



CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Arr. Mark Hayes
Hope Publishing, 2008

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Janna VanderWoude

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

****Call to Worship**

Liturgist Abby Jones

1: In the evening and in the morning,

2: when we are comfortable and when we are anxious,

All: to young and old, God speaks.

1: Some of us may not yet know what God's voice sounds like,

2: and some of us may have forgotten.

All: Together we say "speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

****Gathering Hymn – 515**

I Come With Joy

Call to Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

God who speaks,

we admit that sometimes we don't want to hear.

God who calls,

we admit that sometimes we are too afraid to answer.

God who is always present,

we admit that sometimes we act like you're far away and silent, because it lets us off the hook.

God who demands justice and compassion,

we admit that sometimes we stay out of things because we don't want to put anything on the line.

God who does a new thing,

we admit that sometimes we prefer to hold on to the way things have always been.

God who listens,

we admit that sometimes we aren't sure how to speak, how to ask, how to pray for a difference.

Forgive us, God who loves: Forgive us for how we have failed,

and teach us to live faithfully as your people. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the Good News: God is always finding new ways....go to live: Forgiven, loved, and free.

P: Trusting in God's forgiveness, we go forward into new life. Thanks be to God!

****Response -581**

Glory Be to the Father

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Time for All God's Children

Lindsey Kim

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Abby Jones

Gospel Text

John 20:19-23

Liturgist Abby Jones

Hebrew Bible Text

1 Samuel 3:1-21

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Sermon

We Can Do Hard Things

Hymn of Response-722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

Prayers of the People (ending with the Lord's Prayer, p.35 in Hymnal)

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD’S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Elder Sue Ashman

Offertory

How Great Thou Art

Arr. Mark Hayes

Alfred Music Publishing, 2003

We invite you to use the time of the Offertory to reflect and to pray silently, offering thanks for God’s goodness, and commitment of ourselves for declaring that the God who creates also re-creates. making all things new.

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!

****Doxology-710, without bridge**

We Lift our Voice (We are an Offering)

We lift our voices, we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering
Lord, use our voices, Lord use our hands
Lord, use our lives, they are yours, we are an offering:
We are an offering.

****Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

Elder Sue Ashman

SENDING

****Sending Song- 747**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (Enviado soy de Dios)

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Tocatta from Symphony No.5

Charles Widor

Edwin Kalmus, Publisher 1985

Art Attributions

Hineni (Here I Am) – The Prism, Naomi Lipski, 2017

“When Moses was called by the Burning Bush, he answered ‘Hineni (here I am)’. In Jewish worship, when the Reader stands before the Ark to serve as a messenger for the congregation on Rosh Hashanah, he humbly begins ‘Hineni’. This word is illustrated here as a prism, transforming pure white light into visible colors. Saying ‘Hineni’ we, too, become agents for transformation” N. Lipski, Artist

Liturgy Attribution

*Liturgy Adapted from Bibleworm Narrative Lectionary resources,
Rev. Teri Peterson, Scotland*

TEXTS FOR THE WEEK

1 Samuel 3: 1-21 CEB

Now the boy Samuel was serving the LORD under Eli. The LORD's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. ² One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. ³ God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's Ark of the Covenant was.

⁴ The LORD called to Samuel. **"I'm here," he said.**

⁵ Samuel hurried to Eli and said, **"I'm here. You called me?"** "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did.

⁶ Again the LORD called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, **"I'm here. You called me?"**

"I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down."

(⁷ Now Samuel didn't yet know the LORD, and the LORD's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

⁸ A third time the LORD called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, **"I'm here. You called me?"**

Then Eli realized that it was the LORD who was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been.

¹⁰ Then the LORD came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel said, **"Speak. Your servant is listening."**

¹¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle! ¹² On that day, I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household—every last bit of it!

¹³ I told him that I would punish his family forever because of the wrongdoing he knew about—how his sons were cursing God, but he wouldn't stop them. ¹⁴ Because of that I swore about Eli's household that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering."

¹⁵ Samuel lay there until morning, then opened the doors of the LORD's house. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel, saying: "Samuel, my son!"

"I'm here," Samuel said.

¹⁷ "What did he say to you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide anything from me. May God deal harshly with you and worse still if you hide from me a single word from everything he said to you." ¹⁸ **So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.**

"He is the LORD," Eli said. "He will do as he pleases."

¹⁹ So Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not allowing any of his words to fail. ²⁰ All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was trustworthy as the LORD's prophet. ²¹ The LORD continued to appear at Shiloh because the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh through the LORD's own word.

John 20:19-23

¹⁹ It was still the first day of the week. That evening, while the disciples were behind closed doors because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. When the disciples saw the Lord, they were filled with joy. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." ²² Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you don't forgive them, they aren't forgiven."

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Staff Announcement

On behalf of the Session and Personnel Committee, Pastor Janna informs the congregation that Ted Markle, the accompanist here at Christ Memorial since September 2023, has resigned his position effective Wednesday, October 15. We thank Ted for his years of service, and extend our especial appreciation for extra services he has performed when a Music Director was not available. Ted offers his thanks to the choir and the congregation for the welcome he received from them here.

This Sunday, October 12, is Ted's last with as CMPC accompanist. We offer Ted our hearty well-wishes and hope that you will do the same: Please remain seated in your pews through the conclusion of the Postlude this Sunday!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church will be hosting our annual Trunk or Treat event open to all on Saturday, October 25th from 12-2 pm. Along with Vacation Bible School, our Trunk or Treat event is an amazing opportunity to connect with families in our community and welcome them into our church family. The greater support we have from the members of the church the more welcoming this event will be.

