

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

June 30, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. L. Larson

Wes Millard

Psalm 30: 4: Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

"When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry, may Jesus Christ be praised! In all our work and prayer we ask his loving care, may Jesus Christ be praised! Then let us join to sing to Christ, our loving King, may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song, through all the ages long, may Jesus Christ be praised!"

(words: (German hymn) translated by E. Caswell, 1853; music (Laudes Domini): J. Earnby, 1868; public domain)

(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2013)

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

James Board

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all God's benefits

L: who forgives all your iniquity and heals all your diseases,

P: who redeems your life from the pit of destruction,

L: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

P: who satisfies you with good for as long as you live.

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

P: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

****Hymn –** 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

**Silent Prayer of Confession

**Common Prayer of Confession

God, you know the things that bedevil us and diminish our discipleship: our egos, our envy, our need to be right, our need to be well thought of by others before we can love ourselves, our delirium when it comes to being in control. Whatever possesses us, we ask you to disable it. Do a clean sweep of our souls so that, through your Spirit, we can restart the movement Jesus began. Amen.

**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 -586

Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

In This Very Room Allison Miller, solo

by Ron Harris and Carol Harris

Colossians 3: 15: And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. and be thankful.

(this vocal solo: Ron Harris Music, 1979)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Psalm 9: 9-20

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. 10 And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.Declare his deeds among the peoples.12 For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Be gracious to me, O Lord.

See what I suffer from those who hate me;
you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,
14 so that I may recount all your praises
and, in the gates of daughter Zion,
rejoice in your deliverance.

15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.16 The Lord has made himself known; he has executed judgment;the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. Higgaion. Selah

17 The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

19 Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you. 20 Put them in fear, O Lord; let the nations know that they are only human. Selah

Mark 5: 21-34

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

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

Sermon

The Tale of Two Healings

Rev. Dr. Theodore E. Churn

****Hymn** - 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life v. 1, 3, 6

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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. J. Denton

Luke 9: 23: Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

"Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calv'ry's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; til' my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river."

(words: F. Crosby, 1869; music (*Near the Cross*) by W. Doane, 1869; public domain) (this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1987)

**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** - 795 Healer of Our Every Ill

**Benediction

Postlude He Is Risen! He Is Risen! arr. E. Broughton

Matthew 28: 6: He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come see the place where He lay."

"Christ is risen, Christ is risen! Tell it with a joyful voice. Christ has burst the three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice. Death is conquered, we are free; Christ has won the victory. Christ is risen, Christ is risen! And has opened heaven's gate. We are free from evil's prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream."

(words: C. Alexander, 1846; music (*Unser Herrscher*) J. Neander, 1846; public domain) (this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1943)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome!

The Reverend Dr. Theodore E. Churn (Ted), was Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of The Presbytery of New Hope (NC) until his retirement in June 2021.

Prior to his move to North Carolina, his wife, Moffett, and he were Co-Pastors of a multicultural New Church Development in The Presbytery of Boston for 17 years. Before that, Ted served as pastor of Bethlehem Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsville, Virginia.

Upon moving to North Carolina in May 2007, Ted served as Interim Head of Staff at North Raleigh Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Rocky Mount, and as Temporary Associate Pastor at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh. Ted began his work as New Hope's Interim Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk in July 2011 and was installed to that position in April 2013.

Ted and Moffett moved to the Baltimore area in October 2021. They are the proud parents of two grown children and their families, including one grandaughter and one grandson. Ted received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

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.

Fifth Sunday

The Fifth Sunday Offering on June 30 will be dedicated to Pine Springs Christian Camp in Jennerstown, Pennsylvania. The Mission and Local Outreach Committee is pledging an additional \$1,500 in matching funds to support the summer camp, which a number of CMPC families attend. Pine Springs strives to provide every camper with an encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to growth in faith and discipleship. We hope you will give generously to support this ministry



VBS Help Needed

Decoration Day - Saturday, July 6th from 9 am to 11 am. 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.

Window on Mission

This update covers January through June 2024.

In an effort to keep the congregation better informed about its work, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee shares periodic informational updates. In addition to increasing awareness about what it is doing in the community, nationally, and globally on the congregation's behalf, these communications also encourage participation in hands-on mission opportunities. Here is a summary of activity from January to June.

