

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude Standing on the Promises

arr. M. Hayes

Hebrews 10: 23: Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

"Standing on the promises of Christ my king, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God."

(words and music: Russell K. Kelso, 1886; public domain) (this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2008)

Introit Surely the Presence of the Lord

Wes Millard

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 Sarah Trodden

L: Jesus said, "I am the Way."

P: Though we have traveled many paths, all our paths have brought us here to worship the Risen Lord.

L: Jesus said, "I am the Truth."

P: Though we do not always agree, all of our knowledge is judged by the Truth revealed in Jesus Christ.

L: Jesus said, "I am the Life."

P: Though our lives are sometimes different in the ideals we cherish and the choices we make, they must all reflect our adherence to the commandments of Christ.

L: In this time of worship, let us together seek to follow the Way, the Truth, and the Life revealed in Christ. **P: Let us worship God.**

****Hymn –** 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

God of the Way, and the Truth, and the Life: we have gone astray of our own volition; we have been seduced by the lies of this world; we have chosen death without remorse. Hear our prayer of confession and direct us to right paths. Hear our prayer of contrition and lead us into all truth. Hear our prayer of consolation and give us life eternal, beginning today. You have loved us with an everlasting love and today we resolve to center ourselves in you. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon

- L: Hear this good news: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays!
- P: Anyone in Christ is a new creation: the past is finished and gone; everything has become fresh and new.
- L: As water washes away the stain of the world, the blood of Christ washes away our sin.
- P: We have died with Christ, and are raised to new life.
- L: In Christ's name I tell you, we are forgiven.
- P: Alleluia, and Amen!

**Response -240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks verse 1

Moment with Children Wes Millard

*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 announcements for instructions.

Word in Music Gospelfest arr. P. Kern

(congregation may sing when invited - see insert)

1 Peter 1: 3: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

(medley includes: Sweet By and By, by S. Bennett, 1868; *I Love to Tell the Story*, by K. Hankey/W. Fischer, 1866/1869; and *When We All Get to Heaven*, by E. Hewitt/E. Wilson, 1898; all are public domain)

(this anthem: GlorySound, a division of Shawnee Press, Inc., 2004)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures I John 5: 9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Sent Into the World Rev. John V. Carlson

****Hymn** - 296

Go In Grace and Make Disciples

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

Prelude and Fugato on Crusader's Hymn Isaiah 33: 17: Your eyes will see the King in His beauty.

arr. L. Ellis

"Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown."

(text translated from German by J.E. Seiss, 1873; music is a Silesian folk melody, 1842; public domain) (this organ solo: Harold Flammer, Inc., 1958)

**Doxology - 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own verse 1

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

****Hymn** - 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

**Benediction

Postlude Easter Postlude by R.S. Morrison

Luke 24: 6a: He is not here: he has risen!

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1939)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



The Rev. John V. "Jack" Carlson retired from active ministry in the PCUSA in January, 2016. Prior to his retirement, he served for 13 years as Pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church, in Harford County, MD. Before that he served churches in Lockport, NY, and Hyattsville, MD, and was a pastoral counselor for more than 20 years in the Washington DC area. After serving a term as Moderator of the Presbytery of Baltimore, in September of 2017 he was elected Stated Clerk of the Presbytery; he retired from that post in 2020. He has published three books: *The Spiritual Dimensions of Self-Esteem, The Spiritual Power of Communication*, and *The Disciple's Song*, a poetic rendering of the Gospel of Mark. Jack is married to Lynn McCormick Carlson and has three grown children and six grandchildren. In his retirement, he spends time with his grandchildren, oil painting, travel, and golf.

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.





- 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!



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).

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.

Bible Basics

Bible Basics has concluded for the season and will restart in September. More information will be posted in August.



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?

Fellowship Events

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the following activities!

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.

Grassroots Fourth Monday Meal

This month's fourth Monday falls on Memorial Day. However, hunger doesn't take a vacation and Grassroots would still like us to provide a meal. If you are able to donate food or spend time serving, please sign up below. Thank you!







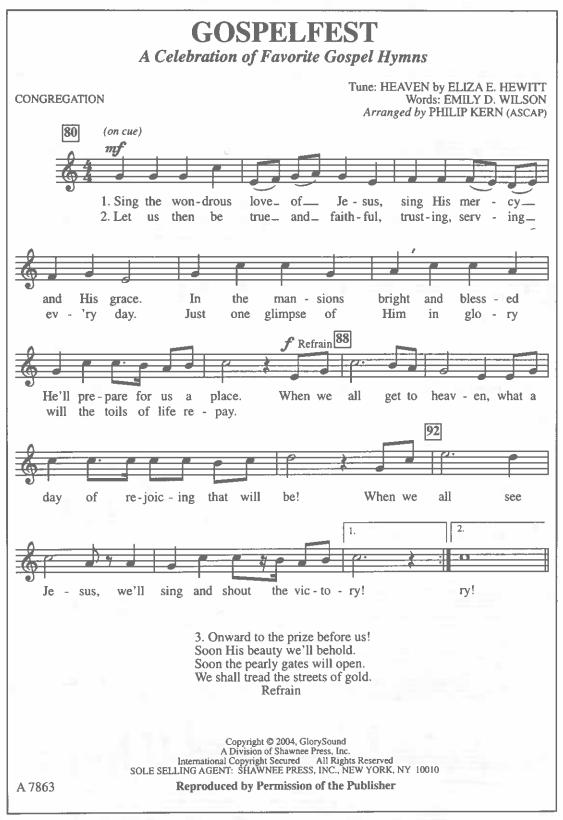
This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks



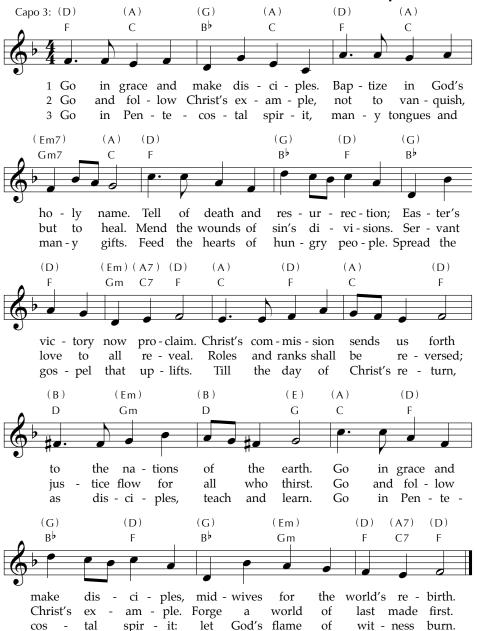
This text and tune were created together in the context of an ecumenical, charismatic, missionary Christian community in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Their energy and emphasis center in the opening and closing refrain's "Alleluia"—the essential Easter word of proclamation.

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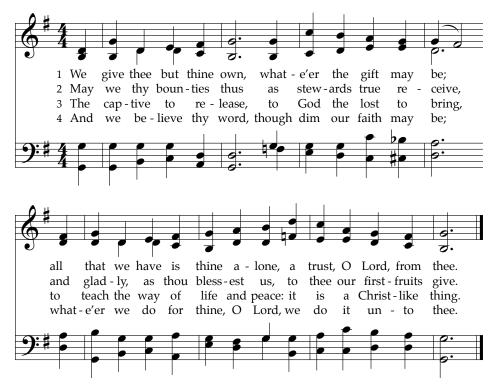
296 Go in Grace and Make Disciples



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708



Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.