



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 15, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

I Love You, Lord

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 18:1-2: *I love you, Lord; you are my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety.*

"I love You Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul rejoice. Take joy my King in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear."

(words and music: L. Klein, 1978)

(this piano solo: House of Mercy Music, 1978)

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**

Meghan Jones

(Right side led by Pastor Janna, Left side led by liturgist)

Right side: Handmade

Left Side: Unique

Right side: Fearfully and wonderfully made

Left side: Created to tend God's garden

Right side: Beauty and delight and purpose

Left side: mingled with dust and breath and love

All: We are God's own handiwork and we bring our praise.

****Hymn – 385**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Call to Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

Your creation is good, O God—a delight, a joy.
We confess that we don't always believe you when you say so,
and instead we use your creation for our own ends,
forgetting it is more than just a tool to serve us,
forgetting we are made to tend and serve creation too.

Forgive us, Creator God.

Your breath fills us and brings us to life, O God.
We confess that isn't always enough for us,
and so we use your breath for our own ends,
speaking words that manipulate, confuse, and sow division.

Forgive us, Breath of Life.

You offer yourself to us, O God.
We confess that some part of us wants both more and less,
and so we talk about you rather than to you,
hiding from full relationship behind interpretations that serve our own ends,
refusing to take responsibility for pain we perpetuate.

Forgive us, Living Word.

~silence~

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...
(*Congregation pause to hear 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

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.*

Psalm 24:1: *The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.*

"This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget, that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be
satisfied, and earth and heaven be one."

(words: M. Babcock, 1901; music (*Terra Beata*): F. Shepherd, 1915; public domain)

"He's got the whole world in His hands; He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got the whole world in
His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands; He's got ev'rybody
here in His hands. He's got ev'rybody here in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands."

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Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-4, CEB

¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:

'Father, uphold the holiness of your name.

Bring in your kingdom.

³ Give us the bread we need for today.

⁴ Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us.

And don't lead us into temptation."

Hebrew Bible Reading: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; 3:1-13

On the day the LORD God made earth and sky— ⁵ before any wild plants appeared on the earth, and before any field crops grew, because the LORD God hadn't yet sent rain on the earth and there was still no human being to farm the fertile land, ⁶ though a stream rose from the earth and watered all of the fertile land— ⁷ the LORD God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life. ⁸ The LORD God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed. ⁹ In the fertile land, the LORD God grew every beautiful tree with edible fruit, and also he grew the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the human and settled him in the garden of Eden to farm it and to take care of it. ¹⁶ The LORD God commanded the human, "Eat your fill from all of the garden's trees; ¹⁷ but don't eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, because on the day you eat from it, you will die!"

³ The snake was the most intelligent of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say that you shouldn't eat from any tree in the garden?"

² The woman said to the snake, "We may eat the fruit of the garden's trees ³ but not the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden. God said, 'Don't eat from it, and don't touch it, or you will die.'"

⁴ The snake said to the woman, "You won't die! ⁵ God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ The woman saw that the tree was beautiful with delicious food and that the tree would provide wisdom, so she took some of its fruit and ate it, and also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then they both saw clearly and knew that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made garments for themselves.

⁸ During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God in the middle of the garden's trees. ⁹ The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ The man replied, "I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself."

¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate."

¹³ The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?!"

And the woman said, "The snake tricked me, and I ate."

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Can't Unsee It

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

****Hymn - 29**

O God, You Search Me

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. V. Labenske

Philippians 4:6: *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*

"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! Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there."

(words by J.J. Scriven, 1855; music by C.C. Converse, 1868; public domain)
(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing Co., Inc., 2008)

****Doxology - 711**

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**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, with the Lord's Prayer

****Hymn -23**

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

****Benediction**

Postlude

How Majestic Is Your Name

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 8:1: *"O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth! Your glory is higher than the heavens."*

"Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is Your name in all the earth. Oh Lord, we praise Your name. Oh Lord, we magnify Your name, Prince of Peace, Mighty God. Oh Lord God Almighty

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(this piano solo: Meadowgreen Music Company, 1981)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

LOGOS 2024-2025

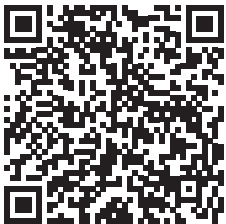
We are so excited to start another year of LOGOS here at CMPC! Here are some important dates to put on your calendar:

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)

Attention all parents of college age students

The Care & Wellness Committee likes to keep in touch with our college age students by sending them a Halloween card with a gift enclosed. If you have a student in community college, college, university, grade school, or trade school, even if they are living at home, please send their name and current address to Kris Bloom. kcbloom@verizon.net by Sunday, October 19th. We hope to reach out to all our students. Thank you!

