



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 28, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)/Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound arr. C. Tornquist
Ephesians 2: 8-9: *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am 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.”
(by C. Tomlin/J. Newton/L. Giglio; Six Steps Music, 2006; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

“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.”
(text: J. Newton, 1779; music: traditional American melody from Columbian Harmony, 1879; public domain)

(this piano solo: WorshipTogether.com SongsSixSteps Music and Vamos Publishing, 2006)

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.

Allison Miller

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: Wondrous Vinegrower, you make all things new in water and Word, feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.

P: Lead us today and every day to the font of new beginnings.

L: Teach us to love what you have commanded

P: And to prune what does not nourish your creation.

****Hymn – 482**

Baptized in Water

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Vine Grower, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. You have planted those seeds of mercy, of hope, of grace deep within us, so we might bear rich and nourishing fruit for others. Yet we have denied the promise of baptism and cut ourselves off from you. Forgive us, and restore us, that we may abide in your love. May we not get in the way of your Gardener, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, who with the Holy Spirit will bring forth an abundant crop. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism, God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine. Believe the promise.

P: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

****Response -240**

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
verse 4*

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*

Sacrament of Baptism - (see insert)

*Children ages preschool—third grade dismissed to Sunday Experience
Please see announcements for instructions.*

Word in Music

This Is Amazing Grace

arr. L. Larson

*2 Corinthians 8:9: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

(words and music by J. Riddle/P. P. Wickham/J.N. Farro, 2012; WB Music Co./FBR Music Corp./Josh's Music, 2012)

(this choral arrangement: Hope Publishing Co., 2017)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 118: 19-25

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

John 15: 1-11

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes[a] to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Grafted In for Life

Dr. Renee Mackey

****Hymn -**

He Is The Vine

He's the vine, so strong and sturdy/sending branches forth to grow.
Praying for the budding flowers/from which many blessings flow.
May his branches bud and blossom/nurtured by his blessed grace.
That one day with fruitful harvest/we will meet him face to face.

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

Voluntary on Beach Spring

arr. B.F. White

1 Corinthians 1: 30: *It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*

"O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways! To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise! We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer, re-create us; God, transform!"
(words: J. Newton, 1799; music (*Beach Spring*) is a traditional American melody, 1844; public domain)
(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co, 2017)

****Doxology - 711**

*Lord of All Good
verse 1*

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

****Hymn - 308**

O God in Whom All Life Begins

****Benediction**

Postlude

Trumpet Tune on St. Theodulph

arr. M. Helman

Revelation 7: 12: *Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!*

"All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King; to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son; now in the Lord's name coming, the King and Blessed One."

(words translated by J. Neale, 1851; music (*St. Theodulph*) by M. Teschner, 1613; public domain)
(this organ solo: The Lorenz Co., 2020)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome!

Dr. Renee Mackey was born and raised in the Midwest and taught school in Denver, Colorado where she earned her Master's Degree in Library Science. God then called her into ministry first as a Ruling Elder and then as a Teaching Elder. Dr. Mackey served three churches, one in Iowa and two in Maryland. She received her Doctor of Ministry Degree from Austin Theological Presbyterian Seminary and served Baltimore Presbytery as Moderator. She was honored to represent the Presbytery at the 221st General Assembly as Commissioner and is now serving in various church leadership roles. It is a joy to worship with you this morning.

Pastoral Transition

For an update on the pastoral transition, the Personnel Committee is continuing to work hard on our options. We have had conversations with pastors and churches in the area and outside of Howard County for their advice and guidance. We continue to have the support from the Presbytery of Baltimore and the preachers who have already served and have agreed to serve again. As we continue to proceed in this transition and decide the best way moving forward, please trust in the leadership of CMPC. We will always prioritize the best interests of CMPC throughout this process.

Red Cross Blood Drive - URGENT NEED!

