



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 29, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Better Is One Day with Come into His Presence

arr. C. Tornquist

Psalm 100:1-2: *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.*

"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty; for my soul longs and even faints for You. For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence; I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings. Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house, better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere. Than thousands elsewhere."
(words and music by M. Redman, 1995; ThankYou Music; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

"Come into God's presence singing, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia." Praise the Lord together singing, "Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

(words and music are anonymous. It is thought to have been created during the 1960's. It is in our current hymnal.)

(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 1995 (updated 2008); admin, by EMI CMG Publishing)

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**

Elyn Thomas

L: Created in God's image, we are beloved, just as we are.

P: And we are grounded in the community God creates.

L: Look up and look around and look beyond:

P: God is telling a bigger story.

L: Whatever may come, in this world God so loves,

All: we will trust in God's goodness.

****Hymn – 54**

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

L: Three-in-One, you created us to be in community:
You place us in circles of relationship and invite us to share life together.
We confess that we find community difficult.

We love un-evenly and un-equally.

~silence~

We think we can get away with hurting others if we act like we didn't mean it.

~silence~

We hope you won't notice the ways we speak about one another.

~silence~

We use others for our own profit.

~silence~

We assume the worst of each other, and act on it.

~silence~

We pretend we bear no responsibility for the tearing apart of community.

~silence~

Forgive us, O God.

As in Christ you were reconciling the world to yourself,

P: we pray your reconciling spirit would be at work in us today.

L: Holy God, bring us back into relationship —

P: with you, and with our neighbor whom we have not loved.

**Let your love on which we build our lives fill us to overflowing,
so that we may learn to forgive, and to trust. 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

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*

*Children ages preschool—third grade dismissed to Sunday Experience
Please see announcements for instructions.*

(words and music by Mattt Redman, 1995; this choral arrangement: ThankYou Music, 2008)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:27-36

²⁷ "But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. ²⁸ Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don't withhold your shirt either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks and don't demand your things back from those who take them. ³¹ Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you.

³² "If you love those who love you, why should you be commended? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, why should you be commended? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, why should you be commended? Even sinners lend to sinners expecting to be paid back in full. ³⁵ Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend expecting nothing in return. If you do, you will have a great reward. You will be acting the way children of the Most High act, for he is kind to ungrateful and wicked people. ³⁶ Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate.

Hebrew Bible Reading: Genesis 37:1-8, 17b--35; 50:15-21

37 Jacob lived in the land of Canaan where his father was an immigrant. ² This is the account of Jacob's descendants. Joseph was 17 years old and tended the flock with his brothers. While he was helping the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, Joseph told their father unflattering things about them. ³ Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was born when Jacob was old. Jacob had made for him a long^[a] robe. ⁴ When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of his brothers, they hated him and couldn't even talk nicely to him.

⁵ Joseph had a dream and told it to his brothers, which made them hate him even more. ⁶ He said to them, "Listen to this dream I had. ⁷ When we were binding stalks of grain in the field, my stalk got up and stood upright, while your stalks gathered around it and bowed down to my stalk."

⁸ His brothers said to him, "Will you really be our king and rule over us?" So they hated him even more because of the dreams he told them.

Genesis 37:17b-35

^{17b} Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.

¹⁸ They saw Joseph in the distance before he got close to them, and they plotted to kill him. ¹⁹ The brothers said to each other, "Here comes the big dreamer. ²⁰ Come on now, let's kill him and throw him into one of the cisterns, and we'll say a wild animal devoured him. Then we will see what becomes of his dreams!"

²¹ When Reuben heard what they said, he saved him from them, telling them, "Let's not take his life." ²² Reuben said to them, "Don't spill his blood! Throw him into this desert cistern, but don't lay a hand on him." He intended to save Joseph from them and take him back to his father.

²³ When Joseph reached his brothers, they stripped off Joseph's long robe, ²⁴ took him, and threw him into the cistern, an empty cistern with no water in it. ²⁵ When they sat down to eat, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with camels carrying sweet resin, medicinal resin, and fragrant resin on their way down to Egypt. ²⁶ Judah said to his brothers, "What do we gain if we kill our brother and hide his blood? ²⁷ Come on, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites. Let's not harm him because he's our brother; he's family." His brothers agreed. ²⁸ When some Midianite traders passed by, they pulled Joseph up out of the cistern. They sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver, and they brought Joseph to Egypt.

²⁹ When Reuben returned to the cistern and found that Joseph wasn't in it, he tore his clothes. ³⁰ Then he returned to his brothers and said, "The boy's gone! And I—where can I go now?"³¹ His brothers took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a male goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. ³² They took the long robe, brought it to their father, and said, "We found this. See if it's your son's robe or not."

³³ He recognized it and said, "It's my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him. Joseph must have been torn to pieces!" ³⁴ Then Jacob tore his clothes, put a simple mourning cloth around his waist, and mourned for his son for many days. ³⁵ All of his sons and daughters got up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted, telling them, "I'll go to my grave mourning for my son." And Joseph's father wept for him.

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers realized that their father was now dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us, and wants to pay us back seriously for all of the terrible things we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached^[a] Joseph and said, "Your father gave orders before he died, telling us, ¹⁷ 'This is what you should say to Joseph. "Please, forgive your brothers' sins and misdeeds, for they did terrible things to you. Now, please forgive the sins of the servants of your father's God.'"" Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸ His brothers wept too, fell down in front of him, and said, "We're here as your slaves."

