



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**May 5, 2024 10:30 a.m.**

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus with I Sing Praises*

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*  
Psalm 100: 1, 2: *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come*  
*before his presence with singing.*

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne. Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood; Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us  
by His blood." (words by W.C. Dix. 1866; music (*Hyfrydol*) by R.H. Prichard, 1830; public domain)

"I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord; for Your name is great, and greatly  
to be praised. I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name, O Lord. For Your name is great,  
and greatly to be praised." (words and music by T. MacAlmon 1998, Integrity Music)

(this piano solo: John T. Benson Publishing Co., 1995)

### **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**

Elyn Thomas

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God.

**P: By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.**

L: For the Love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

**P: And his commandments are not burdensome.**

L: Let us worship God.

#### **\*\*Hymn – 371**

*New Songs of Celebration Render*

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

## **\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, whose patience knows no end, we are your children who confess Jesus to be the Christ but we also confess our sins. We grow bored and irresponsible, forgetting to put you first in our lives. Complacency renders us powerless to help the poor and fight oppression. Vengeance and anger seeps into our dealings with family, friends and neighbors. Forgive us God for turning away from you; help us to love you with every fiber of our being and our neighbors as ourselves. 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**

Sarah Trodden

*\*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**

*Jesus Is Lord*

arr. M. McDonald

*Philippians 2: 10-11: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

(words and music by K. Getty/S. Townend, 2004)

(this choral arrangement: ThankYou Music, 2018)

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scriptures**

I John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

The Importance of Belief

Rev. John V. Carlson

**\*\*Hymn - 754**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

### **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**

*Easter Flowers*

arr. L. Ellis

John 11: 25: "I am the resurrection and the life."

**\*\*Doxology - 708**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own  
verse 1*

### **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

#### **Invitation to the Table**

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

#### **Sharing of Bread and Cup (Please eat and drink when you are served.)**

The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.

**Music during Communion**

*Prelude No. 2, Opus 37*

by F. Mendelssohn

*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.*

(this organ solo first published in 1837, then Schirmer, 1896; copyright renewal, 1924; public domain)

**Prayer**

**\*\*Hymn - 761**

*Called As Partners in Christ's Service*

**\*\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

arr. J. Krug

*Colossians 3: 16-17: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

*"Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended, O now be extended, the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer His call."*

*(tune (Ash Grove) by O. Westendorf, 1964; World Library Publications, Inc., 1964)  
(this piano solo (a traditional Welsh folk melody): Lorenz Publishing Co., 2012)*

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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.

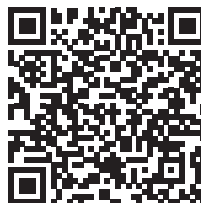
### Pastoral Transition

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.



### 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](mailto: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).

## **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!

## **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!

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[www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters](http://www.cmpcusa.org/newsletters)**

## **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](mailto:kathrynkoch79@gmail.com)).

## **Mission Committee Work Day**

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a workday at A Home Of Our Own Howard (HOOO) [www.homeofourownhoward.org](http://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](mailto:bjwalworth@hotmail.com), 410.300.0242. Please email [bjwalworth@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:info@homeofourownhoward.org).

## **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](mailto:office@cmpcusa.org) by Tuesday, May 14th.





# Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

## April

*He is not here; He has risen, Just as he said. Matthew 28:6*

The month of April has been filled with adventure at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. Our children started the month learning about the weather and how it changes in the Spring. Next we learned all about the animals of the land, sea and air. Our classes welcomed pets to school for our annual Pet Day! Next we dove into learning all about insects. Each class has their very own caterpillars turning into butterflies in their classrooms! The children learned a lot about the plants that live in our world. Our children planted their own seeds and watched them grow. During this month our 4-year-olds participated in a St. Jude Trike-a-Thon. The children worked hard to raise donations to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by riding their bikes and trikes during a special day at the preschool. Our preschool raised \$1,960 for St. Jude! Our 3-year-old classes finished the month by visiting Sharps Farm to discover more about plants, meet farm animals, and take a hayride.



# 371 New Songs of Celebration Render

(Psalm 98)

1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to God who  
 2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery  
 3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the

has great won - ders done; love sits en - throned in age - less  
 in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of grace a -  
 Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones, look up a -

splen - dor; come and a - dore the might - y One.  
 bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.  
 dor - ing, and find a voice to praise God's name.

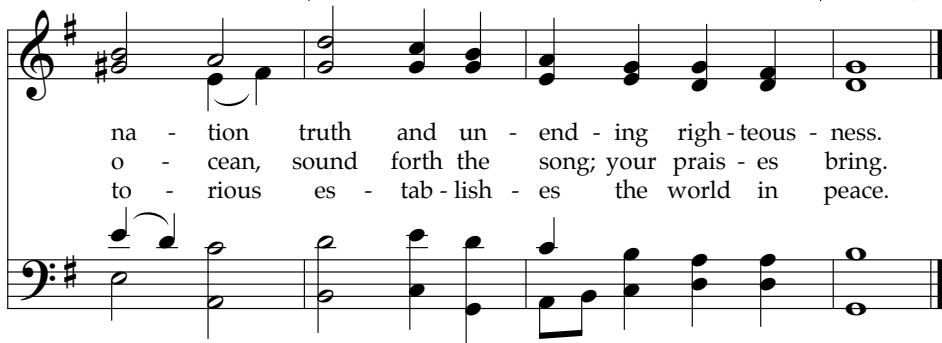
God has made known the great sal - va - tion which all the  
 Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion such sounds as  
 Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais - es be

This Genevan tune (created for Psalm 118 but also used for Psalm 98 in the 1562 edition of the Genevan Psalter) has worked successfully with several English texts. Here it sets a 20th-century paraphrase of Psalm 98 that owes much of its effectiveness to the author's skill with multisyllabic words.

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH



saints with joy con - fess. God has re - vealed to ev - ery  
make the heav - ens ring; all things that live in earth and  
sung that nev - er cease: just is our God, whose truth vic -



na - tion truth and un - end - ing righ - teous - ness.  
o - cean, sound forth the song; your prais - es bring.  
to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

# 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

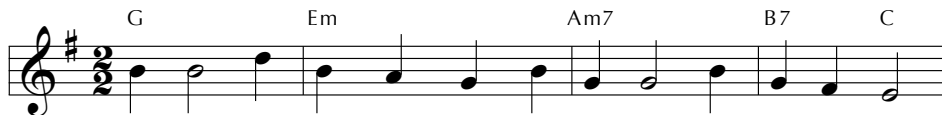
- 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
- 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
- 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

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.

# Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

## We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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.

## Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.