The Red Cross will be at CMPC for a blood drive on April 29th from 12:30 - 6:00 pm. Please sign up here! Your blood can save lives! Race to give blood and get a coupon for free haircut by email, thanks to Sport Clips Haircuts! Plus, a chance to win a VIP NASCAR experience to the 2024 NASCAR Cup Series & Xfinity Races at Darlington Raceway. PLUS: Receive a FREE \$10 e-gift card!



Church Office Hours

The church office is open Monday - Friday from 1:00 - 5:00pm. If you need to enter the building and do not have a key, please visit the church when the office is open.

Spring Clean Up

May 4th, 8:30 - 1:00pm

There will be jobs for all ages both inside and outside of the church., rain or shine. For more information, please contact Tito Baca at pm@cmpcusa.org

CMPC Annual Musical Treats & Sweets: Times They are a Changin'

Sunday evening, June 9 (6-8:00pm) will be our annual "Musical Treats & Sweets," a wonderful evening of musical performances, silent auction, and free treats. This is a fundraiser to benefit the GenOn Youth Summit attendance (for our community and a community in-need). The theme this year is "Times They are a Changin'". If you would like to perform, contact Lindsey Kim (lindseyathorne@yahoo.com) (she can help you with an accompanist if needed). If you have a sweet treat or specialty item for the auction, contact Tom and Meg Engle (dpgroove@hotmail.com) or something for the snack table contact Debbie O'Neal (oneal04@aol.com). If you have a hosted event for the auction, contact Ashlyn Sowell (ashlynsowell@yahoo.com).

Mission Committee Thank you Luncheon

The Mission and Local Outreach Committee is planning to hold a lunch after worship on on May 5 to recognize those who have volunteered for the Cold Weather Shelter and have supported the Grassroots Route One Day Resource Center with meals on the fourth Monday of every month. We are inviting all volunteers and their families to join in the celebration of both hands-on missions that demonstrate the commitment of our members to serve those in need. Please contact Kathleen Smith office@cmpcusa.org to confirm your participation.



VBS Help Needed

If you are unable to help the week of the event but would like to creatively support VBS, we are looking for people that would be willing to serve on a VBS Decorating Committee headed by Cordelia Lamb. Cordelia will supply crafting projects that include cutting, gluing and prepping from home for the big VBS week. If you are able to service in this way please email Laura Jean Graybeal (vbs@cmpcusa.org).

Quarterly Stewardship & Finance Update

The end of March marked the end of the first quarter (25%) of the year and we are pleased to report that we have received 31% of the income needed to meet our budget. The primary reason that our income surpassed our budgeted expenses is because some members generously paid their entire annual pledges during the first quarter. A sincere "Thank you" to those who have already met their full year's pledge commitment and to those who are regularly giving toward their pledge.

While we are in this time of pastoral transition, our shared ministry continues, as do our expenses. Although our income exceeded our budgeted expense during the first quarter, our remaining annual pledges are not projected to cover all our budgeted expenses. Therefore, it is vitally important that everyone continues to give towards their pledge and, if you are able, to give a bit more than your pledge so that we may continue to address our deficit budget. Thank you!

**Want more CMPC news and events? Subscribe to our weekly Friday E-News at:
www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters**

Food Collection

CMPC's CARE Group program provides members with a contact person in the church. CARE Group leaders reach out to their assigned families a few times a year to see if there are any needs or concerns. Last year's visioning report identified food insecurity in our county as an area of importance to our congregation. With this in mind, our CARE Group ministry will be collecting some requested items for the Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry which distributes items once a month, to families in need. The Food Pantry currently serves between 70 and 80 families and is supported primarily through donations. The next distribution date is Wednesday, May 29, 2024. We will be collecting the following 5 items:

- Boxed cereal
- Boxed pasta
- Rice
- Baby wipes
- Diapers

(Please ensure that donated goods are in sealed packages and have not expired.)