<u>Local Mission</u>. On the fourth Monday of every month, CMPC volunteers provide and serve hot dinners at **Grassroots Route 1 Day Resource Center** in Laurel for the homeless in our community. The number of persons using the Center continues to grow, as does the need for food. This is an ongoing mission that welcomes new volunteers. Suzy Crabb is the point person for this mission. <u>Susan.crabb@verizon.net</u>

Rebuilding Together Howard County work days on April 26-27 attracted 12 CMPC volunteers at all skill levels to perform work in Elkridge, including cleaning, washing and painting walls and ceiling in a large living area, replacing skirting around one unit, power washing the exterior of two properties, staining decks, installing fire and CO2 detectors, and gardening clean up. Thanks to Todd Stubbs for organizing the effort with help from Wes Millard and Josh Gliptis.

A recognition lunch for Cold Weather Shelter and Route 1 Day Resource Center volunteers was held after worship in Fellowship Hall on May 5. Approximately 35 persons attended. The Fellowship Committee helped set up the room and provided drinks. Thanks to Suzy Crabb for help planning the event, getting the food from Wegmans, and baking cookies! Leftover food was donated to Grassroots.

The **Home of Our Own Howard** workday on May 7 organized by BJ Walworth had a morning and afternoon shift with four volunteers. Additional volunteers for future workdays are welcome. For more information, please contact bjwalworth@hotmail.com.

To-date, the committee has made donations to support scholarships at the **CMPC Preschool**, **Howard County Food Bank** which is run by the Community Action Council of Howard County, **Grassroots Crisis Intervention**Center and, **Home of Our Own Howard**. These programs are consistent with the committee's focus on addressing homelessness in our community and demonstrate the increasing need for a growing number of vulnerable families.

<u>National Mission</u>. The committee continues to support the mission of **Dustin and Holly Garner at OneEleven Ministries** in Kansas City where they are preparing interns to sing and pray the Bible and share God's goodness through evangelistic outreaches.

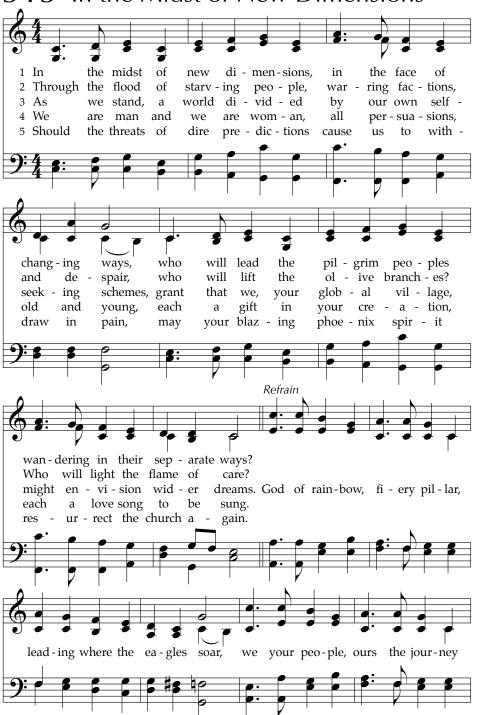
It also made a donation to support the summer camp at **Pine Springs Camp** in Jennerstown, PA, which a number of CMPC families attend. Pine Springs strives to provide every camper with an encounter with Jesus Christ that leads to growth in faith and discipleship.

<u>Global Mission</u>. The committee made a donation to **Friends of the Presbyterian Education Board (Pakistan)**, whose mission is to provide high quality education to individuals of all religious backgrounds, regardless of their ability to pay, and who choose to attend a missionary-based institution reflecting Christian values

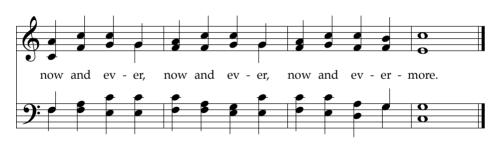
The Fifth Sunday Offering this year were accepted on behalf of Rebuilding Together Howard (March 31) and Pine Springs Camp (June 30).

Of course, this work would not be possible without the generous support of our congregation for which we are very grateful and appreciative.

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions



In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author-composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.



Where Cross the Crowded 343 Ways of Life



- 5 O Master, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; O tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.

Healer of Our Every Ill



give us peace be-yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is still un-
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth er, ev ery sis ter, ev ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel-ing, teach us all your way of



Spir - it all com - fort, fill glad - ness; of hearts. our fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love. broth - er; Spir - it of all kind-ness, be guide. Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heal - ing; heart.

As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.