Pastor Janna's Office Hours

Monday (Flex-time)	
1st and 3rd Mondays	1PM-9PM
2nd and Fourth Mondays	10AM-4PM
Tuesday	10 AM-4PM
Wednesday	1PM-9PM
Thursday	Work from Home

These are my "regular" hours but they're adjustable if you need to meet outside of the hours shown. Getting to know some of you both at meetings and in personal meetings has been such a delight for me and I can't wait to get to know you all more and more!

News from Pastor Janna about upcoming sermons—

This Sunday is our last Sunday---for a while--for looking at Parables and Metaphors.

Next week we will begin a walk through the Bible together using the **Narrative Lectionary**. What?! What am I talking about? I am so glad you asked!

What is the narrative lectionary?

The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church. The texts include the major episodes in Scripture. They are arranged in a narrative sequence to help people see Scripture as a story that has coherence and a dynamic movement. This year, Year 3 in the Cycle, our stories are built around the gospel of Luke.

The Narrative Lectionary is an effort to unite the church in its reading of Scripture and give it much-needed structure, in a way that helps people to become fluent in the first language of faith.



You can learn more at

I really encourage you to follow the link above to learn more!

This week we'll begin with one of the Creation stories from Genesis, and you'll receive a copy of the "preaching plan" from now until Advent, when you'll get the whole scope of things from Advent through Christmastide. I encourage you all to ask questions, to offer comments, to tell me what you're wondering and what you enjoy. I look forward to living these stories through the time we are together here at Christ Memorial!

Adult Bible Studies

Bible Basics

Led by Kathy Koch, this class meets on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 in classroom 3. The class will 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

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

To Ring or Not to Ring?

CMPC's handbell choir, the "Bells of Joy", have enhanced our worship services for 20+ years with their rich and unique musical offerings. Over the past couple of years the group has lost several members and is currently in need of some new ringers if the choir is to continue. If you are able to read music (bass and treble clef), high school or adult, you can easily learn how to ring a handbell. We would love to show you how! We know there are many members in our congregation with music backgrounds. We hope you will prayerfully consider joining the choir so we can continue this great church tradition. For more information contact Sally Berlowitz (Handbell Director) at sberlowitz@verizon.net or 410-913-2144. "To ring or not to ring?", that is the question. We hope you'll answer YES to giving it a try!

Join Trinity Choir

Trinity Choir would love to have more voices. Rehearsals are on Thursday evening at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Music Director, Joy Exner, at joyousmusic@yahoo.com.

From Choral Singing in America, 2023

To The Outside, It's a Choral Rehearsal. On the inside, it's a stress reliever, a sense of belonging, a mood changer, confidence booster, a place you are accepted, a creative outlet, an extended family, a support system, a challenge, a place to discover your best self, and an opportunity to change people's lives through music.

Mission Committee Sponsored Workday

The Mission Committee is sponsoring a workday at A Home Of Our Own Howard (HOOO)



Help is needed with dusting/cleaning, sorting, organizing and counting inventory. The planned workday is Thursday October 10, 2024. We will work from 10:00-12:00 in the morning and/or 2-4 pm. You choose which shift or both shifts. The point of contact is BJ Walworth, bjwalworth@hotmail.com, 410.300.0242.

Please email bjwalworth@hotmail.com by Sunday October 7, 2024 if you want to participate in the workday. or if you have any questions.

If anyone wants to volunteer for a different day, please send an email to info@homeofourownhoward.org.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

O God, You Search Me

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(Psalm 139)



1 O God, you search me and you know me. All my
 2 You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing. You dis -
 3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have
 4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me, still I
 5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me, gave me



thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
 cern my pur - pose from a - far, and with
 known its mean - ing through and through. You are
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is
 life with - in my moth - er's womb. For the



walk or lie down you are be - fore me: ev - er the
 love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me: in ev - ery
 with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing: God of my
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: e - ven the
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your



mak - er and keep - er of my days.
 mo - ment of life or death, you are.
 pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
 dark - ness is ra - dian in your sight.
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Psalm 139 is one of the most introspective and most intimate of all the psalms, showing an acute mindfulness of God's presence in all aspects of one's life. Sometimes resisted, this omnipresence ultimately becomes a ground of hope, a promise that we never stray beyond God's care.

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 E^b B^b E^b Cm A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b



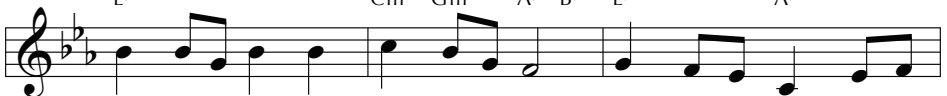
spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b B^b



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b Cm Gm A^b B^b E^b A^b



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

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



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.