Columbia.

He and his wife, Candace have two children, Greg and Stacy.

Ted will start his employment with CMPC on September 1st.



Yappy Hour

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite all to an outdoor evening of fun and fellowship at our "Yappy Hour" on July 26th, 6-8 pm. You are welcome to come with your dogs or just yourself to enjoy some company and conversation. We will be grilling hotdogs (plant-based as well) with chips and ice cream sandwiches so bring a lawn chair. We will gather on the Brown property by the grill. Dogs must remain on a leash at all times. The rain date will be July 29th. Bring your dog, have a dog, or do both!

Fourth Monday Meals for Grassroots

Volunteers needed to cook and/or serve meals at the Grassroots Day Resource Center on July 24th. Please sign up here:



Red Cross Blood Drive

Please sign up to donate blood and save lives!
August 15th in Fellowship Hall from 12:30 - 6:00 pm



Want more CMPC news and events? Subscribe to our weekly Friday E-News at:
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STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT

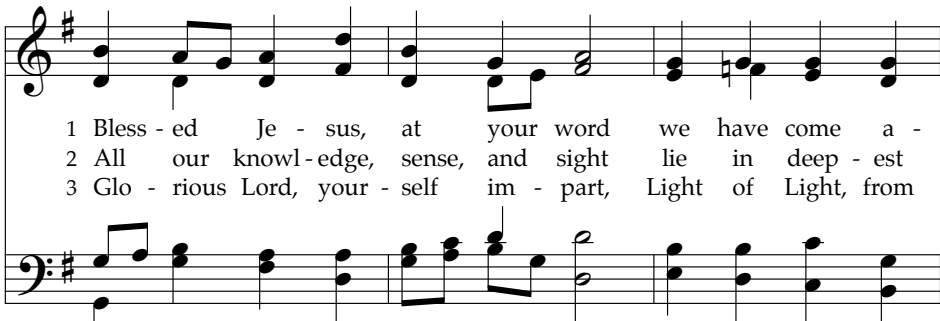
During the week of July 10th-14th, Christ Memorial had the pleasure of hosting 118 kids for a STELLAR week of Vacation Bible School! We had fun learning about all the ways to "Shine Jesus' Light" through experiments, games, crafts, and Bible lessons. In addition to our attendees, there were over 30 youth volunteers and over 25 adult volunteers who were engaged and enthusiastic each and every day! Many thanks to the CMPC congregation for the ways you helped in supporting the program with your time, donations and prayers.

We had an awesome week learning and growing in God's love together!

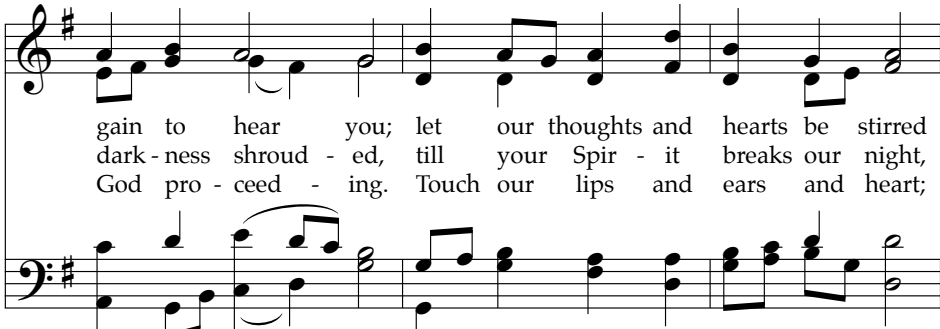
Save the date for next year when VBS returns July 8-12, 2024!



