



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

August 4, 2024 10:30 a.m.

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 36: 5, 9: *Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.*

"Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!"

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(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2007)

Introit

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Wes Millard

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**

Kathy Koch

L: God commanded the skies above.

P: God opened the doors of heaven.

L: Raining upon them manna to eat,

P: Came a gift: the grain of heaven.

L: Mortals ate from the bread of angels.

P: God sent them food in abundance.

****Hymn – 396**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

****Silent Prayer of Confession**

****Common Prayer of Confession**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. By your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and make me clean from my sin. For I know my transgressions; my sin is ever before me. Against you, O God, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. You are just in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being. Therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be cleaner than new-fallen snow. Let me hear joy and gladness! Look away from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. 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

sing twice

Moment with Children

Chad Board

**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 Thou Art
Jennifer Weinel, solo

by Stuart K. Hine

Psalm 47: 2: For the Lord Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

*(words and music (How Great Thou Art): S.K. Hine, 1953)
(this choral arrangement: Manna Music, Inc., 1981)*

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Exodus 16: 2-4,9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

John 6.22-35

The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not gotten into the boat with his disciples but that his disciples had gone away alone. But some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Bread of Life

O. Morton Harris, Jr.

****Hymn** - 504

We Come as Guests Invited

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

In His Keeping
Kathi Weinel, piano solo

by Lindy Kerby

Philippians 4: 7: *The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

(this piano solo: composed by Lindy Kerby, 2001; Little Miracle, LLC 2020)

****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

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

arr. R.J. Hughes

Psalm 73: 25: *Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.*

"Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by."

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(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1979)

Prayer

****Hymn -542**

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

****Benediction**

Postlude

At the Cross

arr. G. Sewell

1 Corinthians 1: 18: *The message of the cross is the power of God.*

"Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I? At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away; it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!"

(words: I. Watts, 1707; music (*Hudson*): T. Hudson, 1885; public domain)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Welcome!

O. Morton Harris grew up in a Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, Virginia. He studied Biomedical Engineering with a double major in mathematics, graduating magna cum laude from Duke University in 1977. However, during those college years, Morton also became interested in the scholarly aspects of his Christian faith, soon heading to Union Theological Seminary in Virginia to study there. Experiences in the classroom and in the church led him toward ordination. After graduating with a Doctor of Ministry degree in 1981, he began to serve in the pastoral ministry. Congregations in Lebanon and Castlewood VA, Norfolk VA, Cumberland MD, and Columbia MD continued to teach him the meaning of faith for 41 years. In 1986, Morton married the Rev. Dr. Sue Lowcock Harris. In October 2023, Morton and Sue retired from 18 years as co-pastors of the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, in Columbia MD, where they make their home. Morton's most persistent interests are still mathematics and science, sci-fi, gardening, a brown tabby cat named Katie, and mostly, Sue.

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.

Mission & Local Outreach Committee at work

Please visit the Missions tab on the CMPC website to see profiles of local, national, and global partners supported by CMPC through your generous donations.

Be Someone's Hero
Give Blood



Blood Drive
**Christ Memorial
Presbyterian Church**

Fellowship Hall

10600 Shaker Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

Tuesday, August 13, 2024
1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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!



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@cmpecusa.org) if you are interested.

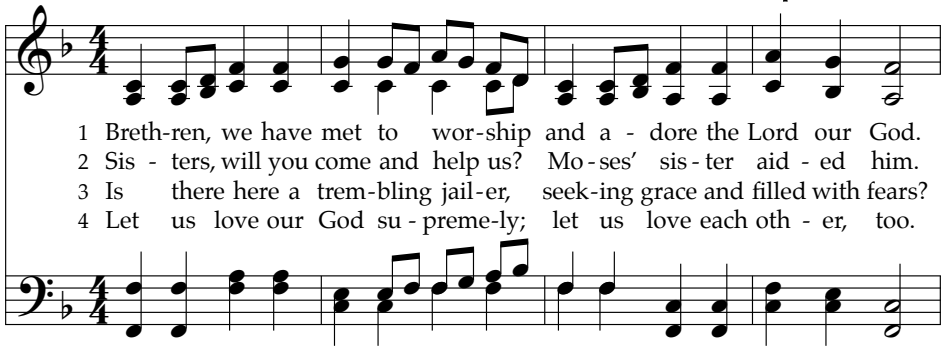


Blessing of the Backpacks

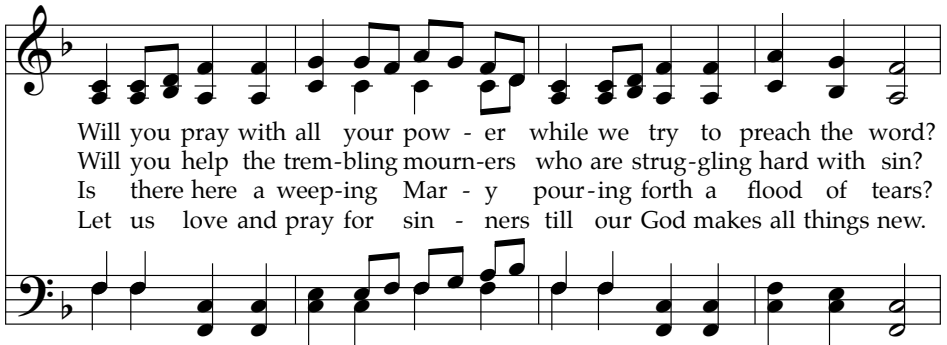
It's time for the Blessing of the Backpacks. Please mark your calendar for Sunday, August 25! During the 10:30 am worship service (in person and virtual) all students, preschool to post graduate, will be invited to bring their backpacks forward and join in a special blessing for students, teachers, aides,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



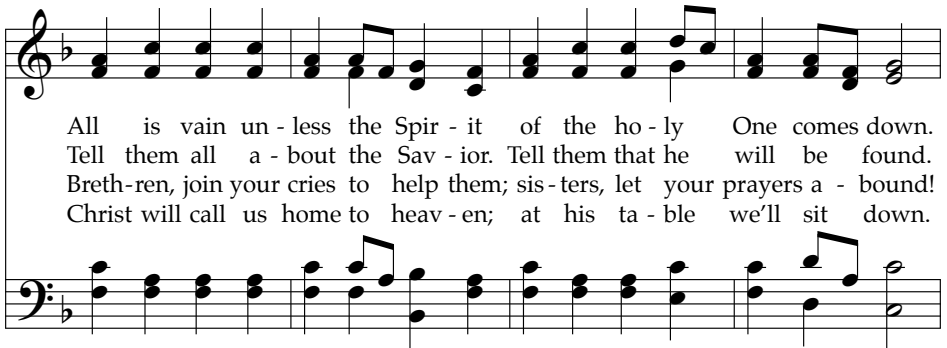
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship 396



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.



Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a - bound!
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

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Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is written in a simple, homophonic style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first system ends with a double bar line.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The second system of the musical score is identical in notation to the first system, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) in B-flat major and 3/4 time. It also features the same melody and lyrics. This system concludes the piece with a final double bar line.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

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ALLELUIA 7

504 We Come as Guests Invited

1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,
 2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,
 3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;
 our fel - low - ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured
 with won - der and thanks - giv - ing for love that knows no end,
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,


for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

Without attempting to unravel the mystery of Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the central stanza of this text affirms that we are nourished by faith rather than by understanding. This hopeful text is reinforced by a gentle 16th-century tune created for a secular text.

542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
 vide you:
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.