



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

October 27, 2024 10:30 a.m.
Commitment Sunday

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Everlasting God with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. V. Labenske

Isaiah 40:28: *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.*

"Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer. You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God; You do not faint, You won't grow weary. You're the defender of the weak. You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles."

(words and music: Brenton Brown/Ken Riley, 2005; ThankYou Music; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal." (see citing information below)

(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 2005)

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

****Call to Worship**

John Salkeld

One: Come into this place together:

Side 1: We come to listen for God's voice.

Side 2: We come trusting that God listens to us.

One: Come into this time together:

Side 1: We come to focus on the One who cannot be contained in our places.

Side 2: We come trusting the One who cannot be limited by our words.

One: Come, for God is present:

All: and we trust we will meet God here.

****Hymn – 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Call to Confession

Silent Prayer of Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God,

your grace is beyond our capacity to understand, reaching out into the world,
extending past our boundaries and insisting all are included.

When we begin to think you're confined to these holy places: **Forgive us.**

When we focus more on the spaces where we meet you than on the life you call us to live, **Forgive us.**

When our love for our buildings is greater than our love for our neighbor, **Forgive us.**

When our vision is narrowed to our own preferences and traditions rather than relationship, **Forgive us.**

In all the past generations, you have been faithful,
and in all the future generations, you will be faithful.

So today we join our voices

with all who have prayed to recognize your goodness in the land of the living.

We pray to be a people creating something beautiful for those still to come.

We seek you, O God, and your forgiveness

that we might be made and re-made in your image,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, your Word made flesh.

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 -774**

There is Now a New Creation v. 5

There is now a new creation
Through the grace of Jesus Christ
Sing, with thanks and adoration
To the God of endless life!

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

Everlasting God with A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Jeremiah 31:3a: *The Lord appeared to us, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."*

arr. K. Christopher

(this choral arrangement: ThankYou Music, 2009; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:41-48

⁴¹ As Jesus came to the city of Jerusalem and observed it, he wept over it. ⁴² He said, "If only you knew on this of all days the things that lead to peace. But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ The time will come when your enemies will build fortifications around you, encircle you, and attack you from all sides. ⁴⁴ They will crush you completely, you and the people within you. They won't leave one stone on top of another within you, because you didn't recognize the time of your gracious visit from God."

⁴⁵ When Jesus entered the temple, he threw out those who were selling things there. ⁴⁶ He said to them, "It's written, *My house will be a house of prayer, but you have made it a hideout for crooks.*"

⁴⁷ Jesus was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests, the legal experts, and the foremost leaders among the people were seeking to kill him. ⁴⁸ However, they couldn't find a way to do it because all the people were enthralled with what they heard.

Hebrew Bible Reading: 1 Kings 5:1 –6; 8:22–30, 41–43, 52–60a *Common English Bible*

5 Because King Hiram of Tyre was loyal to David throughout his rule, Hiram sent his servants to Solomon when he heard that Solomon had become king after his father. ² Solomon sent the following message to Hiram: ³ "You know that my father David wasn't able to build a temple for the name of the Lord my God. This was because of the enemies that fought him on all sides until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. ⁴ Now the Lord my God has given me peace on every side, without enemies or misfortune. ⁵ So I'm planning to build a temple for the name of the Lord my God, just as the Lord indicated to my father David, 'I will give you a son to follow you on your throne. He will build the temple for my name.'

1 Kings 8:22-30

²² Solomon stood before the Lord's altar in front of the entire Israelite assembly and, spreading out his hands toward the sky, ²³ he said:

Lord God of Israel, there's no god like you in heaven above or on earth below. You keep the covenant and show loyalty to your servants who walk before you with all their heart. ²⁴ This is the covenant you kept with your servant David, my father, which you promised him. Today, you have fulfilled what you promised. ²⁵ So now, Lord, Israel's God, keep what you promised my father David, your servant, when you said to him, "You will never fail to have a successor sitting on Israel's throne as long as your descendants carefully walk before me just as you walked before me." ²⁶ So now, God of Israel, may your promise to your servant David, my father, come true.

²⁷ But how could God possibly live on earth? If heaven, even the highest heaven, can't contain you, how can this temple that I've built contain you? ²⁸ Lord my God, listen to your servant's prayer and request, and hear the cry and prayer that your servant prays to you today. ²⁹ Constantly watch over this temple, the place about which you said, "My name will be there," and listen to the prayer that your servant is praying toward this place. ³⁰ Listen to the request of your servant and your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Listen from your heavenly dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive!

