



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 1, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

arr. B. Wolaver

Psalm 95: 6-7: *Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.*

"Come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord Our God, our Maker.
Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord Our God, our Maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture. And the sheep of His hand; just
the sheep of His hand."

(words and music: Dave Doherty, 1980; Brentwood Benson Publishing)
(this piano solo: Maranatha! Music, 1985)

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

Chad Board

L: Sometimes we are the ones who search;

**P: Sometimes we are the ones who are lost. Sometimes we are the ones behind the scenes,
and sometimes we are the ones who "didn't see a thing."**

L: God calls us together to make the Body whole:

**P: Let us seek one another, Let us make room for all, Let us celebrate together in worship and in
life.**

**Hymn – 403

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Silent Prayer of Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

L: Loving God, No one is beyond or beneath your attention.

P: No one is outside your love.

L We confess that we often prioritize our own comfort or traditions,

P: even if that means some do not feel recognized or welcomed.

L: We admit that we don't always notice who is missing, excluded, or overlooked.

We often believe, deep down, that one is expendable for the sake of the ninety-nine.

P: Forgive us, God.

Forgive us for allowing the breaking of your Body for our own comfort.

Forgive us for counting the cost to ourselves but not to those we call "Other."

Forgive us, and lead us into wholeness with all your people.

A: We ask in the name of the One who gathers all people to himself, Jesus the Christ. 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 -435**

There Is a Wideness in God's Mercy, v. 2

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.

And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.

Moment with Children

Lindsey Kim

**Please note that any children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestream on Facebook*

Word in Music

Allegro Brillant

by W. Gower and H. Voxman

Lindsey and Zoe Kim, flute duet

Psalm 98:4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth; burst into jubilant song with music.

(from *Advanced Method for Flute, Vol. 1*; Rubank Publications, 1992)

Prayer for Illumination and Hebrew Bible Reading (Inclusive) From Psalm 119:169-176

LORD, Hear my cry to you;
Let your word help me understand.

¹⁷⁰ Listen to my prayer;
save me as you promised.

¹⁷¹ Let me speak your praise,
because you have taught me your demands.

¹⁷² Let me sing about your promises,
because all your commands are fair.

¹⁷³ Give me your helping hand,
because I have chosen your commands.

¹⁷⁴ I want you to save me, LORD.
I love your teachings.

¹⁷⁵ Let me live so I can praise you,
and let your laws help me.

¹⁷⁶ I have wandered like a lost sheep.
Look for me, because I have not forgotten the sound of your voice.

New Testament Reading: Luke 15:1-32, CEB

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him.² The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ "Suppose someone among you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them. Wouldn't he leave the other ninety-nine in the pasture and search for the lost one until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he is thrilled and places it on his shoulders. ⁶ When he arrives home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost sheep.'⁷ In the same way, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who changes both heart and life than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need to change their hearts and lives.

⁸ "Or what woman, if she owns ten silver coins and loses one of them, won't light a lamp and sweep the house, searching her home carefully until she finds it? ⁹ When she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Celebrate with me because I've found my lost coin.'¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, joy breaks out in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who changes both heart and life."

¹¹ Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. ¹³ Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

¹⁴ "When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands."²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. ²¹ Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.'²² But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! ²³ Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting ²⁴ because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. ²⁷ The servant replied, 'Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.'²⁸ Then the older son was furious and didn't want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. ²⁹ He answered his father, 'Look, I've served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you've never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.'³¹ Then his father said, 'Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.'"

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

****Shared Affirmation of Faith**

**To be reconciled to God
is to be sent into the world
as God's reconciling community.**

**This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation
and shares God's labor of healing the enmities and estrangement
which separate people from God
and from each other.**

**Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**The church maintains continuity
with the apostles and with Israel
by faithful obedience to this call.**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.31

****Hymn - 774**

There is Now a New Creation
sung the tune of *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

1 There is now a new creation
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
peace and reconciliation
with the God of endless life.

2 Call the lost and found together;
tell the news to everyone:
now the past is gone forever
and a new life has begun.

3 Wrap the prodigal in welcome;
run to greet the wayward child.
All is finished and forgiven;
let us now be reconciled.

4 Come and join the celebration;
come and join this happy feast;
Jesus makes an invitation
to the greatest and the least.

5 There is now a new creation
through the grace of Jesus Christ.
Sing, with thanks and adoration,
to the God of endless life!

