



CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style

Composer Gordon Young
Publisher 1966 The Sacred Music Press

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 Kathy Koch

One: God sees us as we are:

All: **God knows all our struggle, and our success.**

One: But sometimes we want to ask God: are you paying attention?

All: **And God asks us, too: are we paying attention?**

One: We are here to listen as God calls us by name,

All: **We are here to learn to answer as God does: Here I am.**

****Gathering Hymn – 596**

You are Holy (Eros Santo) 2x

Call to Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

L: You are the Lord our God, and we encounter your gifts of mercy new every morning.

P: **We give you thanks, for we admit we have a tendency to hold on and save up,
worried there won't be enough for tomorrow.**

**We confess that we are a people prone to mistrust,
certain our neighbors benefit at our expense.**

**We are quick to complain that things have gone downhill,
always believing we just need a little more than we've been given.**

**We cannot free ourselves of our habits of hoarding or fear,
we cannot turn ourselves away from worry about what we lack,
we cannot reconcile ourselves to our dependence on you.**

L: When we misuse your gifts, so that there is not enough to go around—in your mercy, forgive us.

When we insist on instant gratification so some never get a day of rest—in your mercy, forgive us.

When we see only scarcity and teach others to see it too—in your mercy, forgive us.

P: **With you there is always enough,
even when we do not know how to name it.**

**Restore us to the joy of your providing,
and help us today to practice your abundance,
that we may be good stewards of your ordinary miracles each day.**

We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Friends, God's Good news is trustworthy and true...God is here, for us, and does not leave us to the old ways....turn toward the future God has in mind.

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

Liz Perraud

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Kathy Koch

Gospel Text

John 6:47-51

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Hebrew Bible Text

Exodus 16:1-18

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Sermon

Strange Bread

****Hymn of Response-509**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

****Affirmation of Faith: Hymnal p.34 The Nicene Creed**

On this World Communion Sunday we affirm our shared faith using the words of the most ancient, shared confession of the Christian church. It was composed at the Council of Nicaea in 325 in response to conflicts of understanding in early Christianity, and affirms the divine nature of Jesus Christ and the Western church's understanding of the relationship of the Trinity—Father, Son and Spirit.

Prayers of the People

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Deacon Kathy Koch

Offertory

Shine, Jesus Shine

Graham Kendrick

Publisher 1988 Make Way Music

John McPherson, solo

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**

Deacon Kathy Koch

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving (ending with the Lord's Prayer, p.35 in Hymnal)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy One, You formed the universe in your wisdom, and created all things by your power....We praise you for good gifts of bread and wine, and for the table you spread in the world as a sign of your love for all people in Christ:

Hymnal 552-- Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
- 2 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us....So as we await your coming among us in the fullness of your glory, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Hymnal 553-- *Christ Has Died; Christ is Risen*

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Praised be you, Holy Spirit, blowing through time to enliven your people, the church...Gather these prayers and join them with those of all the saints and with Jesus our Lord who taught us to pray, saying **Our Father, who art in heaven...Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Please come forward up the center aisle to the tables, and return to the pews with your bread down the side aisles.

Small bottles of water are provided. When all are seated, we will pour the Cup, which will be served in the pews.

The cups in the outer rings of the trays contain wine. The rest of the cups contain grape juice.

Communion Music

Let us Break Bread Together

Arr. Mark Hayes

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Prayer after Communion

SENDING

**Sending Song- 767

Together we Serve

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

Toccata

Eugene Gigout

Publisher 1970 Belwin Mills publishing

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TEXTS FOR THE WEEK

Exodus 16:1-18

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Sin desert, which is located between Elim and Sinai. They set out on the fifteenth day of the second month^[a] after they had left the land of Egypt. ² The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. ³ The Israelites said to them, "Oh, how we wish that the LORD had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you've brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death."

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I'm going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I'll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days." ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "This evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ⁷ And in the morning you will see the LORD's glorious presence, because your complaints against the LORD have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?" ⁸ Moses continued, "The LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning because the LORD heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren't against us but against the LORD."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the LORD, because he's heard your complaints.'" ¹⁰ As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, ¹² "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶ This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Collect as much of it as each of you can eat, one omer^[c] per person. You may collect for the number of people in your household.'" ¹⁷ The Israelites did as Moses said, some collecting more, some less. ¹⁸ But when they measured it out by the omer, the ones who had collected more had nothing left over, and the ones who had collected less had no shortage. Everyone collected just as much as they could eat.

John 6:47-51

⁴⁷ I assure you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that whoever eats from it will never die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Memorial Garden

We currently have \$10,000 in the memorial fund but need an additional \$17,000 to complete the project (**\$6600 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 on-line 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.



Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

SEPTEMBER

God made the world and everything in it. Acts 17:24



September is always a special month at Christ Memorial Christian Preschool. We love welcoming children back into the classrooms after summer break. Even though our school is a little quieter this year with lower enrollment, the fun is still alive and well! The teachers started the year helping the children learn how special they are to us, their friends, their families and of course God! Our children discovered their different emotions and how to work together as a class of friends. We learned about how much we have grown already from babies to 3 and 4 years old, talking about all the special plans God has for us! It is going to be a great year at CMCP!



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You Are Holy

Eres santo

Capo 5: (Am) Dm (Dm) Gm (G7) C7

*
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways
 E - res san - to, e - res Dios por to - da la e -

(Cmaj7) Fmaj7 (F) Bb (Dm) Gm
 ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are
 ter - ni - dad: siem - pre tú muy cer - ca es - tás de tu

(Esus) Asus (E7) A7 (Am) Dm (Dm) Gm
 al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near.
 pue - blo, buen Se - ñor. Te a - la - ba - mos hoy a - quí,

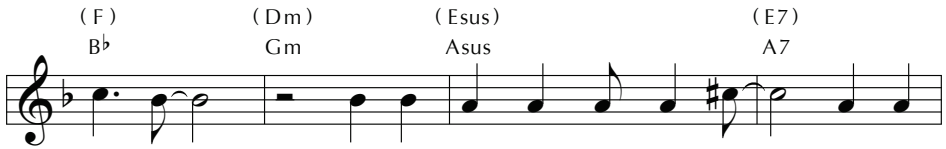
(G7) C7 (Cmaj7) Fmaj7 (F) Bb
 Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in
 te a - do - ra - mos con fer - vor. A tu i - gle - sia en

(Dm) Gm (E7) A7 (Am) Dm
 wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
 vi - no y pan nue - va vi - da así le das.

*May be sung as a canon.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness; you are
E - res san - to, e - res Di - os. Te sen -



pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho -
ti - mos. La cre - a - ción te dé loor. ¡Di ho -



san - na in the high - est! Sing ho -
san - na en el cie - lo! ¡Di ho -

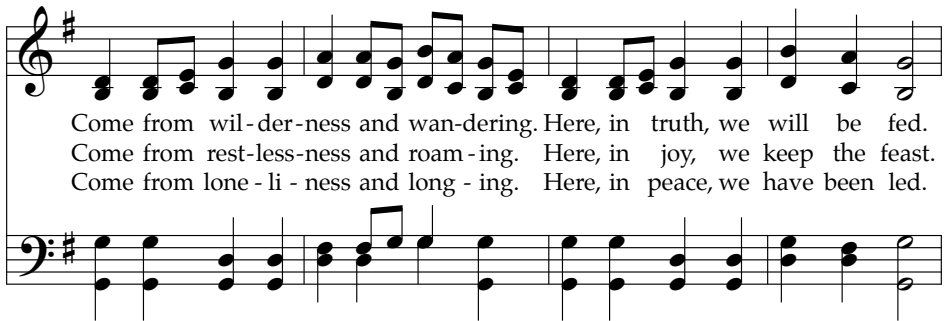


san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!
san - na! ¡Di ho - san - na al Se - ñor!

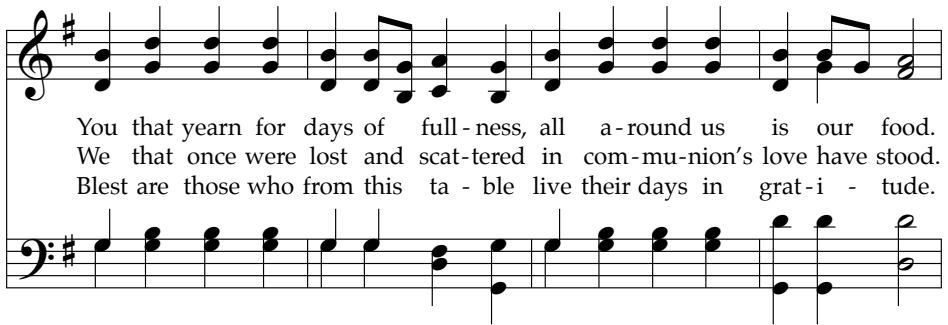
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

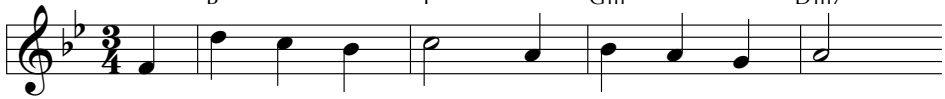


Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G)
B \flat (D)
F(Em)
Gm(Bm7)
Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C)
E \flat (G)
B \flat (Am7)
Cm7(Dsus) (D)
Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

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

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G)
B \flat (C)
E \flat (G)
B \flat (Am)
Cm(D7)
F7(G)
B \flat 

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.