

# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

June 2, 2024 10:30 a.m.

## **Order of Worship**

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

#### **Prelude**

How Great Is Our God with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God arr. C. Tornquist Psalm 147: 5: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.

"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, 2004)

"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great. And armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal!"

(words and music (Ein Feste Burg) by M. Luther, 1529; translated by F. Hedge, 1852; public domain)

(this piano solo: worshiptogether.com Songs/six steps Music/EMI CMG Publishing/Alletrop Music, 2004)

#### 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

Jeff Bloom

- L: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.
- P: Give thanks to the Lord.
- L: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.
- P: Give thanks to the Lord.
- L: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.
- P: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and Praise is due to the Lord!

\*\***Hymn** - 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Wes Millard

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

\*\*Common Prayer of Confession Holy God, Maker of all:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

Have mercy on us.

#### Living God,

We confess that we have sinned against you, against one another,

And against the earth entrusted to our care.

We have not offered steadfast love to you or to each other.

We have not shared the gifts you have given us.

We have not moved forward in faith, but allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear.

Forgive us, O God. Revive us. Raise us up.

Empower us to know the depth of your grace.

Move us to respond with lives of faithfulness,

Until every movement is an act of praise,

Every word is a song of thanksgiving,

And every breath a prayer.

#### \*\*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 -288

Spirit of the Living God
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

**Moment with Children** 

Lindsey Kim

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

**Word in Music** 

Only God

by M. McDonald

Psalm 86: 8-10: Lord, there is no god like you and no works like yours. Lord, all the nations you have made will come and worship you. They will honor you. For You are great and do marvelous deeds; only You are God.

(words and music by Mary McDonald, 2012) (this choral arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2013)

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scriptures**

#### **Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

"'Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

#### Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

Sermon

As You Make Your Way in the World...

Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor

\*\***Hymn** - 697

Take My Life

#### **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

#### God and God Alone

arr. K. Kaiser

Jeremiah 32:17: Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you!

"God and God alone created all these things we call our own; from the mighty to the small , the glory of them all is God's and God's alone. God and God alone is fit to take the universe's throne. Let ev'rything that lives reserve its truest praise for God and God alone."

(words and music by Phill McHugh, 1984) (this piano solo: River Oaks Music Co., 1987; Capitol CMG Publishing) \*\*Doxology - 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

\*\*Hymn - 269

Lead On, O King Eternal

\*\*Benediction

Postlude

I Know that My Redeemer Lives ar

arr. D. Rotermund

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

"I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head."

(words: S. Medley, 1775; music: (*Duke Street*): J. Hatton, 1775; public domain) (this organ solo: Concordia Publishing House, 1996)

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### **Announcements and Upcoming Events**

#### Welcome Rev. Andrea Lee Taylor

Andrea grew up moving around, leading to a more ecumenical Christian identity (father is ret. USN). After seminary was chaplaincy, ordination in the Baptist church, then ministry in the local church. Married to a guy who stayed in the same job for 36 years (no moving!) they have raised, and been formed by, two young adult daughters now making their own way in the world...almost. When there is time, and even sometimes not, she walks outside, bakes bread inside, reads voraciously, and likes to stream the occasional mystery show from 'across the pond.' At 1st Presbyterian Andrea leads a Bible study on her favorite topic of Christian disciplines and spiritual formation, which is also where she & her husband worship regularly.

#### **Pastoral Transition**

For an update on the pastoral transition, the Personnel Committee will continue with pulpit supply through the summer. This will allow us to focus our attention on finding an interim pastor knowing that the availability to hire transitional pastors during the summer is limited due to travel or other responsibilities. We are confident that our faith will lead us through this process and appreciate the assistance from those pastors who have preached and those who will preach for us. Please trust in the church leadership as we will always prioritize the best interests of CMPC throughout this process.



#### **Prayer**

We invite you to be in prayer over the process of calling an interim and then an installed pastor to Christ Memorial. If you need a prayer to pray, consider using this one:

Eternal God, you call us to ventures of which we cannot see, by paths as yet untrodden, through challenges unknown. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### **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).
- If you are able to donate supplies, please shop our Amazon link below!



#### **Summer Office Hours**

Beginning June 3rd, the church office will be open from 8 am - noon.

#### 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).

#### **Fellowship Events**

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the following activities!

6/2 – Fellowship Hour

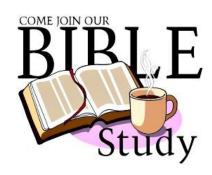
6/16 – Father's Day chocolate bars passed out to fathers in attendance

6/23 - Kona Ice Truck for Fellowship Hour

#### **Online Bible Study - Starts Tomorrow!**

Let's discuss Jesus' parables Monday nights on Zoom. Beginning June 3rd, 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).



#### Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards CMPC's CARE Group Ministry's food collection for Oakland Mills High School's food pantry. With your help, we collected:

2584 wipes

593 diapers

52 pounds of pasta which includes 7 pounds of mac and cheese

33 boxes of cereal

25 pounds of rice

8 cans/jars of sauce and vegetables

Oakland Mills was thrilled to get CMPC's donation and specifically said that everything is appreciated but especially the diapers and wipes because they're so expensive.

This collection was so successful we are already planning our next collection for the Fall.

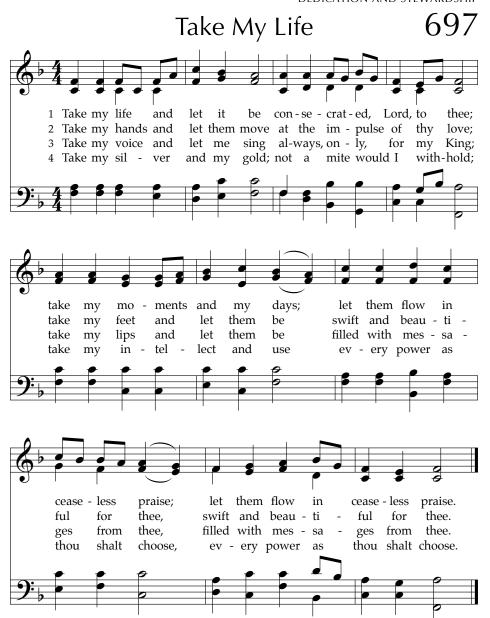
Markita Garner, Cindy Pettit, and Sandi Chapasko

# 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.





- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.



Not everything that looks like a battle ends up being one. This text, written for a seminary graduation, works well with its martial tune in the first stanza; but later stanzas turn from such imagery and focus on "deeds of love and mercy" and courage for life's journey.



# May

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

What a wonderful year we have had at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool! It is hard to believe that we have come to summer already! Our last month was busy with many special and fun activities. We enjoyed exploring the joy of spring, and learning about transportation. The children investigated vehicles for land, water and air. We also welcomed the mothers of the preschool for a special snack in their honor for Mother's Day. All our children participated in a special Fun Day at preschool this month. We spent all day enjoying face-painting, water play and crafts together. Our year culminated last week with our 3-year old classes holding a special end-of-the-year picnic together and our 4-year old classes had a graduation ceremony in the church sanctuary! It was such a blessing to welcome all the families into the church for the day. It is always hard to say goodbye to our special preschoolers, but we wish them all the best in their new adventure, KINDERGARTEN!