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 Never Let Go

arr. L. Leatherman

1 Chronicles 28:20: *Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished.*

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, Your perfect love is casting out fear; and even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back I know You are near. And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me. And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear, whom then shall I fear? Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm. Oh no, You never let go in ev'ry high and ev'ry lo; oh no, You never let go; Lord You never let go of me."
(by Matt and Beth Redman; ThankYou Music; Capitol CMG Publishing, 2005)

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

**Doxology - 708

Lord of All Good, v. 1

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
that our whole life is offered to your will.

**Prayer of Dedication

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

**Hymn -722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

**Benediction

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

arr. C. Berry

1 Corinthians 16:13: *Stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong*

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone; the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own. Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer; where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there."

(words: G. Duffield, 1858; music (*Webb*): G. Webb, 18378; public domain)

(this piano solo: Word Music, LLC, 1988)

Thank you to Kofi Akuoko and John Kim for providing audio support this week!
Thank you to Rachael Bis for operating the sanctuary cameras this week!

CCLI Copyright License #1280964; streaming license #20314021
SongSelect Premium license # RG20-1496988
One License # A-719136

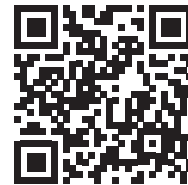
Announcements and Upcoming Events

Church Picnic

The annual church picnic will take place immediately following the worship service on September 15, 2024. Please RSVP below. BBQ meat, buns, and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP by September 10th so we can get enough meat and buns.

If your last name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish.
If your last name begins with N-Z, please bring a dessert.

Note: This year's picnic will truly be picnic style. Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets to sit on. In the event of inclement weather, we will move to Fellowship Hall.



Summary of the Aug. 19, 2024 Session Meeting

As we welcomed Pastor Janna as our moderator, the Session approved a plan to launch the 2024 Stewardship Campaign in October with more details to come. Because the 3rd Capital Campaign will end Dec. 31 – wrapping up nine years of collecting separate pledges to pay for the building renovation and expansion approved in our Ministry Expansion Plan – this will be an extremely important transition.

The congregation will be asked to prayerfully consider increasing pledges to the General Fund due to the loss of the revenue stream for mortgage payments, which we will continue to make in 2025 and beyond.

In other business:

- On behalf of the FISH group of LOGOS, youth deacon and FISH member Mollie Thomas gave a report on projects completed thus far to reinvigorate the FISH Room. A successful work day was held recently and donations of furnishings by church members have been installed, among other efforts. A budget request to address remaining needs to complete this upgrade is forthcoming.
- The first letters will go out this week to officer nominees who will be asked to fill upcoming slots as the Class of 2024 cycles off at the end of this year. The goal is to have the maximum number of 18 officers serving on both the Session and the Board of Deacons.

LOGOS 2024-2025

We are so excited to start another year of LOGOS here at CMPC! Here are some important dates to put on your calendar:

Now! - Registration is live now!

Youth Registration Link



Volunteer Registration Link



September 18th - Volunteer Training Event for all Volunteers 7 PM - 8 PM

September 22nd - Registration closes.

October 2nd - FIRST NIGHT of LOGOS

Volunteers Needed: Whether you have a family member (child or grandchild) participating in LOGOS or not we LOVE our volunteers! If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please contact our CMPC LOGOS directors, Ryan and Elyn Thomas (logos@cmpcusa.org)

Committee Night

September 9th, 6:00 pm

Please come to a joyous celebration of dinner together followed by individual Committee Meetings. Even if your committee will not meet that night, you are welcome to join us for dinner. Please RSVP by 9/4.



Adult Bible Studies

Bible Basics

Led by Kathy Koch, this class meets on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 in classroom 3. The class will begin on September 10 and study the book of Hebrews.

Adult Zoom Bible Study

Also led by Kathy Koch, this class is held on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. The class will begin on September 16 and study Angels in the Bible. Please contact kathrynkoch79@email.com for the Zoom link.

Monday Morning Women's Bible Study

We invite the women of the church and guests to join us in a potluck luncheon on September 9th at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. We will share our summer experiences of sharing the gospel and discuss outreach ideas. There will be an introduction on our new study book, *James Bible Study Guide---What you Do Matters*, before the lunch begins.

The Women's Group meets from September to May on the second and fourth Monday of each month from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Trinity Room. Members engage in prayer time, Bible study, fellowship, and mission projects. All women of the church and community are welcome. For more information you may call or email: Miriam Miller at 410-302-9651 or jtmillerj@verizon.net or Barbara Petro at 410-300-6279 or bapetro@aol.com

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the


is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.


722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.