



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

***June 1, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter***

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

arr. V. Labenske

1 Chronicles 16: 29: *Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him.
Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.*

"Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God. Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word? All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around."

(words: G. Askins, 1819; music: *(Holy Manna)* W. Moore, 1829; public domain)

(this piano solo: Alfred Music, 2012)

Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

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

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist Allison Miller

One: In the hearing of the gospel,

All: we encounter God's extravagant love for us.

One: In the community of God's people,

All: we encounter the Holy Spirit's persistence with us.

One: In our response of faithful living,

All: we encounter the ongoing daily faithfulness of Christ.

So we come, to meet and worship God here!

****Hymn - 109 v.1, 3**

Blest Be the God of Israel

Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you have clothed us with Christ
and called us to love one another.**

Yet we confess that we love our categories and divisions.

We love how they allow us to make a judgment at a glance.

We love how differences allow us to make assumptions based on how people fit or don't fit.

If we're honest, God, we admit we act on that love more often than we act on your love.

When we cannot see your face in one another—**Forgive us.**

When we refuse to treat each person as if they are Christ in our midst—**Forgive us.**

When we misuse the freedom you have given us—**Forgive us.**

Remind us again that in your grace, all are equal.

**Make us one in Christ today,
and guide us to live faithfully our whole life long.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God is always at work among us, creating us and re-creating us, offering us grace that is not just a one-time gift, but an everyday reality. God writes on our hearts, revealing God's self in the beautiful and in the ordinary. God *reshapes* the reality in which we live by the grace offered in Jesus Christ, over and over, again and again. Hear the Good News--- In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven: **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

**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

The Potter's Hand

arr. L. Larson

Isaiah 64:8: *You, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.*

(words and music by D. Zschech, 1997)

(this anthem: Hope Publishing Co., 2002)

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures:

Luke 1:68-79

⁸ "Bless the Lord God of Israel

because he has come to help and has delivered his people.

⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in his servant David's house,

⁷⁰ just as he said through the mouths of his holy prophets long ago.

⁷¹ He has brought salvation from our enemies

and from the power of all those who hate us.

⁷² He has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,

and remembered his holy covenant,

⁷³ the solemn pledge he made to our ancestor Abraham.

He has granted ⁷⁴ that we would be rescued

from the power of our enemies

so that we could serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness in God's eyes,

for as long as we live.

⁷⁶ You, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.

⁷⁷ You will tell his people how to be saved

through the forgiveness of their sins.

⁷⁸ Because of our God's deep compassion,

the dawn from heaven will break upon us,

⁷⁹ to give light to those who are sitting in darkness

and in the shadow of death,

to guide us on the path of peace."

Liturgist Allison Miller

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

You irrational Galatians! Who put a spell on you? Jesus Christ was put on display as crucified before your eyes! ² I just want to know this from you: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the Law or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so irrational? After you started with the Spirit, are you now finishing up with your own human effort? ⁴ Did you experience so much for nothing? I wonder if it really was for nothing. ⁵ So does the one providing you with the Spirit and working miracles among you do this by you doing the works of the Law or by you believing what you heard?

⁶ Understand that in the same way that Abraham *believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness*, ⁷ those who believe are the children of Abraham. ⁸ But when it saw ahead of time that God would make the Gentiles righteous on the basis of faith, scripture preached the gospel in advance to Abraham: *All the Gentiles will be blessed in you.* ⁹ Therefore, those who believe are blessed together with Abraham who believed.

Galatians 3:23-29

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

²³ Before faith came, we were guarded under the Law, locked up until faith that was coming would be revealed, ²⁴ so that the Law became our custodian until Christ so that we might be made righteous by faith.

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian.

²⁶ You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ Now if you belong to Christ, then indeed you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to the promise.

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

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Clothed with Christ

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

****Hymn of Response - 490**

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

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

You Are My All in All with My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Philippians 4:13: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

arr. C. Tornquist

"You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool, You are my all in all. Jesus,
Lamb of God, worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.
(words and music by D. Jernigan, Shepherd's Heart Music, 1991)

"My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!"

(words by R. Palmer, 1830; music (*Olivet*) by L. Mason, 1831; words and music are public domain)
(this piano solo: Shepherd's Heart Music; admin. by Dayspring Music, LLC, 2006)

****Doxology - 240, v. 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name
Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior. (Refrain)
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Give praise to his name

Prayers of Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer p 35 in hymnal

SENDING

****Hymn - 832**

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

****Benediction**

Postlude

Recessional in G Major

arr. W. Buszin

Colossians 3:15: *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.*

And be thankful.

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(this organ solo: Concordia Publishing Co., 1952)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

VBS donations

We are so excited to be hosting TRUE NORTH VBS at Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church the week of July 7th – 11th! We have over 125 children signed up to attend with over 40 high school and middle school youth volunteering! It is going to be an amazing week of learning about God, building friendships and having lots of FUN! To make this week possible we need the support of our church by way of donations.

There are two ways to donate this year!