1 Kings 8:41-43

⁴¹ Listen also to the immigrant who isn't from your people Israel but who comes from a distant country because of your reputation— ⁴² because they will hear of your great reputation, your great power, and your outstretched arm. When the immigrant comes and prays toward this temple, ⁴³ then listen from heaven, where you live, and do everything the immigrant asks. Do this so that all the people of the earth may know your reputation and revere you, as your people Israel do, and recognize that this temple I have built bears your name.

1 Kings 8:52-60

⁵² Open your eyes to your servant's request and to the request of your people Israel. Hear them whenever they cry out to you. ⁵³ You set them apart from all the earth's peoples as your own inheritance, Lord, just as you promised through your servant Moses when you brought our ancestors out of Egypt.

⁵⁴ As soon as Solomon finished praying and making these requests to the Lord, he got up from before the Lord's altar, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out to heaven. ⁵⁵ He stood up and blessed the whole Israelite assembly in a loud voice: ⁵⁶ "May the Lord be blessed! He has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. He hasn't neglected any part of the good promise he made through his servant Moses. ⁵⁷ May the Lord our God be with us, just as he was with our ancestors. May he never leave us or abandon us. ⁵⁸ May he draw our hearts to him to walk in all his ways and observe his commands, his laws, and his judgments that he gave our ancestors. ⁵⁹ And may these words of mine that I have cried out before the Lord remain near to the Lord our God day and night so that he may do right by his servant and his people Israel for each day's need, ⁶⁰ and so that all the earth's peoples may know that the Lord is God. There is no other God!

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Cannot Keep You

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

During the following hymn, you are invited to come forward and place your pledge card for 2025 in the basket on the table, symbolizing your commitment to this family of faith at Christ Memorial, moving forward together.

**Hymn -694

Great God of Every Blessing

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

Meditation on *Penitentia*

arr. A. Jordan

Isaiah 26:4: *Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.*

"Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace; and all my weariness upon thee lean."

(words: H. Bonar, 1857; music: E. Dearle, 1874; public domain)
(this organ arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1974)

**Doxology - 694

Great God of Every Blessing, v. 1

(sung to tune *Help Us Accept Each Other*)

Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely we offer you our heart.

****Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Thanksgiving, with the Lord's Prayer

****Hymn -275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Reflection Song

Cannot Keep You

by M. Gungor

See last page for lyrics...you may be seated
words and music by Michael Gungor, 2010; worshiptogether.com;
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****Benediction**

Postlude

Theme and Variations on *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

arr. K. Kaiser

Psalm 91:1-2: *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

"Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he. Lord Sabaoth his name;
from age to age the same, and he must win the battle. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them,
abideth. The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal
life also. The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever."

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 10

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship on November 10th for the purpose of electing officers of the church. All members are encouraged to attend.

Church Education Recognition

On Sunday November 10th, the Christian Education committee is planning to recognize those people who teach at CMPC. If you teach Sunday Experience, preschool or LOGOS Bible time, please plan to attend this service.

Cannot Keep You

Song by Gungor

They tried to keep you in a tent
They could not keep you in a temple
Or any of their idols
To see and understand

We cannot keep you in a church
We cannot keep you in a Bible
For it's just another idol
To box you in

They could not keep you in their walls
We cannot keep you in ours either
For You are so much greater

Who is like the Lord?
The maker of the heavens
Who dwells with the poor?
He lifts them from the ashes
And seats them among princes
Who is like the Lord?

We've tried to keep you in our tent
We've tried to keep you in our temples
We've worshiped all our idols
We want all that to end
So we will find you in the streets
And we will find you in the prisons
And even in our Bibles, and churches

Who is like the Lord?
The maker of the heavens
Who dwells with the poor?
He lifts them from the ashes
And seats them among princes
Who is like the Lord?

We cannot contain
Cannot contain the glory of Your name
We cannot contain
Cannot contain the glory of Your name

We cannot contain
Cannot contain the glory of Your name

Who is like the Lord?
You took me from the ashes
And you healed me from my blindness
Who is like the Lord?

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

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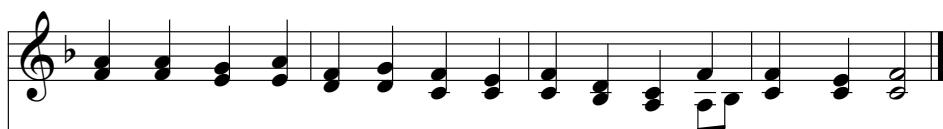
The image shows a musical score for a Thanksgiving song. It consists of two staves: a treble staff at the top and a bass staff at the bottom. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The treble staff contains a melody with notes corresponding to the lyrics. The bass staff contains a bass line with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written in the center of the page, between the two staves.

