

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 20, 2025 10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Fanfare on Easter Hymn (Jesus Christ Is Risen Today)

arr. J Behnake

Matthew 28:6: He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

"Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!"

(words by L. Davidica (v. 1-3), 1708/C. Wesley (v. 4), 1740; music (*Easter Hymn*) by: L. Davidica, 1708; public domain) (this organ solo: Concordia Publishing House, 1996)

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Introit Risen Just As He Said

arr. M. Parks

Matthew28: 6: He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

(words by C. Wordsworth. 1800's; music (*Hymn to Joy*) by L. van Beethoven, 1824; public domain) (published by Lorenz Company, 2020)

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

Jeff Bloom

One: First thing on the first day--

All: we can't wait any longer — we want to see him!

One: We came as soon as we could--

All: not knowing what we would find, even though we knew what we expected.

One: Little did we know it was a whole new world!

All: Little did we know that today, Jesus has brought us into life!

One: Christ is risen—

All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

****Hymn** - insert An Easter Jubilation arr. J. Mann

(hymn tunes include *Easter Hymn, Austrian Hymn, Diademata,* and *Coronation;* all are public domain) (this hymn arrangement: Hal Leonard Corporation, 2012)

Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

You told us this would happen, Lord, but we didn't understand.

How could we? You were changing the world entirely.

Everything we thought we knew, you turned upside down.

Even now we can hardly believe it!

In fact, we often live and behave as though we hardly believe it:

We fail to live as though you are present and alive:

With us. Among us. By your Spirit, in us.

Remember, you said.

Remember what you told us, all along the way.

Help us remember, O God, your story of life and death and life, of unexpected people bearing your word, of the unimagined becoming real with you. Let the memories we carry take shape in the present, that we may find our way into your future.

Assurance of Pardon

One: God is rich in mercy! He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead because of our wrongdoing. God raised us up and seated us in the heavens with Christ Jesus: God did this to show everyone for all time the greatness of his grace by the pure goodness shown to us in Christ Jesus.

Let us declare Good News together:

All: We are saved by God's grace through our risen Lord. Thanks be to God!

**Response in Song-246, v.5

Christ is Alive

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

WORD

Moment with Children

Liz Perraud and Mollie Thomas

*Please note that any children who come forward for the moment with children will likely be seen on the worship livestream on Facebook

There is no Sunday Experience today. Children are invited to stay for the service.

Word in Music

Living Hope

arr. D. Wise/D. Shipps

1 Peter 1:3: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

(words and music by P. Wickham/B. Johnson, 2018)

(this choral arrangement: Phil Wickham Music, 2018; admin. by Essential Music Publishing.com/Bethel Music Publishing)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures:

Psalm 118:17, 21-24 Jeff Bloom

- ¹⁷ I won't die—no, I will live and declare what the Lord has done.
- ²¹ I thank you because you answered me, because you were my saving help.
- ²² The stone rejected by the builders is now the main foundation stone!
- ²³This has happened because of the Lord; it is astounding in our sight!
- ²⁴ This is the day the Lord acted; we will rejoice and celebrate in it!

Luke 24:1-12 Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb, bringing the fragrant spices they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they didn't find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ They didn't know what to make of this. Suddenly, two men were standing beside them in gleaming bright clothing. ⁵ The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words. ⁹ When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹ Their words struck the apostles as nonsense, and they didn't believe the women. ¹² But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened.

L: We are witnesses to these things: Jesus, the Christ, is risen from the dead.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**Hymn of Response - insert

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

arr. V. Johnson

(this hymn arrangement: Lorenz Publishing Co., 2013; hymn (*Llanfair*) is public domain)

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!

Psalm 118: 24: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

"Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing!

Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word! Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God's feet pass."

(words by E. Fargeon, 1931; music (*Bunssean*) is a Gaelic melody, first published in 1888; public domain) (this instrumental solo: Brant Adams Clarinet solos for Worship, 2007; Lorenz Publishing Co.)

****Doxology -** 240, v. 4 (insert)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Prayers of Thanksgiving, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

SENDING

**Hymn - insert

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

arr. J. Chepponis

(members of the congregation who would like to sing Hallelujah! with the choir may come to the choir loft during the last verse of this hymn)

**Blessing and Charge

Response

Hallelujah! (from Messiah)

by G. F. Handel

Revelation 11: 15: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.

(composed by G.F. Handel, 1741; public domain)

Postlude Trumpet Tune arr. M. Rondeau

Old Bay Brass

(by J. Clarke, Cathredal Brass Publishing, 1995)

Guest Musicians:

Old Bay Brass: Adam Greenstein, Trumpet Bill Sturgis, Trumpet Glen Munson, Trombone Bob Frantz, Bass Trombone

Arielle Tobias, Timpani/Percussion

Thank you to John Kim and Neil Danzig for providing audio support this week!

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Attention all graduates!

CMPC would like to recognize all of our graduates on Graduation Sunday, May 11th! If you or someone you know from the CMPC family is graduating from high school, trade school, college, or graduate school, please send us a brief paragraph featuring the graduate's name, the institution they are graduating from, and future plans. Pictures should also be included. Please send write-ups to Kathleen at office@cmpcusa.org by Tuesday, May 6th.

