



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 7, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

How Great Thou Art with How Great Is Our God
Psalm 86:10: *For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.*

arr. V. Labenske

"O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the Stars, I hear the rolling thunder; Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed. Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art."

(words: Sturt K. Hine, 1949; music (*O Store Gud*): Swedish Folk melody, adapted by S. Hine; Capitol CMG Publishing)

"The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty, let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide; and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice. How great is our God, sing with me; how great is our God, and all will see how great, how great is our God."
(see further information below in Word in Music)

(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co./Alfred 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.

Wes Millard

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**

One: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

All: Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

One: God has given to us the law by which to live together in harmony and peace.

All: In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

One: Rejoice in the goodness of God.

All: Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us.

****Hymn – 475**

Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

With hearts of sorrow, we come before you, O God, to confess what you already know—we have failed to keep your laws. Again and again, we have followed our own selfish will, rather than your holy and life-giving will for our lives. We have twisted your decrees and institutions to suit our preconceptions and interests rather than your own. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us from hidden faults, that the words of our mouths, and the meditations of all our hearts, may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. 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 -772**

*Live Unto Hope
verses 1 and 4*

This song was the theme hymn for the 226th General Assembly of the PCUSA which took place this past week.

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

*How Great Is Our God
Kathy Koch, solo*

by Tomlin/Reeves/Cash

*Psalm 145: 3, 5: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.
Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.*

*(words and music by C. Tomlin/J. Reeves/E. Cash, 2004)
(Rising Springs Music/Vamos Publishing/worshiptogether.com songs/Wondrously Made Songs)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words,

“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

I John 4:16-21

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, “I love God,” and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rules and Laws and Commandments...O, My!

Rev. Dr. Theodore E. Churn

****Hymn** - 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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

Mighty Is Our God

arr. R. Smith

Psalm 95: 3: *For the Lord is the mighty God, the great King above all gods.*

"Mighty is our God, mighty is our King, mighty is our Lord, ruler of ev'rything . Glory to our God, glory to our King, glory to our Lord, ruler of ev'rything. His name is higher, higher than any other name. His pow'r is greater, for He has created ev'rything."

(words and music by E. Greco/G. Gustafson/D. Moen, 1989)
(this piano solo: Integrity's Hosanna! Music, 1993)

**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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. R. Wilson

Psalm 90: 1-2: *Lord, You have been the place of comfort for all people of all time. Before the mountains were born, before You gave birth to the earth and the world, forever and ever, You are God.*

"O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home." (words by I. Watts, 1719; music (St. Anne) by W. Croft, 1708; public domain)

What a Friend Have in Jesus

arr. R. Hughes

John 15:15: *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.*

"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

(words by J.J. Scriven, 1855; music by C.C. Converse, 1868; public domain)

(these organ solos: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1966)

Prayer

**Hymn - 749

Come! Live in the Light!

**Benediction

Postlude

Festive March

by George Blake

Romans 15: 5-6: *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1974)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome!

The Revs. Ted and Moffett Churn are graduates of Union Presbyterian Seminary. Ted served as a solo pastor and filled five interim positions before being called as Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk for New Hope Presbytery. Since her ordination in 1977, Moffett has served in various capacities including Dean of Students at UPS, Associate Pastor of churches in North Carolina and Virginia, as well as interim calls to churches in transition. In addition to their separate calls, Moffett and Ted served for 17 years as the organizing Co-Pastors of a multicultural church in Massachusetts. In October of 2021, they moved to Charlestown to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

Prayer

We are happy to announce that our prayers have been answered! Rev. Janna VanderWoude has accepted the call to be the interim pastor for CMPC.

We invite you to still be in prayer over the process of calling 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.

Yappy Hour

July 24th, 5:30pm - 6:30 pm (Rain date July 25th)

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite all to an outdoor evening of fun and fellowship at our "Yappy Hour." You are welcome to come with your dogs or just yourself to enjoy some company and conversation. We will be grilling hotdogs with chips and ice cream sandwiches so bring a lawn chair. Bring your dog, have a dog, or do both!

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.

Local Mission. 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. Susan.crabb@verizon.net

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.

National Mission. 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.

Global Mission. 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.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

772

Live into Hope

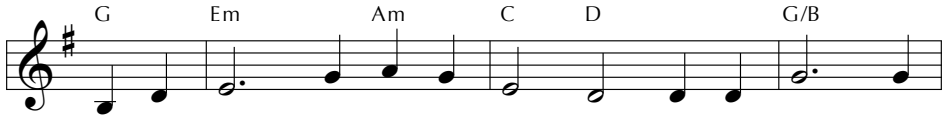
1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether 529



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

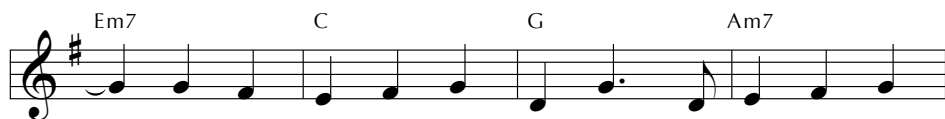
We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



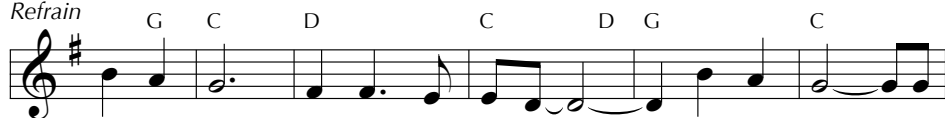
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"