



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 11, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

O Worship the King

arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 145: 1: *I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.*

"O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love; our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail; in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend."

(words: R. Grant, 1833; music (*Lyons*): J.M. Kraus, 1784; public domain)
(this piano solo: Lorenz Publishing Co, 2021)

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**

Allison Miller

L: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praise to God Most High;

**P: We gather to declare God's steadfast love in the morning
and God's faithfulness at nighttime.**

L: Those who are planted in the house of the Lord flourish;
no matter their age, they bear fruit
and remain lush and fresh, proclaiming:

P: The Lord is righteous! God is our rock!

****Hymn – 682**

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

L: Gracious God, we so often miss your kingdom at work among us.

We admit that we are captivated by power and prestige:
we overlook the mustard seeds you have planted all around.

P: Forgive us for failing to notice where and how you are at work.

L: We so often work against your plans and purposes—

We foster divisions when you have called us to a ministry of reconciliation;
We are apathetic or go helpless when the world has such deep needs;
We build walls to keep people out when your branches offer generous nests.

**P: Forgive us for focusing so much on the right way to share your good news
that we stunt our own growth and restrict your harvest.**

L: Turn us aside from insistence on achievement, efficiency, productivity and control.

**P: Turn us toward your Kingdom's ways of sharing far and wide,
entrusting ourselves to your Spirit's work under the surface,
in the dark and dirt of us.**

A: We pray to grow in faithfulness, relying on your grace toward us. 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 -240**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks, v. 1

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give praise to his name

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. (Refrain)

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

Beautiful Savior

arr. S. DeCesare

Trinity Choir Women

*Psalm 27: 4: One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.*

(words: M. Gesangbuch, 1677; music: S. Volkslieder, 1842; public domain)
(this choral arrangement: Exultet Music LLC, 2024)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Ezekiel 17:22-24

22 The LORD God proclaims: I myself will take one of the top branches from the tall cedar. I will pluck a tender shoot from its crown, and I myself will plant it on a very high and lofty mountain. 23 On Israel's mountainous highlands I will plant it, and it will send out branches and bear fruit. It will grow into a mighty cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it and find shelter in the shade of its boughs. 24 Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the LORD, bring down the tall tree and raise up the lowly tree, and make the green tree wither and the dry tree bloom. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do it.

Mark 4:30-34

30 Jesus continued, "What's a good image for God's kingdom? What parable can I use to explain it? 31 Consider a mustard seed. When scattered on the ground, it's the smallest of all the seeds on the earth; 32 but when it's planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all vegetable plants. It produces such large branches that the birds in the sky are able to nest in its shade."

33 With many such parables he continued to give them the word, as much as they were able to hear. 34 He spoke to them only in parables, then explained everything to his disciples when he was alone with them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

As Much as We Can Hear

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

****Hymn** - 771

What is the World Like

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 Loves Me

arr. V. Labenske

John 15: 9: *"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love."*

"Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way; wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so."

(words: A.B. Warner, 1859; music: W. Bradbury, *(Jesus Loves Me)* 1862: public domain)
(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing Co., 2008)

****Doxology** - 708

We Give Thee but Thine Own, v. 1

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

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

****Hymn** -65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

****Benediction**

Postlude

The March to Cavalry

arr. G. Blake

John 1: 29b: *John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

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(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1975)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome to CMPC Pastor Janna!

Rev. Janna VanderWoude served as a clinical social worker with adolescents, primarily in school settings, and as Director of Youth Ministries at First of Westminster before returning to school for her MDiv. She is a graduate of Calvin College, University of Maryland School of Social Work and Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. She was ordained into Baltimore Presbytery in 2017 and served as pastor at Northminster Presbyterian in Reisterstown until its closure at the end of 2022. She and her husband John have three adult children now scattered along the upper east coast, as well as two grandchildren who provide great delight.

Nationwide Blood Shortage - You Can Help!

CMPC is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross on Tuesday August 13th, 2024.

An estimated 38 percent of Americans are eligible to give blood or platelets, but of those, less than 10 percent actually donate each year. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate.

Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and CMPC.



Date: August 13th
Time: 1:30 - 6:00 pm



Free Air Hockey Table

After providing several years of entertainment in the LOGOS FISH Room, it's time to retire the air hockey table and find it a new home. Are you interested in having a commercial grade table in your game room? We are giving it away to someone in the congregation before we ask the larger community, No cost (of course, LOGOS donations are always accepted!) but you will need to take it apart and haul it away. Please contact Elyn and Ryan Thomas (logos@cmppusa.org) if you are interested.



