



Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

June 29, 2025 10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Order of Worship

**indicates to stand as you are able.

Prelude

Better Is One Day with Come into His Presence

arr. C. Tornquist

Psalm 100:1-2: *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.*

"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord almighty; for my soul longs and even faints for You. For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence; I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings. Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house, better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere. Than thousands elsewhere."

(words and music by M. Redman, 1995; ThankYou Music; admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing)

"Come into God's presence singing, "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia." Praise the Lord together singing, "Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God."

(words and music are anonymous. It is thought to have been created during the 1960's. It is in our current hymnal.)
(this piano solo: ThankYou Music, 1995 (updated 2008); admin, by EMI CMG Publishing)

Welcome and Announcements

Wes Millard

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**

All who thirst, come to the water.

Come, all who are weary;

come, all who yearn for forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us, and our gracious and holy God beckons and blesses us.

Drink deeply of these living waters.

Come, and worship.

Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you.

****Hymn - 49**

The God of Abraham Praise

Call to Confession, followed by Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Common Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offenses against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

.....Hear the Good News--- In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven: **Thanks be to God!**

****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 the 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.*

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm 112

Praise the Lord!

- Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.
- 4 They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.
- 5 It is well with those who deal generously and lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice.
- 6 For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.
- 7 They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.
- 8 Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.
- 9 They have distributed freely; they have given to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.
- 10 The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.

Galatians 5:13-25

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,[a] but through love become enslaved to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy,[b] drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ[c] have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

****Hymn of Response - 39***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***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*I Need Thee Every Hour with Lord, I Need You*

arr. V. Labenske

Isaiah 40: 31: *But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*

"I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee; every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.
(words: A. Hawk, 1872; music (*Need*) R. Lowry, 1872; public domain)

"Lord I come, I confess; bowing here I find my rest. And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart. Lord I need You, oh I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You; my one defense my righteousness;
Oh God how I need You."

(by C. Nockels/D. Carson/J. Reeves/K. Stanfill/M. Maher, 2011)
(SixSteps Music; Sweater Weather Music; Thankyou Music; Valley Of Songs Music)

(this piano solo: WorshipTogether.Com/Six Steps Music, 2011)

****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!

Prayers of Thanksgiving with the Lord's Prayer page 35 in hymnal**SENDING****Hymn - 65***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*****Blessing and charge****Postlude***Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

arr. J. Krug

Colossians 3: 16: *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.*

"Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from His dwelling take leave. The seed of His teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us, to work for God's kingdom and answer His call."

(words and music (*Ash Grove*): O. Westendorf, 1964; World Library Publications, Inc., 1964)
(this piano solo is a traditional Welsh folk melody; Lorenz Publishing Co., 2012)

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Announcements and Upcoming Events



Welcome!

Dr. John Schmidt was most recently the Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore Presbytery, and served there for 17 years. Before that, he and his wife, Debbie, were PCUSA missionaries to Japan for 10 years, serving as evangelistic missionaries with the United Church of Christ in Japan. He is now retired and living in Towson. He currently serves as a Trustee of Baltimore Presbytery, and as a church leader coach.

Joy's Retirement Party

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following worship on July 13th to thank Joy for her devotion, love, musical expertise and JOY that she has brought to CMPC since 1987.

Please RSVP to the church office by July 6th
(office@cmpcusa.org or 410-997-8011)

CMPC will be presenting gifts to Joy to show our appreciation for her years of dedication. If you feel so moved and would like to contribute monetarily towards the gifts, please send your donation to the church office by July 6th. No amount is too small – it's the thought that counts!



Communion

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



Becoming Presbyterian

Thinking about joining CMPC? Want to brush up on your beliefs? Join us on Tuesdays at 7:00pm July 1, 8, and 15th in classroom 3 for member lessons.



Fifth Sunday Offering

Mission & Local Outreach has designated this month's Fifth Sunday offering to go to Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. Our preschool is completely independent of the church's budget. Tuition and fees must cover all expenses. This coming year, the Preschool is facing a shortfall due to under enrollment. Any support will be greatly appreciated!

Save the date!

Mark your calendar now for a Town Hall gathering and potluck dinner with the Commission on Ministry Expansion (COME) on the evening of Wednesday, **July 16**. Everyone is invited and your input is vital! Details to follow.

Window on Mission

In an effort to keep the congregation better informed about its work, the Mission and Local Outreach Committee shares periodic informational updates. In addition to increasing awareness about what it is doing in the community, nationally, and globally on the congregation's behalf, these communications also encourage participation in hands-on mission opportunities. Here is a summary of activity from January to June 2025.

Local Mission. On the fourth Monday of every month, CMPC volunteers provide and serve hot dinners at **Grassroots Day Resource Center** in Laurel for the homeless in our community. The number of persons using the Center continues to grow, as does the need for food. This is an ongoing mission that welcomes new volunteers. Suzy Crabb is the point person for this mission. Susan.crabb@verizon.net

Rebuilding Together Howard County workday on April 26 attracted 15 CMPC volunteers, including several young people. Over Memorial Day weekend, Michael Schreiber and Pete Berlowitz returned to the unit to replace old living room carpet with laminate flooring, which they extended into the kitchen and hallway entrance. A week later, Pete and Wes and Greg Millard finished up by installing quarter round molding and fixing the threshold so the entry door could properly close. The homeowner is thrilled with the all the work performed.

To-date, the committee has made donations to support **Columbia Community Care** which operates food pantries in Howard County and the **Howard County Food Bank** which is run by the Community Action Council of Howard County, and **Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center**. These programs are consistent with the committee's focus on addressing homelessness in our community and responding to the increasing needs of a growing number of vulnerable families among us. Even with the support of local and state nutritional programs, food banks, and other services, thousands of families still struggle to find consistent access to food and essential resources every week. Barriers, such as identification requirements, proof of eligibility or income, age, or residency requirements prevent those in need from receiving services.

National Mission. The committee continues to support the mission of **Dustin and Holly Garner at OneEleven Ministries** in Kansas City where they are preparing interns to sing and pray the Bible and share God's goodness through evangelistic outreaches.

In February, the committee contributed to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** to support relief efforts in connection with the severe wildfires in the western part of the United States.

Global Mission. The committee made a donation to **Friends of the Presbyterian Education Board (Pakistan)**, whose mission is to provide high quality education to individuals of all religious backgrounds, regardless of their ability to pay, and who choose to attend a missionary-based institution reflecting Christian values.

The committee also contributed to support the work of **World Central Kitchen** which provides fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. It is among the leading agencies working to alleviate hunger in Gaza and Ukraine.

Water for Uganda is a new mission that we are supporting this year. It distributes water filters in western Uganda and trains residents on their use and maintenance. This simple and cost-effective intervention helps prevent the spread of water-borne diseases which are transmitted by contaminated water.

The Fifth Sunday Offering to-date were accepted on behalf of **Rebuilding Together Howard** (March 30) and **CMPC Preschool** (June 29).

Of course, this work would not be possible without the generous support of our congregation for which we are very grateful and appreciative.

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주



Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.