You can take a BEAR from our tree to purchase the item listed on the back at a local store or online. Please make sure you list your name and contact # or email on our list so we know who is purchasing items. Then bring the item back to our donation bin located next to the table. If you have any questions about the item you pull, please email Laura Jean Graybeal or Heather Gallagher at vbs@cmpecusa.org.

The other way to donate is through our Amazon Wishlist. Items purchased on the list can be sent directly to CMPC! You can scan the QR Code below to use this donations option.



Thank you all for your support for this amazing program! We are looking forward to spreading the love of Jesus with the youngest among us this summer!

VBS

With VBS planning for decorations we are looking for Alaska/camping themed props. If you have any of the following items listed below and are interested in lending them for decorations please reach out to VBS@cmpecusa.org

Items needed:

- canoes
- camp chairs
- hiking bags/boots
- fishing rods

Communion

Celebration of the Lord's Supper (Communion) will be held the Second Sunday of the month through the summer: June 8 (Pentecost); July 13; and August 10. Please make note of this change in schedule for the summer months.

Summer Concert Event: Westminster Knox Choir (June 11th)

Join the entire church for a very special summer event – a Wednesday night concert with the talented Westminster Knox Youth Choir on Wednesday, June 11th.

We will be having a family time dinner with the visiting choir and the congregation from 6-7. The concert will be from 7-8 in the sanctuary, featuring a wide variety of music including gospel, songs of faith from around the globe, and a medley from “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” Afterwards, those in 6th through 12th grade are invited to stay a little longer into the evening, enjoying some social time, games, and a short devotional with the choir.

Come for as much or as little as you can, but please sign up if you plan on joining for dinner, the social, or would like to help volunteer!



Men's Breakfast

Please join the men of CMPC for breakfast on June 7th at Bob Evans. Contact Eric Daniels for details at edanie31@yahoo.com

Day of Pentecost--Sunday June 8

Celebration of the Lord's Supper-- and Wear Red!

On the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, the church offers particular thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who gathers up the church as Christ's body and empowers and encourages us for the continued work of Jesus in the world. We invite everyone to love God, love people and follow in Jesus' way of sacrifice and pointing to the Kingdom of God made present in our hearts, lives, and communities.

Why wear red? It is the color the church uses to especially celebrate the Holy Spirit alive and at work in us: It gets used on Pentecost and at ordinations, and since it also symbolizes passion can be used on Palm Sunday or All Saints Day as well. No red in your closet? Reach for another color letting people know you're enflamed with love for God and love for people. Orange? Gold? Christ Memorial, light things up!

Policy Writing Training

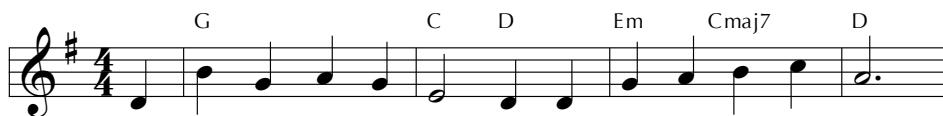
During this transition in ministry phase at CMPC, there are a number of Policy and Procedure issues that the Session must address and amend. One is the new (2023) Book of Order requirement that all Sessions have an Anti-Racism policy for the church.

On Thursday, June 12, from 2-4 PM, there is an online workshop for Writing an Anti-Racism Policy for your congregation. If you have skills or an interest in this important task, please check this QR code and talk to Pastor Janna about helping to produce this necessary document for Christ Memorial.



109 Blest Be the God of Israel

Song of Zechariah



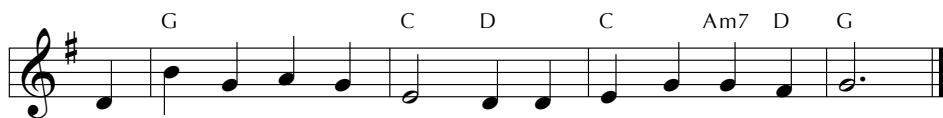
1 Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On those who sit in dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 God guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

This 20th-century British paraphrase of the Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68–79) broadens the implications of what John the Baptist's father says in order to affirm that God's work is ongoing. The tune is named for the composer's oldest sister, who was his first piano teacher.

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat



1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) F (Bm) Dm



of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C




Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F



spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F



send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

832 Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Kwake Yesu Nasimama

Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my
Kwa - ke Ye - su na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -

life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock
ma. Ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni

Fine
of my life. 1 There's no oth - er place I can hide
sa - la - ma. 2 It is not the work of my hands
3 When my days on this earth are done,

till the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice cries to God
that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re - deemed, and all
and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart will not have

This hymn represents a Kenyan adaptation of the gospel hymn, "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353), a connection that is most obvious in their similar refrains. Both the original and derived texts affirm that our hope is not in ourselves but in Christ's redeeming work.

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

to Refrain

from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#) on the key signature. The time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood. of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise. an - y fear; in Christ's righ - teous - ness I am here.' The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.