Blessing of the Backpacks

It's time for the Blessing of the Backpacks. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 25! During the 10:30 am worship service (in person and virtual) all students, preschool to post graduate, will be invited to bring their backpacks forward and join in a special blessing for students, teachers, aides, and administrators preparing for the new school year. **New this year** - we will be handing out blessing tags to hang on your backpack.



FISH Room

The FISH (high school) youth of CMPC are beginning work on a project to help improve the FISH room for current youth and future generations of FISH members. We are currently looking for community donations of furniture, decorations, and supplies. We are also looking for members of the congregation to join us for a FISH room workday on August 17th, from 9-12. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please scan the QR code below and fill out the donation/volunteer google form. We thank everyone for their support!



It Is Good to Sing Your Praises 682

(Psalm 92)

1 It is good to sing your prais-es and to thank you, O Most
 2 You have filled my heart with glad-ness through the works your hands have
 3 But the good shall live be - fore you, plant - ed in your dwell-ing

High, show-ing forth your lov - ing-kind-ness when the morn-ing lights the
 wrought; you have made my life vic-to - rious; great your works and deep your
 place, fruit - ed trees and ev - er ver - dant, nour-ish-ed by your bound-less

sky. It is good when night is fall - ing of your faith - ful - ness to tell,
 thought. You, O Lord, on high ex - alt - ed, reign for - ev - er - more in might;
 grace. In his good-ness to the righ-teous God his righ-teous-ness dis-plays;

while with sweet, me - lo-dious prais-es songs of ad - o - ra-tion swell.
 all your en - e - mies shall per - ish, sin be ban-ish-ed from your sight.
 God, my rock, my strength and ref-uge, just and true are all your ways.

Psalm 92, paraphrased here, is the only psalm that the Bible assigns to a specific day: the Sabbath. This may be because of the mention of "works" in stanza two, recalling that, after six days of creation, God rested on the Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3), when the faithful do the same.

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. *Fine*

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.

What Is the World Like 771

Capo 1: (G) (Em7) (C) (D)
 A^b Fm7 D^b E^b



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em) (C) (Am) (B7)
 Fm D^b B^bm C7



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

(Em) (Am) (D) (G)
 Fm B^bm E^b A^b



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

(C) (Em7) (Am7) (D) (G)
 D^b Fm7 B^bm7 E^b A^b



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.

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;

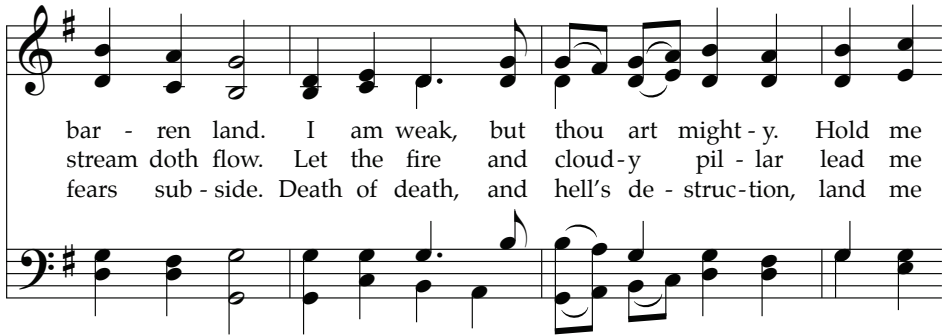
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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.

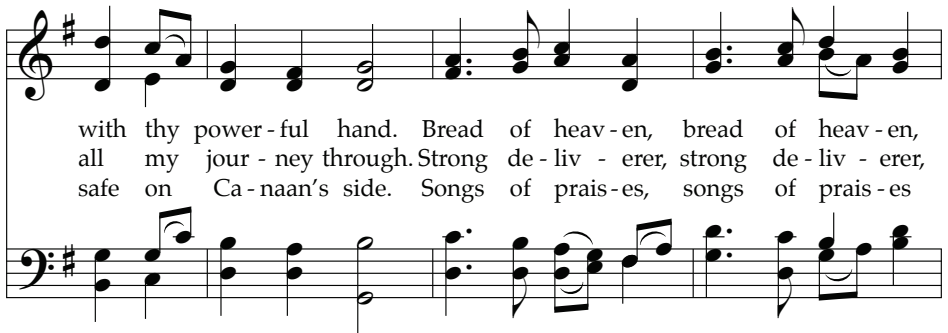
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.