

# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

## October 6, 2024 10:30 a.m. World Communion Sunday

#### **Order of Worship**

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

**Prelude**He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Psalm 121: 8: The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

"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 the sun and the moon in His hands, He's got the sun and the moon in His hands, He's got the sun and the moon 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 the whole world in His hands."

(traditional African-American spiritual, first published in 1927; song is public domain)

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

#### **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

Sue Ashman

- L: Remember: God is making all things new.
- P: Right now, God is bringing us into new life.
- L: Remember: God is setting us free to serve a new kingdom.
- P: Right now, in this in-between time, God is moving.
- L: Remember: God is still writing this story.

All: Right now, we are a part of what God is doing. We bring our praise and thanks to God.

\*\***Hymn -** 612

We Praise You, O God

#### **Call to Confession**

#### **Silent Prayer of Confession**

#### **Common Prayer of Confession**

Holy One,

You call us to be ready,

to prepare to experience your power.

We confess that we rarely expect you to act.

So we have grown complacent;

We have built up traditions that comfort us, and require little from us.

You say not to keep extra for ourselves,

to share with our neighbors,

to let nothing go to waste.

We confess that we have hoarded far beyond what we could hope to use, wasted more than many people ever have,

and known so little about our neighbors we can't even imagine how to share.

You say the empire will fall,

and your kingdom is coming.

We confess that we don't remember rightly,

and we've lost the ability to tell the difference between them.

Forgive us, Holy God,

and draw us once again into your truth.

Your truth looks bizarre and foolish to those caught in the ways of the world,

but it will lead us into new life.

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**

\*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** 

Communion Kum Ba Yah

arr. B. Rhoades/S. Kupferschmid

Psalm 141:1: I call to you, Lord, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you.

(words and music for both songs are from a traditional spirituals, year unknown; public domain)
(original words for this arrangement by Bret Rhodes and Steve Kupferschmid)
(this choral arrangement: Carl Fischer LLC, 2005)

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

#### **Scriptures**

#### Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14-20 (NRSV, Updated Edition)

<sup>14</sup>When the hour came, Jesus took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, <sup>16</sup> for I tell you, I will not eat it<sup>I</sup> until it is fulfilled in the kingdom God."

<sup>17</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves, <sup>18</sup> for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup>Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup>And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

#### Hebrew Bible Reading: Exodus 12:1-13, 40-42; 13:1-8, Common English Bible translation

12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. 5 Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup> You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. <sup>7</sup>They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. 8 That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. 9 Don't eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. 10 Don't let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning. <sup>11</sup> This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the LORD. 12 I'll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I'll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I'll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. 13 The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I'll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>40</sup> The length of time that the Israelites had lived in Egypt was four hundred thirty years. <sup>41</sup> At the end of four hundred thirty years, on that precise day, all the LORD's people in military formation left the land of Egypt. <sup>42</sup> For the LORD, that was a night of intent watching, to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For all Israelites in every generation, this same night is a time of intent watching to honor the LORD.

#### **Exodus 13:1-8**

**13** The LORD said to Moses: <sup>2</sup> Dedicate to me all your oldest children. Each first offspring from any Israelite womb belongs to me, whether human or animal.

<sup>3</sup> Moses said to the people, "Remember this day which is the day that you came out of Egypt, out of the place you were slaves, because the LORD acted with power to bring you out of there. No leavened bread may be eaten. <sup>4</sup> Today, in the month of Abib, [a] you are going to leave. <sup>5</sup> The LORD will bring you to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. It is the land that the LORD promised your ancestors to give to you, a land full of milk and honey. You should perform this ritual in this month. <sup>6</sup> You must eat unleavened bread for seven days. The seventh day is a festival to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> Only unleavened bread should be eaten for seven days. No leavened bread and no yeast should be seen among you in your whole country. <sup>8</sup> You should explain to your child on that day, 'It's because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon** Road Food Rev. Janna VanderWoude

\*\*Affirmation of Faith (adapted from the Belhar Confession)
We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we are share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth
and the love of Christ, forever and ever. Amen.