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 cho - sen band:
 take your part:

774 There Is Now a New Creation



- 1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

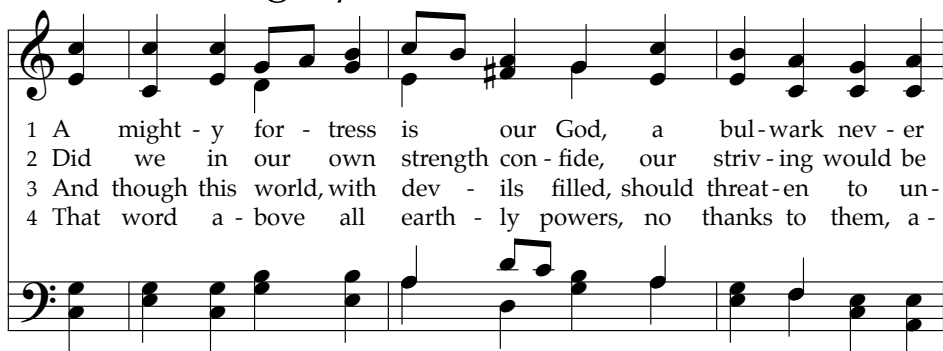
you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

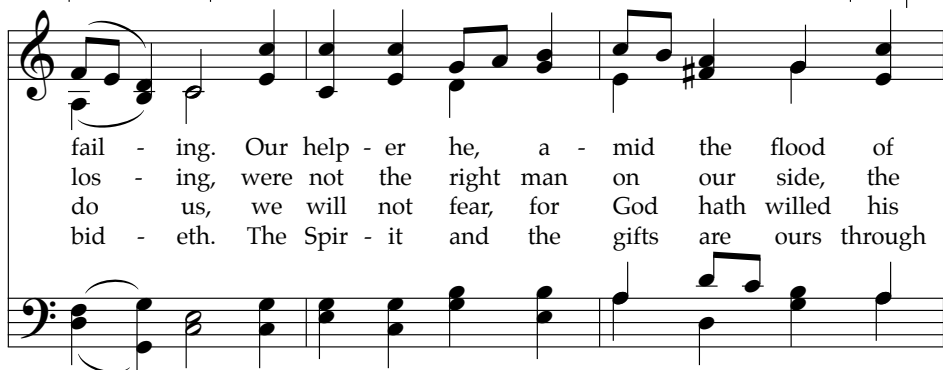
sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

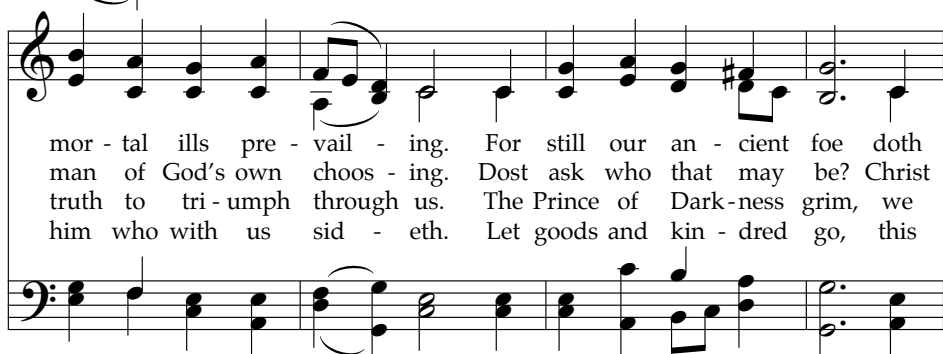
275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



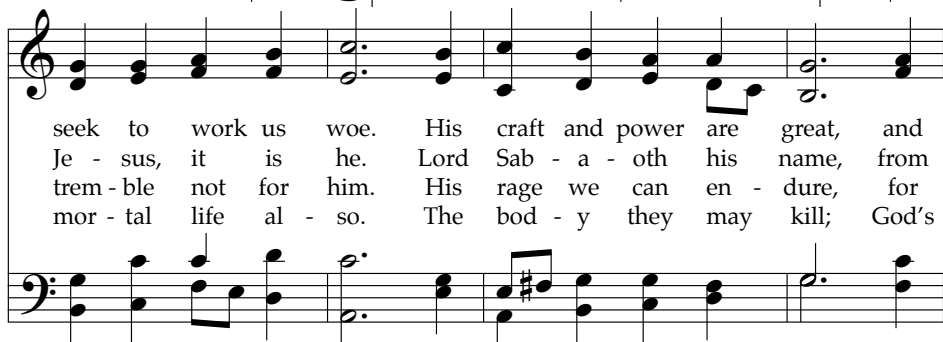
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this



seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The image shows a musical score with two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The music is in a 4/4 time signature. The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicating D major. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, with some phrasing slurs. The vocal line features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrasing slurs. The lyrics are: "armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual. age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle. lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him. truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er."