395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;



and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your



true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Tóname, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

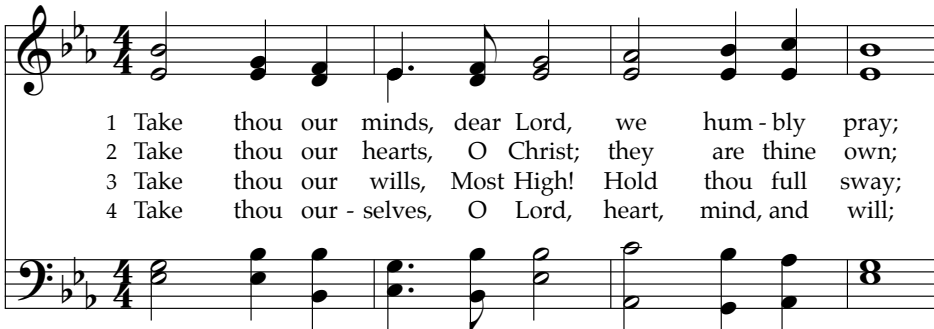
(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

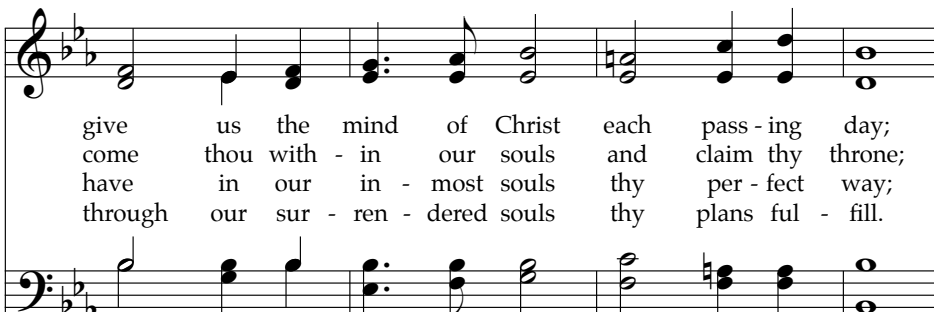
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

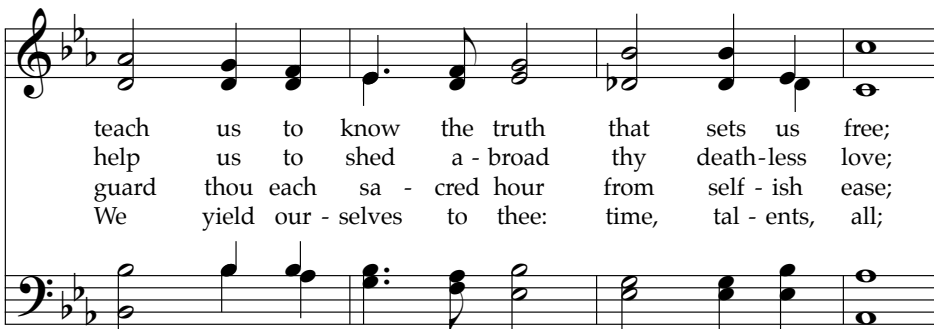
707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord



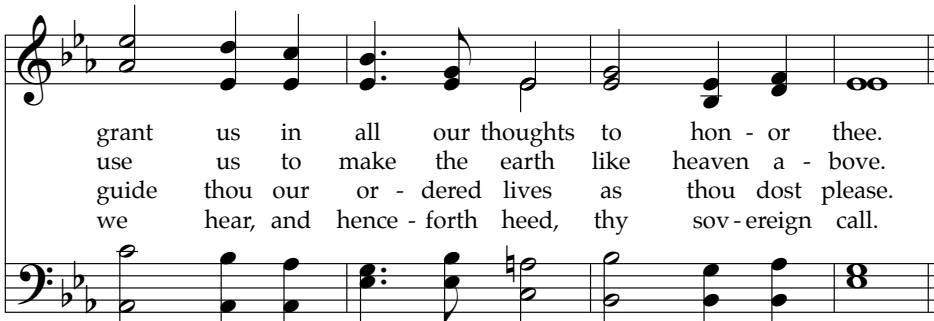
1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.



teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death-less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;



grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.