



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 18, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. D. Bish

Psalm 40: 8: *I desire to do your will, my God; Your law is within my heart.*

"Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart; Lord, I
want to be like Jesus in my heart."

(words and music (*I Want to be a Christian*): traditional African American spiritual; public domain)
(this organ solo: Fred Bock Music Company, 1980)

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**

Ryan Thomas

L: Give thanks to the LORD; call upon God's name!
Tell everyone about what God has done and is doing!

P: We are here to sing to God!

We sing praises to the Lord:

We come to reflect on and celebrate God's wondrous works!

L: Give praise to God's holy name!
May the hearts of those who seek the LORD be filled with joy:
Pursue the LORD and his strength.

A: We will seek God's face—always and forever.

****Hymn – 395**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

L: God of life, God of mystery,
We imagine ourselves to be quite capable judges of power,
wisdom and goodness, and what it looks like.

**P: We trust our own standards;
we separate, make categories and mark the performance of others.
We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things.
We fail to watch for you, working out your purposes.**

L: God of life, God of mystery,
We imagine the generous, joyful life you offer for everyone,
the peace for all those who place their trust In you.
But we are easily distracted, especially by our own interests.

**P: We admit that as we set our priorities,
we go looking for love, contentment and joy in all the wrong places.
We confess that we get tired, and settle for “good enough”,
while others whom you love suffer from hunger, abuse and injustice.**

**A: Gracious God, hidden and yet so evident to us----change us.
Transform our withered imaginations until we yield the judgments we trust to a
generous love we can't control.**

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

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*

There will be no Sunday Experience today. Children are invited to stay for worship and finish the Children's bulletin

Word in Music

Shine, Jesus, Shine
John McPherson, solo

arr. G. Kendrick

John 12: 46: *I have come as a light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness.*

(words and music: Graham Kendrick, 1987; Make Way Music, 1988)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

I Kings 3:5-12

5 The LORD appeared to Solomon at Gibeon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask whatever you wish, and I'll give it to you."

6 Solomon responded, "You showed so much kindness to your servant my father David when he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and with a heart true to you. You've kept this great loyalty and kindness for him and have now given him a son to sit on his throne. 7 And now, LORD my God, you have made me, your servant, king in my father David's place. But I'm young and inexperienced. I know next to nothing. 8 But I'm here, your servant, in the middle of the people you have chosen, a large population that can't be numbered or counted due to its vast size. 9 Please give your servant a discerning mind in order to govern your people and to distinguish good from evil, because no one is able to govern this important people of yours without your help."

10 It pleased the LORD that Solomon had made this request. 11 God said to him, "Because you have asked for this instead of requesting long life, wealth, or victory over your enemies—asking for discernment so as to acquire good judgment— 12 I will now do just what you said. Look, I hereby give you a wise and understanding mind. There has been no one like you before now, nor will there be anyone like you afterward."

Matthew 13:44-46

44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Treasure Hunting

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

****Hymn** - 450

Be Thou My Vision

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*You Are My All in All with My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

arr. C. Tornquist

Colossians 3:11b: *Christ is all, and is in all.*

"You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name."
 (words and music: Dennis Jernigan, 1991; Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc.)

Galatians 2: 20b: *The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

"My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly Thine."
 (words: R. Palmer, 1830; music (*Olivet*): L. Mason, 1831; public domain)

(this piano solo: Word Music, Co., 2008)

Prayer of Dedication****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 -175***Seek Ye First*****Benediction****Postlude***Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

arr. F. Ritter

Matthew 21: 9: *Hosanna to the son of David! Hosanna in the highest!*

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing; for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice; and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice."

(words: J. Threlfall, 1873; music (*Ellacombe*): W. Gesangbuch, 1784; public domain)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1980)

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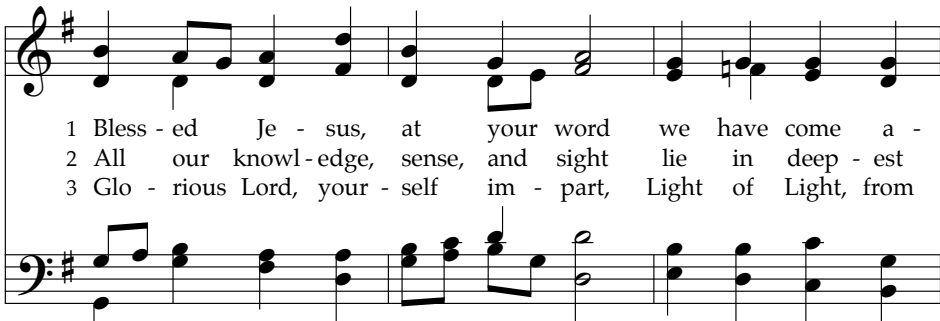
Announcements and Upcoming Events

