



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

June 16, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

arr. V. Labenske

Amos 4: 13: *He who forms the mountains, who creates the wind, and who reveals his thoughts to mankind; who turns dawn to darkness, and treads on the heights of the earth - the Lord God Almighty is his name.*

"This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought, of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!"

(words by M.D. Babcock, 1901; music by F.L. Shepherd, 1915; public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing Co., Inc., 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**

Meghan Jones

L: God, you do not see as humans see.

P: We look on the outward appearance.

L: But you look on the heart.

P: Jesus, open our eyes to look at others from your vantage point.

****Hymn – 451**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

We confess, God of faith, we often ask about someone's background to see if they are like us, while you look at where their heart is grounded. We examine another's good looks or athletic prowess, while you take notice of how they reach out to those who are different. We gaze at the size of another's house or car or portfolio to judge how successful they are, and you observe whether or not they have faith. Forgive us for looking at those around us with human eyes and not seeing them as created in your image. As you shape us into new people, give us new eyes to see. Amen.

****Assurance of Pardon**

L: We who walk by faith and not by sight believe the good news.

P: Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Amen.

****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

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 announcements for instructions.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Mark 4:30-32

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Foggy Lens

Rev. Dr. Renee L. Mackey

****Hymn** - 293

Loving Spirit

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

Faith of Our Fathers

arr. B. Inman

Hebrews 12: 1-2: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

"Faith of our fathers living still, in spite of dungeon fire and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word. Faith of our fathers, holy faith; we will be true to thee till death. Faith of our fathers we will love both friend and foe in all our strife; and preach Thee too as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life. Faith of our fathers, holy faith; we will be true to thee till death."

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(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2012)

****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, alleluia!

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

****Hymn** - 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

****Benediction**

Postlude

All Glory, Laud and Honor

arr. R. Hughes

Revelation 5: 13b: *To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!*

"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.M. Neale, 1851; music (*St. Theodulph*) by M. Teschner 1614; public domain)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1988)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome!

Rev. Dr. Renee L 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 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.

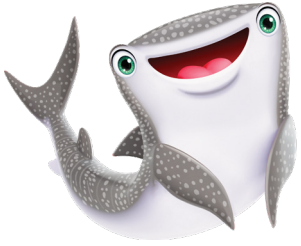
Grassroots Fourth Monday Meal

This month's fourth Monday falls on June 24th. The summer months are busier at Grassroots as schools are closed. If you are able to donate food or spend time serving, please sign up below. Thank you!



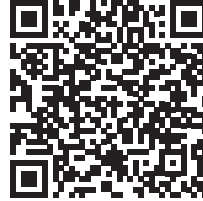
Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open from 8 am - noon.



VBS Help Needed

- Decoration Day - Saturday, July 6th. Please mark your calendars for a fun day of decorating the entire building! All ages and abilities welcome to help - many hands make light work.
- If you are able to donate supplies, please shop our Amazon link below!



Share Your Musical Gifts This Summer!

After today, the Trinity Choir will be on break until September. Please consider offering special music for worship during those weeks. Vocal and instrumental music are welcome additions to our summer services. Please contact Music Director, Joy Exner (joyousmusic@yahoo.com) to sign up. There is a date just for you! Please share your gifts with us!



Fellowship Events

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring the following activities!

- June 16 - Chocolate bars will be passed out following worship to all Fathers in attendance
- June 23 - Kona Ice truck in lower lot immediately following worship
- July 7 - Fellowship Hour
- July 21 - Fellowship Hour
- July 24 - Yappy Hour
- August 4 - Fellowship Hour
- August 18 - Fellowship Hour

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

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

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Loving Spirit

1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

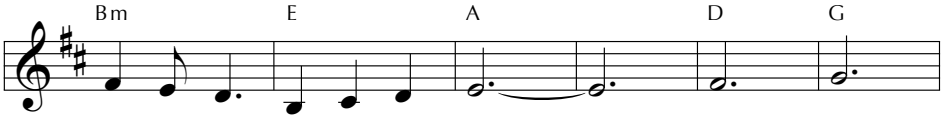
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Spirit

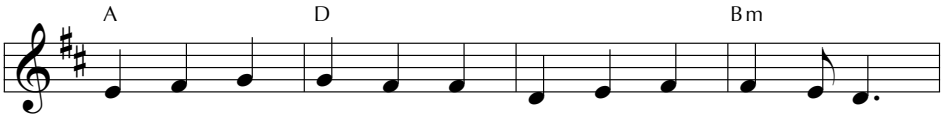
Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y; you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.