\*\***Hymn** -501

Feed Us, Lord

#### **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

#### One Bread, One Body

arr. J. Carter

1 Corinthians 10:16-17: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread."

"One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord."

(words: and music: John Foley. 1998; New Dawn Music)

(this piano solo: Hope Publishing Co. 1998)

\*\*Doxology - 694

## Great God of Every Blessing, v. 1 (sung to tune #754)

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

#### 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

Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom....the one who prays even for us, the one who first taught us to pray, saying: **Our Father**...

#### **Sharing of Bread and Cup**

Please come forward up the center aisle to the tables, and return to the pews with your bread down the side aisles. Small bottles of water are provided. When all are seated, we will pour the Cup, which will be served in the pews. The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.

#### **Music during Communion**

Chorale in E Major

by C. Franck

2 Corinthians 13:14: May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(this instrumental piece composed by Cesar Franck in 1890; Durand Publishing Co.; public domain)

#### **Prayer after Communion**

\*\***Hymn** -548

May God Support You All Your Days

\*\*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

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

#### **Food Drive**

CMPC's CARE Group program will once again be collecting items for the Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry. The pantry currently serves between 70 and 80 families and is supported primarily through donations. The next distribution date is October 30, 2024. We will be collecting ONLY the following items:

Boxed cereal Boxed pasta Rice Baby wipes Diapers

Please ensure that donated goods are sealed and have not expired.

Collection bins will be placed downstairs, inside the door from the parking lot, and upstairs in the narthex, outside of the sanctuary. Donations will be accepted October 6th-October 27th. Items will be delivered to OMHS that following week. Thank you in advance for your support!

#### **Mission Plea**

Hurricane Helene was the strongest hurricane to strike Florida, Tennessee, the Carolinas, and Georgia and the deadliest in the country since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Damages are estimated to be in the billions of dollars. There have been more than 170 deaths. In the wake of the catastrophic storm surge, wind damage, and flooding, it is crucial to have the necessary resources to support the many communities affected. The Mission and Local Outreach Committee has committed funds to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) that is in communication with all affected presbyteries to coordinate resources and respond accordingly as damage is assessed.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to support this effort by either donating on-line or using envelopes in the pew during worship. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the clean-up and recovery, please contact Pete Berlowitz (pberlowitz@verizon.net). Finally, please pray for all those affected by this terrible natural disaster.

#### Stewardship

God has continued to bless CMPC and we are asking for your continued support of our ministry by making a pledge to the 2025 Annual Stewardship fund by October 27th. This year, we are asking you to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider rolling over and adding what you have graciously given in the prior capital campaign to your Annual Stewardship pledge. To make a pledge, scan the code or fill out a paper pledge card and place it in the Offering plate. No login is required to complete your pledge online!



On November 3rd, we invite you all to celebrate our accomplishments at our Stewardship luncheon immediately following Worship.



The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

TEXT: Julia C. Cory, 1902, alt. MUSIC: Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clanck, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

#### Feed Us, Lord

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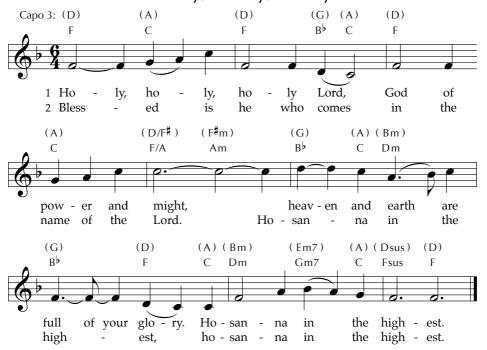




be re-vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord. may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord. of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord. giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

Not many Lord's Supper hymns call attention to the post-Resurrection meals Christ shared with his disciples, but the first stanza here alludes to the meal at Emmaus, when he was made known in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13–35), and stanza three refers to "the risen Christ."

#### Holy, Holy, Holy



## 548 May God Support You All Your Days



This text is loosely based on Psalm 20, the first of the psalms for the welfare of the king in battle. This royal psalm is here adapted as a sung blessing and prayer for those setting out on any new venture, making it appropriate for ordinations, weddings, or other such services.