



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 30, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday In Lent

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Amazing Grace with Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

arr. V. Labenske

Romans 3: 24: *All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see. My chains are gone I've been set free. My God my Savior has ransomed me. And
like a flood His mercy rains; unending love, amazing grace."

(by C. Tomlin/J. Newton/L. Giglio; Six Steps Music, 2006; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

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(text: J. Newton, 1779; music: traditional American melody from Columbian Harmony, 1879; public domain)

(this piano solo: worshiptogether.com songs,/SixSteps Music/Vamos Publishing, 2006)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

GATHERING

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

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Call to Worship

Meghan Jones

1: Come and find yourself in God's story

2: Come and have your imagination expanded

3: Come and meet the Living Word

4: Come and see what the Holy Spirit wants to show you

All: Jesus says "Come", and we wait on our transforming. What will shift?

Hymn- 806

I'll Praise My Maker

Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

Compassionate and merciful God, you call us into relationship with you and each other.
You call us to step out of our usual ways to truly see.
You call us to reach across the chasms of this world to create beloved community.
We encounter suffering in situations that we don't know how to fix, or even think about.

We confess we find it easier to ignore them.

The world suggests we separate ourselves from suffering, and we do not resist:
We've bought the lie that we are unable to render change, or be changed ourselves.

We admit we insulate ourselves from the suffering we do see.

For using our privilege and position to protect ourselves—**have mercy on us.**

For lusting after far more than what we need—**have mercy on us.**

For rationalizing the suffering of others—**have mercy on us.**

Forgive us, loving God,

for believing and living un-truths that contradict your word and your kingdom.

Forgive us for our inability to see our neighbors as fully human.

Forgive us for seeing yet doing nothing, as if we deserve better than others.

Awaken us today to your vision,

and give us courage to put it into action right now,

before it is too late for yet another generation

to live in the fullness of your kingdom life today.

We ask in the name of the One who died and was raised to show us the way, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: From the beginning, the world has been built only upon grace.

From the beginning, God has been showing us a more excellent way.

From the beginning, God is love.

Knowing this truth, live its reality: you are beloved,

and the kingdom is open to you even now.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

****Response in song - 443**

There is a Redeemer

There is a redeemer, Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit till your work on earth is done.

WORD

Moment with Children

Sarah Trodden

**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

Grace Flows Down with Grace Greater than Our Sin

arr. E. Hogan

*2 Timothy 1: 9: He has saved us and called us to a holy life, not because of anything we have done
but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.*

(words and music by D. Bell/L. Giglio//R. Padgett; 2000; worshiptogether.com songs,/SixSteps Music, 2000)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures:

Micah 6:6-8

Liturgist Meghan Jones

With what should I approach the LORD

and bow down before God on high?

Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings,
with year-old calves?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with many torrents of oil?

Should I give my oldest child for my crime;
the fruit of my body for the sin of my spirit?

⁸He has told you, human one, what is good and
what the LORD requires from you:

to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God

1 Timothy 6:6-11

Liturgist Meghan Jones

⁶Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. ⁷We didn't bring anything into the world and so we can't take anything out of it: ⁸we'll be happy with food and clothing. ⁹But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, run away from all these things. Instead, pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness.

Luke 16:19-31

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

¹⁹"There was a certain rich man who clothed himself in purple and fine linen, and who feasted luxuriously every day. ²⁰At his gate lay a certain poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. ²¹Lazarus longed to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Instead, dogs would come and lick his sores.

²²"The poor man died and was carried by angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³While being tormented in the place of the dead, he looked up and saw Abraham at a distance with Lazarus at his side. ²⁴He shouted, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I'm suffering in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, whereas Lazarus received terrible things.

Now Lazarus is being comforted and you are in great pain. ²⁶Moreover, a great crevasse has been fixed between us and you. Those who wish to cross over from here to you cannot. Neither can anyone cross from there to us.'

²⁷"The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, Father, send Lazarus to my father's house.

²⁸I have five brothers. He needs to warn them so that they don't come to this place of agony.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets. They must listen to them.' ³⁰The rich man said, 'No, Father Abraham! But if someone from the dead goes to them, they will change their hearts and lives.' ³¹Abraham said, 'If they don't listen to Moses and the Prophets, then neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Hymn of Response - 692

Spirit, Open my Heart

THANKSGIVING/EUCHARIST

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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

arr. J. Denton

Hebrews 12: 2: *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

"Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain; free to all, a healing stream, Flows from Calv'ry's mountain. In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river."

(words: F. Crosby, 1869; music (*Near the Cross*) W. Doane, 1869: public domain)
(this organ solo: Lorenz Publishing Co., 1987)

**Doxology - 608

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ, all people here below
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

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SENDING

Hymn -769

For Everyone Born

**Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Lift High the Cross

arr. D. Busarow

Proverbs 3:5-6: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.*

"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name. Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name."

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(this organ solo: Concordia Publishing House, 1978)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

VBS Volunteers

VBS is looking for creative and hardworking people that would be interested in helping turn Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church into our own True North Alaskan Wilderness for VBS this year! We are looking for people to cut, glue and prep decorations from home as well as decorate in the days before VBS. If you are interested please email Laura Jean Graybeal at vbs@cmpcusa.org

Fellowship Hour

Join us every Sunday for Fellowship Hour. If for some reason we are not able to host it, we will make sure to communicate that via welcome and announcements prior to worship as necessary.

We need sweets!

We need your help with providing a sweet treat for our weekly Fellowship Hour! We will gladly accept home-made or store bought cookies, pastries, quick breads, coffee cakes, etc. The choice is up to you! In the cookie realm, we typically need 4-5 dozen. The sign-up sheet will be located in Fellowship Hall on the cookie table or you can contact Chip Garner at Chipgarner12@gmail.com to schedule a date. If for some reason, an event is scheduled on your cookie date, please continue to bring in your treat labeled with your name and we'll put it in the freezer for a future date. Thank you!