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).

Monday night Zoom Bible study

This Bible study will be moving to Wednesday night at 7:30 starting on April 23rd. Please contact kathrynkoch79@gmail.com if you would like to join.

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.

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

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

2024 Contribution Statements

Thank you for your generous financial support for the work of our congregation last year.

The year-end contribution statements are available for you to download from CMPC Bridge until April 30, 2025. The "2024 Contribution Statement" button will appear on your giving record to allow you to download or print your statement.

As a reminder, you can view your giving history at any time in CMPC Bridge.

If you would prefer to have your 2024 contribution statement mailed or emailed to you, please send your request to Joyce Danzig, Assistant Treasurer, at joyce.danzig@gmail.com.

Join the CMPC Recorder Choir!

We want you (yes, you!) to join the CMPC Recorder Choir! Everyone of any age is welcome to participate!

We will perform one song at the Musical Treats & Sweets event on Sunday, May 4th. The music for the song will be distributed in advance to allow for individual practice before one group rehearsal. Heather Barham will conduct the choir. Contact Joyce Danzig at Joyce.Danzig@gmail.com to sign up and to receive additional details.

Sharing Good News from CMPC Session!

In our journey to install a new pastor, CMPC has reached a milestone! Baltimore Presbytery's Commission on Ministry has given us the go-ahead to form the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC):

The PNC will be involved in a calling process, in which they will seek to discern God's call for our new pastoral leadership. The 2025 CMPC Nominating Committee will be seeking God's will in identifying nominees to serve on this committee, which will be broadly representative of our entire congregation. As we work to form the PNC, this is the period of time for the congregation to suggest names of others or indicate your own interest in serving on the PNC. To express your own interest or suggest another member to serve, please send an email to:

Judy Brown, Chairperson of the 2025 Nominating Committee jbrown10632@gmail.com

Qualities that are needed to serve on the PNC include:

- (a) the member is actively involved in the life of the church and are also able to assume additional responsibility,
- (b) the member must be able to maintain full confidentiality of the process even from family members,
- (c) the member must be willing to support PC-USA and Baltimore Presbytery's policies,
- (d) the member must be able to follow process and work with others toward consensus, prioritizing the best interest of the congregation over personal interests.

The PNC's work may involve frequent meetings over an indefinite time period. Please prayerfully consider this important task!

Food Drive Update

CMPC's CARE Group ministry's 3rd Food Collection for the Oakland Mills High School Food Pantry was again a huge success.

With your help we collected:

- 3 boxes of oatmeal
- 6 pounds of rice
- 9 pounds/cans of beans
- 11 jars of jelly
- 25 jars of peanut butter
- 25 other items
- 32 boxes of cereal
- 480 wipes
- 478 diapers

All the donations were delivered this week so they can restock their shelves before they go on Spring Break. The staff at Oakland Mills who oversee the pantry were very happy with all the items received. Look for our next collection possibly towards the end of Summer

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting this community. Blessings,

Markita Garner, Cindy Pettit, and Sandi Chapasko



Easter Music



AN EASTER JUBILATION

Words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) William C. Dix (1837-1898), alt. Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) Edward Perronet (1726-1792)

Arranged by JOHHNY MANN (ASCAP) EASTER HYMN
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George J. Elvey (1816-1893)
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Oliver Holden (1765-1844)









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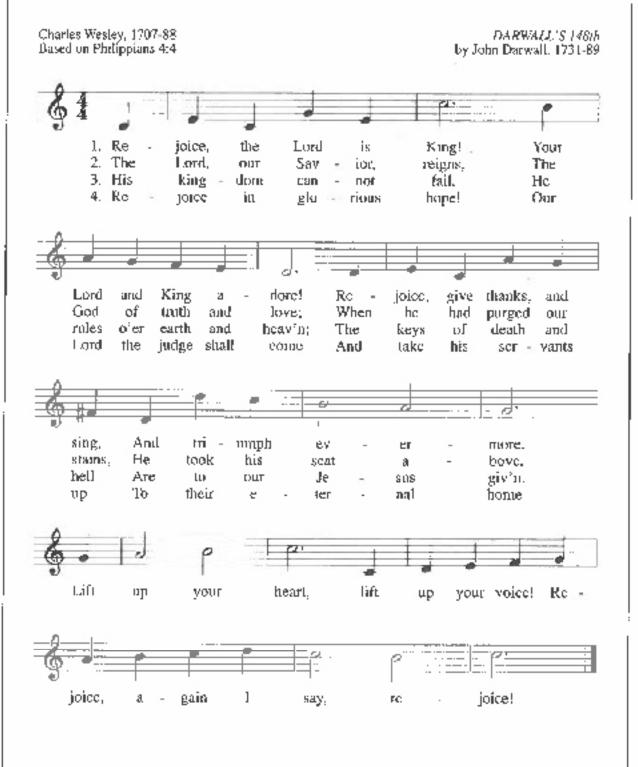
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