Collections bins will be placed downstairs, inside the door from the parking lot, and upstairs in the narthex, outside of the sanctuary. **Donations will be accepted May 5th-May 19th.** Items will be delivered to OMHS that following week.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Pettit, Markita Garner or Sandi Chapasko. Thank you in advance for your support!

Invite a Friend to Church!

Did You Know....CMPC has "Invite a Friend to Church" cards? They are intended to provide all the information a possible visitor might need to check out CMPC; including our mission, address, how to contact us in person or online! My favorite part is the picture of our church and our invitation to visit.

These cards are available at the new welcome center, in the narthex and at the church office. Please take one and use them to invite a friend to CMPC! We know that Jesus will show us opportunities that will grow his kingdom.

Online Bible Study

Let's discuss Jesus' parables Monday nights on Zoom. Beginning June 2nd, we will use the 'Shared Inquiry Method' to examine the parables. What was Jesus saying to the people of His time and what is He saying to us today? Contact Kathy Koch for questions and to obtain the zoom link (kathrynkoch79@gmail.com).

Fellowship Events

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the following activities!

4/28 – Fellowship Hour

5/12 – Mother's Day carnations passed out to mothers in attendance

5/19 – Chili cookoff - Fellowship Hall

6/2 – Fellowship Hour

6/16 – Father's Day chocolate bars passed out to fathers in attendance

6/23 - Kona Ice Truck for Fellowship Hour

Chili Cook Off!

After a several year hiatus, the Fellowship Committee is bringing back the Chili Cook Off! The event will be held on Sunday, May 19th immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. We are looking for entries and will have hungry judges ready to determine who will be our 2024 Chili Cook Off champion. Please RSVP by May 16th.



Attention all graduates!

CMPC would like to recognize all of our graduates on Graduation Sunday, May 19th! 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 14th.

Mission Committee Work Day

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a workday at A Home Of Our Own Howard (HOOO) www.homeofourownhoward.org.

Help is needed with dusting/cleaning, sorting, organizing and counting inventory.

The planned workday is Thursday May 9, 2024. We will work from 10:00 - 12:00 and/or 2:00 - 4:00 pm. You choose which shift or both shifts.

The point of contact is BJ Walworth, bjwalworth@hotmail.com, 410.300.0242. Please email bjwalworth@hotmail.com by Sunday May 5, 2024 if you want to participate in the workday. Also email him if you have any questions.

If anyone wants to volunteer for a different day, please send an email to info@homeofourownhoward.org.

Attention all Sunday Experience and Nursery volunteers!!

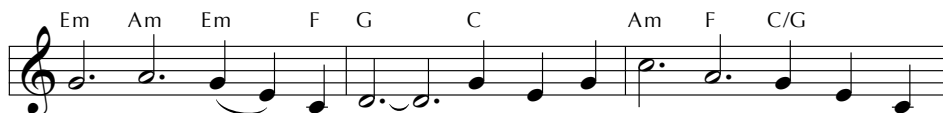
On Sunday, May 5, the Christian Education Committee would like to recognize you during worship for volunteering for Sunday Experience or the nursery. Please join us so we can thank you for making these two important programs possible.



Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.

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

- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

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

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for - ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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 Sacrament of Baptism

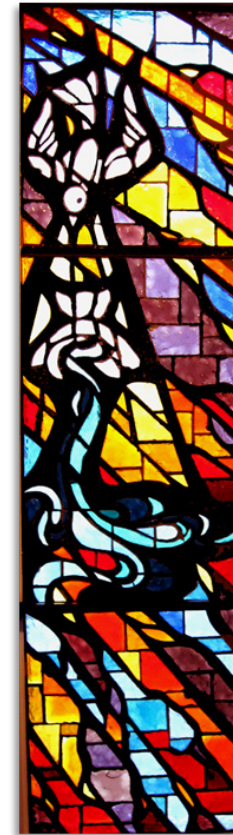
Since water was such a precious and scarce commodity in the Middle East, it is easy to see how frequently it became a symbol of life, death, and hope for many religious ceremonies. Such was the case for Christians.