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I God? ²⁰ You planned something bad for me, but God produced something good from it, in order to save the lives of many people, just as he's doing today. ²¹ Now, don't be afraid. I will take care of you and your children." So he put them at ease and spoke reassuringly to them.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lies I've Loved

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

****Hymn** -754

Help Us Accept Each Other

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!

OffertoryOffertory on *Brocklesbury (Savior, Who Thy Flock are Feeding)*

arr. G. Blake

Psalm 23:1: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

"Savior, who Thy flock art feeding with the shepherd's kindest care; all the feeble gently leading,
while the lambs Thy bosom share."

(words: W. Muhlenberg, 1868; music: C. Barnard, 1868; public domain)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co. 1995)

****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 -795***Healer of Our Every Ill*****Benediction****Postlude***Christ Is Alive*

arr. M. McDonald

Revelation 1:18a: *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore.*

"Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

(words: B. Wren, 1968, rev. 1995; music (*Truro*): T. Williams, 1789)

(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2012)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

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!

New Security

Following a discussion with the Membership & Hospitality Committee regarding security measures, the Session will implement a new security procedure beginning Sunday, October 6: The lower level parking lot doors will be secured at 10:45 on Sunday mornings. Those arriving for worship after that time will use the Shaker Drive entrance to the church.

Thank you ~ The Session of CMPC

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.

Fifth Sunday Offering

The Fifth Sunday Offering TODAY will be designated for Columbia Community Cares which began in March 2020 in response to the growing and dire food needs of vulnerable households affected by the COVID-19 crisis. CCC has created a practical way for members of our community to help fellow residents, especially children, in this time of higher food costs and financial strains on the household economy. CCC collects and donates non-perishable food, fresh fruit and vegetables, personal care and baby items, and essential household supplies at three drive-through locations. The need for their services continues to grow, which is why they have been selected to receive the 5th Sunday Offering. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. The Mission and Local Outreach Committee will match funds received.

The Lord's Table is Global: World Communion is Sunday, October 6, 2024

Christ Memorial Church, you are invited to remember the universality of the Body of Christ by helping to provide bread for our shared celebration on World Communion Sunday! We have recipes for 12 different breads from around the world; we invite you to bake and bring for our shared communion.

The church's website will allow you to enroll for a particular bread via Sign-Up Genius. Recipes are provided there, everything from the South Pole (Brazilian Corn Bread) to the North Pole (Finnish Cardamom Bread)---and 10 others in-between.

We also welcome treasured ethnic breads from your family heritage; just let us know! All breads must be clearly labeled for our Communion Bread Buffet! At least one selection will be gluten-free.

Please drop off any prepared and wrapped bread at Christ Memorial on Saturday, October 5, between 4-6 PM. (We can receive a few breads Sunday 10/6 by 9:15 AM)

Firewood

Free firewood from the tree cut down on church property is available for church members. Please do not drive onto the grass when the ground is wet. Please make arrangements to pick up your firewood by Sunday, October 6th. We will then offer any remaining firewood to non members.

LOGOS 2024-2025

Our first night of LOGOS is just around the corner. If you missed registration for your child or for volunteering please reach out to Tiffany Carmean, (tcarmean28@hotmail.com)

Our first night of LOGOS begins on Wednesday October 2nd at 5:30 PM! We cannot wait to get this year started!

Any LOGOS question can also be directed to our CMPC LOGOS Directors, Ryan & Elyn Thomas, (logos@cmpcusa.org)

Work of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has begun its work of discerning which members of CMPC God is calling to serve as Elders and Deacons, starting January 2025 for 3 year terms. Perhaps it is you! Now and in the weeks ahead, the committee will be reaching out to members asking them (you) to consider service on the session or diaconate. Please prayerfully consider if this is something to which you feel called or if there is someone you think God might be preparing to serve. These are exciting times at CMPC and we need willing and faithful leaders to guide us in and through them. Thank you in advance for prayerfully and seriously considering the call to serve. If not you, then who! If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact the Nominating Committee chair Judy Brown at jbrown10632@gmail.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.

Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)

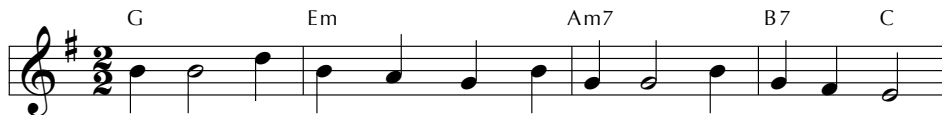
1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heav - en - ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



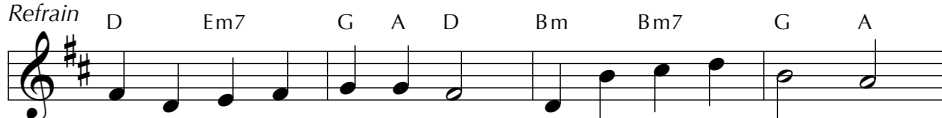
we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

795 Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your peace and
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is still un -
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter, ev - ery
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your way of



glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

As soon becomes apparent, this sung prayer is not limited to personal physical healing. It deals with the larger and intangible gifts of peace and hope to vanquish fear and sorrow, and it is cast in the plural because it is concerned with the healing of a wounded community.