



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

September 8, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Word of God, Speak with Break Thou the Bread of Life

arr. C. Tornquist

1 Corinthians 10:16: *The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?
The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?*

"I'm finding myself at a loss for words, and the funny thing is it's okay. The last thing I need is to be heard, but to hear what You would say. Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain, washing my eyes to see Your majesty. To be still and know that You're in this place; please let me stay and rest in Your holiness, Word of God speak."

(words and music: B. Millard/P. Kipley, 2002; Songs from the Indigo Room; Simpleville Music; Curb Wordspring Music)

"Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me; as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page, I seek thee, Lord. My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!"
(words: M. Lathbury, 1877; music: W. Sherwin, 1877; public domain)

(this piano solo: Word Music, 2008)

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**

Tom Engle

L: Come and hear the One who has the words of eternal life.

All: There is no one else like him.

L: Come and be fed by the bread of life.

All: There is nothing else that truly satisfies.

L: Come and abide in Christ, and let him abide in you.

All: We come to worship, to be raised to new life.

****Hymn – 510**

We Gather Here in Jesus' Name (Come, Share the Lord)

Silent Prayer of Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

One: O Word Become Flesh, You feed us with yourself, that we may live your life in body and in spirit.

Many: We confess that we prefer to separate body from Spirit;

One: We spend money for what isn't food, our earnings for what doesn't satisfy.

Many: Sharing in your body is a gift that asks much of us,

One: But instead we often claim our bodies for greed, self-centeredness, and hanging on to what we've got.

For refusing to embody our faith, as you embodied the Word: **Forgive us.**

For failing to make your grace a lived reality for all: **Forgive us.**

For separating this life and the next, while you insist the eternal lives here and now:

In your mercy, forgive us.

All: Give us courage to live your way, in the flesh. We ask in Jesus' name. 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

My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)

arr. C. Roscoe

Caitlin Roscoe, trumpet; Chris Roscoe, French horn, and Will Roscoe, piano

Psalm 118:15: *Songs of joy and victory are sung in the camp of the godly. The strong right arm of the Lord has done glorious things!*

"My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?"

(words and music attributed to: R. Lowry, 1869; public domain)
(this arrangement published by Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Hebrew Bible (OT): Psalm 34:1-10, CEB

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise will always be in my mouth.

² praise the LORD—

let the suffering listen and rejoice.

³ Magnify the LORD with me!

Together let us lift his name up high!

⁴ I sought the LORD and he answered me.

He delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to God will shine;

their faces are never ashamed.

⁶ This suffering person cried out:

the LORD listened and saved him from every trouble.

⁷ On every side, the LORD's messenger protects those who honor God; and he delivers them.

⁸ Taste and see how good the LORD is!

The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

⁹ You who are the LORD's holy ones, honor him,

because those who honor him don't lack a thing.

¹⁰ Even strong young lions go without and get hungry,

but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

New Testament Reading: John 6: 35-60

³⁵ Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ³⁶ But I told you that you have seen me and still don't believe. ³⁷ Everyone whom the Father gives to me will come to me, and I won't send away anyone who comes to me. ³⁸ I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ This is the will of the one who sent me, that I won't lose anything he has given me, but I will raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ This is my Father's will: that all who see the Son and believe in him will have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

⁴¹ The Jewish opposition grumbled about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

⁴² They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, Joseph's son, whose mother and father we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³ Jesus responded, "Don't grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless they are drawn to me by the Father who sent me, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, And they *will all be taught by God*.^[1] Everyone who has listened to the Father and learned from him comes to me. ⁴⁶ No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that whoever eats from it will never die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵² Then the Jews debated among themselves, asking, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

⁵³ Jesus said to them, "I assure you, unless you eat the flesh of the Human One^[2] and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me lives because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. It isn't like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹ Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ Many of his disciples who heard this said, "This message is harsh. Who can hear it?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

****Hymn - 511***Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven***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*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

arr. J. Carter

2 Peter 3:18: Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

"Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone; teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!"

(words: F. Kaan, 1975; music is a Jamaican folk melody, adapted by D. Potter, 1975; Hope Publishing Co., 1975)

(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1998)

****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****Sacrament of the Lord's Supper****Invitation to the Table****Prayer of Thanksgiving, with the Lord's Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.....

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:

#552 Holy, Holy, Holy**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

Come, Let Us Eat

arr. J. Carter

Matthew 26:26: *While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."*

"Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread; come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together; our Lord's body let us take together. Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured; come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together; Jesus' blood poured let us drink together. In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest; in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. In the presence of our Lord we gather; in the presence of our Lord we gather."

(word and music: B. Kwillia, 1970; Augsburg Fortress, 1970) (this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co., 1998)

Prayer after Communion

**Hymn -539

We Will Go Out with Joy

**Benediction

Postlude

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. V. Labenske

Psalm 124:8: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

"O God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come; our Shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal Home!"

(words: I. Watts, 1719; music (St. Anne): W. Croft, 1798; public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Publishing Co., 2008)

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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.



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)

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!

Next 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 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

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!

510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em7)
B^b F Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;
2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) (A sus)
F C sus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) (D) (A) (D)
C7 F C F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:
the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) (D) (Em) (A) (D)
B^b F Gm C F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) (D) (G) (A7) (D)
C7 F B^b C7 F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; ev - ery - one be - longs.
(2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) (A7) (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A sus) (A)
B^b C7 F Dm Gm7 C sus C

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).

Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven 511



1 Come, be - hold! the feast of heaven
 2 All is read - y, come at - tend
 3 All who trust in God be - long
 4 As the Lord our God has willed,

Al - le - lu - ia!



has to mor - tal flesh been given.
 as the Lord's in - vit - ed friend;
 at this ban - quet with this throng.
 here the hun - gry soul is filled;

Al - le - lu - ia!



Hear the Word of God de - clared:
 come from north, west, south, and east;
 Share the mys - tic ho - ly food;
 here the wea - ry are re - freshed.

Al - le - lu - ia!



"Come! the ban - quet is pre - pared."
 cel - e - brate the joy - ful feast.
 taste and see: the Lord is good.
 All who share God's feast are blessed.

Al - le - lu - ia!



Though rightly viewed as a meal of remembrance, the Lord's Supper is also an occasion of anticipation. This text draws on abundant biblical imagery to evoke the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to share the feast anew "in the kingdom of God" (Matthew 26:29/Mark 14:25/Luke 22:16).

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Capo 3: (D)

(A)

(D)

(G) (A)

(D)

F

C

F

B^b

C

F



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A)

(D/F#)

(F#m)

(G)

(A) (Bm)

C

F/A

Am

B^b

C

Dm



pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G)

(D)

(A) (Bm)

(Em7)

(A) (Dsus) (D)

B^b

F

C

Dm

Gm7

C

Fsus

F



full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

We Will Go Out with Joy 539

C F/C C G7 C

Leader

- 1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
- 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
- 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

C F/C C C/G G7 C

All *Fine*

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain F#sus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

F#sus2 C E#sus2 Dm7 Gsus G

to Stanzas

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.