Blessing of the Backpacks

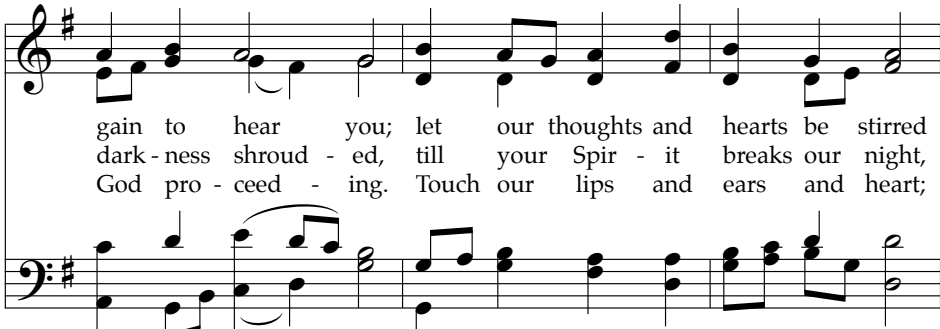
It's time for the Blessing of the Backpacks. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 25! During the 10:30 am worship service (in person and virtual) all students, preschool to post graduate, will be invited to bring their backpacks forward and join in a special blessing for students, teachers, aides,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



395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word



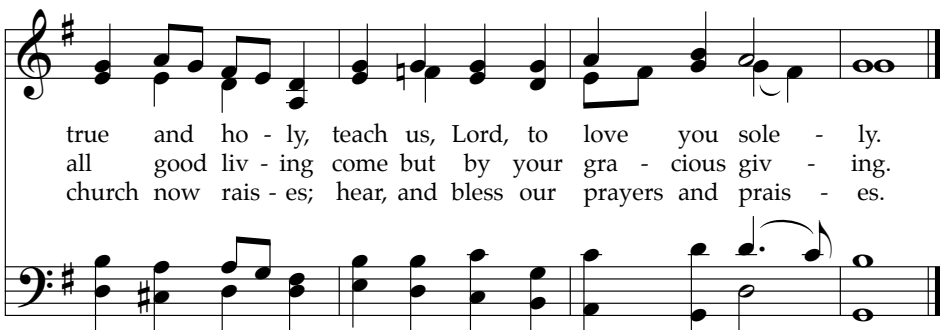
1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Glo - rious Lord, your - self im - part, Light of Light, from



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till your Spir - it breaks our night,
 God pro - ceed - ing. Touch our lips and ears and heart;



and in glow - ing faith be near you. By your gos - pel
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your



true and ho - ly, teach us, Lord, to love you sole - ly.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 church now rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

Originally conceived to be sung before the sermon, this hymn assumes a congregation that assembles regularly, and it needs to be placed near the beginning rather than the end of worship. The simple repetitive tune reinforces the text's sense of receptivity and expectation.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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Seek Ye First

Descant

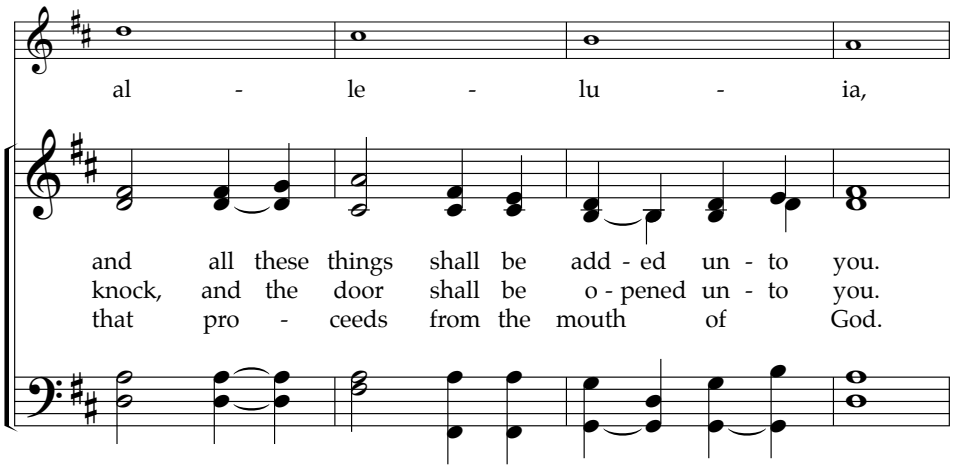
Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.



al - le - lu - ia,
 and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

SPANISH

- 1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios
 y su perfecta justicia,
 que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
 Alelu, aleluya.*

KOREAN

- 1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와
 그의를 구하-면
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