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 household 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 his baptism, Samuel Robinson into the life and ministry of the Risen Christ.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Samuel Fischer Robinson

April 28, 2024



10600 Shaker Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Words of Gathering

Words of Presentation

Prayer

**Affirmation of Faith

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 descended 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.

Question to the Congregation

Allison Miller

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

Congregation: **We do.**

Question to the Children

Tori Gliptis

Do we, the children of Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church, promise to be Samuel's sisters and brothers in Christ as he grows up in our church family, showing him 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

Kingdom

Child of blessing, child of promise

Baptized with the Spirit's sign,

With this water God has sealed you

Unto love and grace divine.

The Baptism

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

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Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

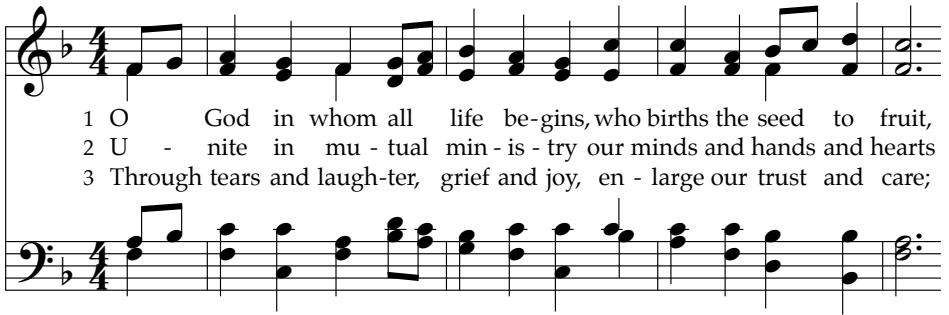
use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

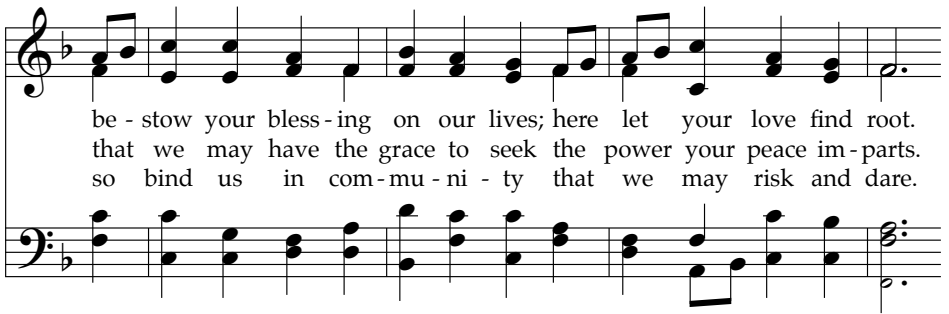
that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



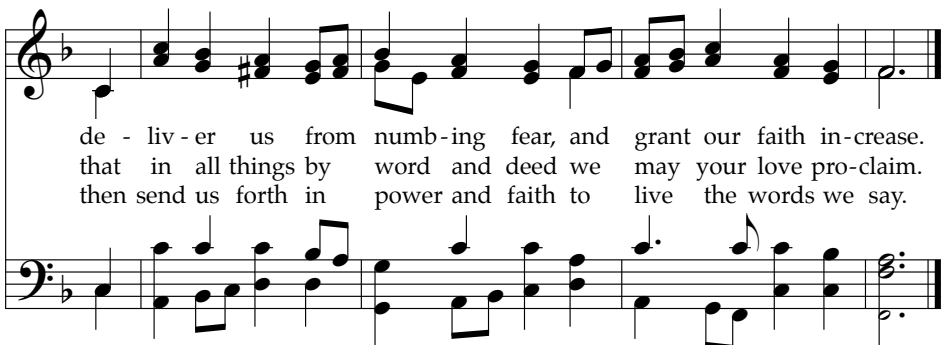
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.