Easter Lilies

Please help us to decorate our sanctuary with lilies for our Easter service. The flowers are purchased by members and friends to remember special people in their lives.

Lilies are \$16.00 each and may be ordered until April 4th at 1:00 pm. **All orders are online.** Once you submit this form, please go to online giving to make a payment, or send a check. Please make checks out to CMPC with "Lilies" in the memo line.

CMPC Annual Musical Treats & Sweets: Stars!

Join us on Sunday evening, May 4th (6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.) for our annual “Musical Treats & Sweets” event. This year’s theme is Stars (Stars Wars, Stars & Stripes, Evening with the Stars...).

It will be a wonderful evening of musical performances, silent auctions, and free treats. This fundraiser will benefit the GenOn Youth Summit attendance (for our community and a community in-need). The theme this year is Stars! The suggested donation at the door is \$5.

If you would like to perform, contact Lindsey Kim (lindseyathorne@yahoo.com) (she can help you with an accompanist if needed).

Please consider contributing to the success of this event in the following ways:

- Sweet treats or specialty items for the silent auction tables, contact Tom and Meg Engle (dpgroove@hotmail.com)
- Hosted events for the silent auction, contact Ashlyn Sowell (ashlynsowell@yahoo.com)
- Sweet treats for the snack tables, contact Chad Board boardca@yahoo.com.

If you have other questions, contact Joyce Danzig (Joyce.Danzig@gmail.com).

This is a variety show and silent auction fundraiser to benefit the GenOn Youth Summit attendance (for our community and a community in- need).

Milltown Quilters 2025 Quilt Show

Friday April 4, 10-6 and Saturday, April 5, 10-4
Admission \$10

Milltown Quilters would like to invite you to our 2025 Quilt Show. View 175 + quilts, find small craft items made by members at our Sew Unique Shoppe, quilted items for sale at Artisan Alley, visit our Peddlers Table (gently used items) plus a chance to win a Raffle Basket full of goodies plus an opportunity to win our stunning raffle quilt.

Milltown Quilters meet weekly at Christ Memorial in the Trinity Room, on Tuesday’s from 10-2. If you would like to join us, please visit our website www.milltownquilters.com or contact Colleen Hughes at chughes527@comcast.net

5th Sunday Offering TODAY will be for RTHC

Rebuilding Together Howard County

Once again the CMPC Mission Committee and CMPC members are partnering with Rebuilding Together to provide repairs to homes of at-need families in Howard County. This year's date is Saturday, April 26th. We will be doing tasks like flooring, painting and installing windows. Wes Millard, wesmillard@gmail.com, and Pete Berlowitz, pberlowitz@verizon.net, will be acting as house captains for this purpose. Please prayerfully consider participating in this endeavor. Young people, ages 14 and up are also welcomed to participate with parental consent.

Food Drive

CMPC's CARE Group ministry is sponsoring our 3rd Food Collection for the Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry. The Food Pantry currently serves approximately 80 families and is supported primarily through donations. We will be accepting donations through **Sunday, April 6, 2025**. All items will be delivered to OMHS the week of April 7th. The foods listed are items which are currently in highest demand.

We are only collecting the items below at this time.

- Boxed cereal
- Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Baby wipes
- Diapers (larger sizes needed)

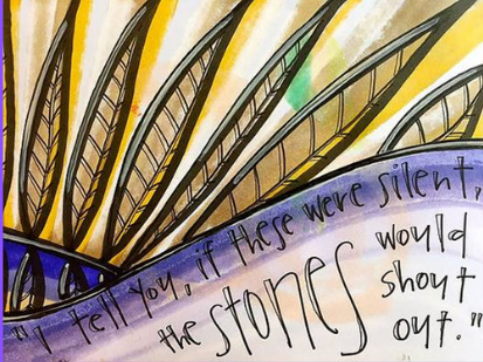
Please ensure that all donated goods are sealed and have not expired. There will be a collection bin downstairs as you enter the building from the parking lot, and upstairs in the narthex, outside of the sanctuary. Thank you again for your support! If you have any questions, please contact Markita Garner, Cindy Pettit, or Sandi Chapasko.

Spring Clean Up

May 3rd, 8:30 - 1:30pm

There will be jobs for all ages both inside and outside of the church., rain or shine. For more information, please contact Tito Baca at pm@cmpcusa.org

*Holy Week at
Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church
All are welcome!*



Palm Sunday

April 13th, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" The road Jesus follows to Jerusalem concludes with a celebration of his arrival there: But some have questions about what it all means. How do we create a welcome for King Jesus, present to us now---with stony silence or expressed joy?

Maundy Thursday

April 17th at 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Join us as we gather together to break bread, enjoy a simple soup supper, and then share the sacrament of communion at our dinner tables. Please RSVP to the church office (office@cmpcusa.org). Childcare will be provided.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 20th at 6:30 a.m.

Gathering in semi-darkness we will gather to worship the Risen Son as the sun rises. All are welcome to join in this simple and powerful worship experience. The service will be moved indoors in the event of inclement weather. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Easter Worship

April 20th at 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Come one, come all to worship on Easter Sunday morning when we will pull out all the stops to bring our worship to the Risen Lord! Come, add your voice to the millions gathered around the world to celebrate the blessed day as we unite our voices in song: Christ the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!

Easter Egg Hunt

April 20th, following 10:30 worship

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children in preschool and elementary school immediately following the worship service. There will be lots of eggs for children to find! Come and join the fun!

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I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B^b F B^b C7

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B^b Gm7 F B^b F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

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

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B^b C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

