



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

***June 9, 2024 10:30 a.m.***

## Order of Worship

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

### **Prelude**

#### *Step by Step*

arr. P. Keveren

Psalm 119: 133: *Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.*

"O God You are my God, and I will ever praise You. O God You are my God, and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways; and step by step You'll lead me,  
and I will follow You all of my days."

(words and music by David Strasser, 1991; Kid Brothers Of St. Frank Publishing /Universal Music/Brentwood Benson Publishing)

(this piano solo: Hal Leonard Corporation, 2003)

### **Introit**

#### *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Allison Miller

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**

Allison Miller

L: Called to be God's people, we come to share our lives together.

**P: Challenged to follow Jesus, we come to learn how to be disciples.**

L: Let us celebrate the joys of our hearts and mingle our tears with God's.

**P: Then we will know what following Christ really means.**

#### **\*\*Hymn – 684**

*Faith Begins by Letting Go*

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

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

**Merciful, God, we try to hide from your presence, knowing that we have traded your abundant life for a wasteland of spiritual draught. We have not followed your will, but instead follow other voices and pursue our own desires at the expense of others. We are so misguided that we cannot discern good from evil, making the wrong choice, turning away from you. In steadfast love, look on us and reclothe us with your grace. Amen.**

## **\*\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: Sisters and brothers, do not lose heart. God not only listens to the cries of our lips, but pays attention to the groaning of our hearts. God restores us to wholeness, and renews us day by day through the grace of Christ extended to us.

**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**

Sarah Trodden

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

## **Word in Music**

### *Order My Steps*

arr. J. Schrader

Psalm 25: 4-5: *"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."*

*(words and music: Glen Burleigh, 1991) (this choral arrangement: Burleigh Inspirations Co./Hope Publishing Co., 2000)*

## **Prayer for Illumination**

### **Scriptures**

### **1 Samuel 8: 4-20**

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you on that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! We are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles."

## Matthew 16: 24-26

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

I Want To Be Like Everyone Else

Rev. Dr. Renee L. Mackey

### \*\*Hymn - 718

*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

### 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

*Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow*

arr. V. Labenske

John 14: 6: *Where You lead me, I will follow. I place my trust in You. Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

"I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, 'Take thy cross and follow, follow Me.' Where He leads me I will follow, where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way."

(words by E.W. Blandy, 1890; music (*Norris*) by J.S. Norris, 1890; public domain)  
(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!

## 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

Chorale Prelude on *Gardiner*

by Robert Powell

1 Corinthians 11: 26: *For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

(this organ solo: The Sacred Music Press, 1970)

### Prayer

**\*\*Hymn - 822**

*When We Are Living*

**\*\*Benediction**

**\*\*Benediction Response:**

*May the Road Rise to Meet You*

arr. G. Franklin

(music by Glenda Franklin; traditional Irish blessing; Alfred Music, 2018)

### Postlude

*He Lives*

arr. L. Smith

John 11: 25-26: *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."*

"I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today. I know that He is living whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer; and just the time I need Him, He's always near. He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today. He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives, He lives, salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives; He lives within my heart!"

(words: H. Rodeheaver, 1933. Renewed Curb Word Music, 1961; music: *(Ackley)*: A.H. Ackley, 1933)

(this organ solo: The Rodeheaver Co., 1989)

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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.*

## CMPC Annual Musical Treats & Sweets: Times They are a Changin'

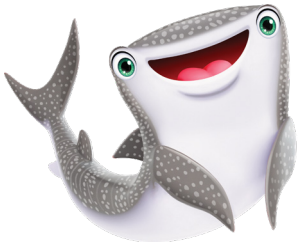
Join us **tonight**, June 9 (sanctuary doors open at 6:00pm) for CMPC's annual Musical Treats and Sweets fundraiser for the GenOn Youth Summit. With a "Times They Are A-Changin'" theme, the performances include soloists, duets, groups, musicians, bell ringers and even a few sing-alongs.

The Silent Auction will include sweet treats (cookies and cakes, breads and pies), a variety of items (including hand-crafted hanging quilt and speciality baskets), and hosted events ranging from a pickleball clinic, summer barbecue, special tastings and dinners, babysitting, and so much more!

A \$5 suggested donation at the door includes all of your entertainment and snacks.

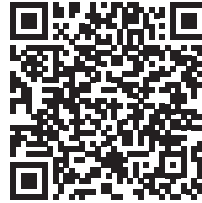
## Summer Office Hours

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



### 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!



### 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](mailto:joyousmusic@yahoo.com)) to sign up. There is a date just for you! Please share your gifts with us!



### 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

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# Faith Begins by Letting Go 684

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what  
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's  
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,  
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;  
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both  
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it  
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.  
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.  
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

# Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.



## When We Are Living

822

*Pues si vivimos*

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.  
 3 Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,  
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*  
 2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*  
 3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*  
 4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.  
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.  
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,  
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.*  
*y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.*  
*en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,*  
*gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.*



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,  
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
*Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,*  
*sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,*  
*Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,*



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.  
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7–8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.