To make this event successful we need church members to create a trunk for the event and/or donate candy for the event.

Please use the Amazon Wish List link to select candy to donate or grab a bag the next time you are at the store. Donation bins are located in the Narthex and Lower-Level Entrance of the church.

If you are interested in decorating a trunk, please sign up with this link. Please plan to arrive at 11:30PM to park in your spot and decorate in time for trunk-or-treaters at 12:00PM. The CMPC Preschool will have fun games and activities for the kids as well. Thank you for participating!

Create a trunk



Donate Candy



Memorial Garden

We currently have \$10,000 in the memorial fund but need an additional \$17,000 to complete the project **(\$12,450 has already been raised!)**. While this is a significant amount, we believe that together our church family can make it possible. If 150 people/families donate \$150.00 that = Success! We would not only reach our goal but also provide extra funds for ongoing care of the garden. Of course, gifts of any size are greatly appreciated. Here are three ways to give:

1. Monetary Donation

- a. Visit the church homepage, scroll down to "Online Giving," select "Memorial Garden Contribution" from the drop down menu, and follow the prompts. OR
- b. Write a check payable to Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church with "Memorial Garden Fund" in the memo section.

2. Memorial Brick - Cost \$150.00

- a. Complete attached memorial brick form and place in offering plate. Please note on the form if you paid online or by check. If ordering more than one, use one order form per brick.
- b. To pay online, go to church homepage. Scroll down to "Online Giving", select "Memorial Garden Gift Brick" and follow the prompts. OR
- c. To pay by check, make payable to Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church and remember to include "Memorial Garden Brick" in the memo section. Attach check to order form.

3. Combined Contribution

- a. You can make a contribution and purchase a memorial brick!

We hope you share our excitement for this project! A sample of the brick and a rendition of the garden will be on display in the church lobby. The rendition showcases the garden's design, it does not include all of the planned plants. Alexis and Shelley will be available to answer questions. Together, let's create a space of lasting beauty and remembrance!

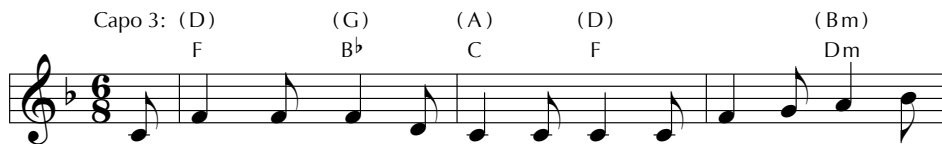
Thank you for your generosity and support!

Anti-Racism Policy

In 2024, the General Assembly of the PC-USA included in their constitution--the Book of Order--a requirement that all councils, including the Session of each church--adopt and implement an antiracism policy. Many churches have already adopted such policies, and have experience and templates to offer. There is also assistance in forming the policy to be found through the Presbytery and its Anti-Racism team. Two elders and one deacon have already expressed interest in helping to form a proposed policy for Session's approval: If you have an interest in being part of this process and discussion--please let us know! Contact the office or Pastor Janna via email if you are interested. The role would consist of some individual duties and a couple of meetings, some of which can happen via Zoom.

I Come with Joy

515



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

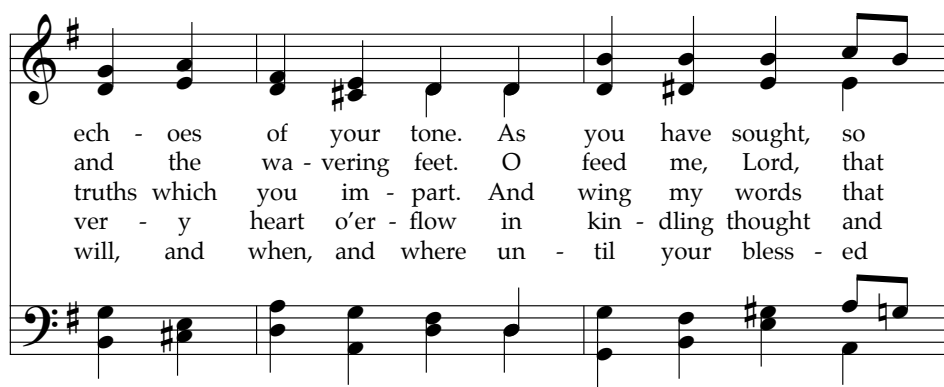
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

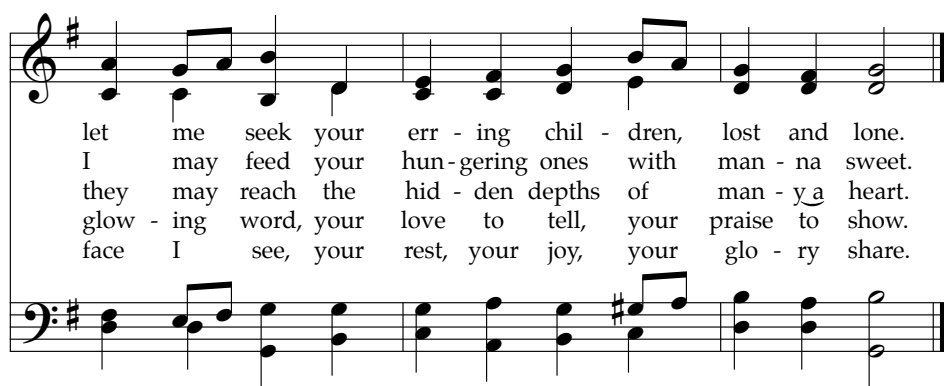
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -

make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me

falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -

us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.