



CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

GATHERING

Prelude

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Composer Lowell Mason
Arranged by Susan Henry

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 Sue Ashman

One: Each day we must choose:

All: purposely seek good, or just coast along with the way things are.

One: Each day we have opportunities:

All: to worship God with the justice we practice and the goodness we create.

One: Each day we can live in worship-ful and grateful ways:

All: Our gracious God is with us.

****Gathering Hymn – 391**

This Is the Day (Estes es el día)

Call to Confession

Common Prayer of Confession

L: God of justice, we come to glorify you in our worship and praise,
and you call us to glorify you with our everyday lives.

You demand that we make all our days align with your values, or this hour means nothing:

A: We confess that we slip into separating Your Way from our own.

L: We don't know how to extricate ourselves from unjust systems that benefit us—
---and if we're honest, we're not sure we want to.

A: We admit that we don't know where to begin.

L: So we've made "sin" personal--a private matter, that we can easily control and quickly judge others for.

**A: But your vision is justice that flows through everything,
washing away the privileges hoarded by some,
nourishing life where everything was parched.**

For building a dam to hold your goodness for ourselves: **In your mercy, Forgive us.**

For refusing to acknowledge that we do indeed play a part in the big issues: **In your mercy, Forgive us.**

For ceremonies and songs that don't quite translate to the rest of the week: **In your mercy, Forgive us.**

**A: Set us free from all that holds us back from following you more faithfully,
and guide us in building lives that honor you, every hour of every day, not just this one.
We ask in the name of Jesus,
who was obedient even when it meant challenging the status quo,
who loved beyond borders,
who leads us into abundant life. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear this good news! In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's own self, and entrusting us with the ministry of reconciliation. In Christ, we are brought near to the God who promises to be with us, and also sent out to continue Christ's work in the world.

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

**Response -582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Time for All God's Children

Elder Sue Ashman

The Word in Music

Hymns of Grateful Praise

Arr. Dan R. Edwards
Lorenz Publishing, 2000

The Word in Music is shared with us today by the Bells of Joy, led by Sally Berlowitz

Today's anthem combines 2 traditional Thanksgiving hymns: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" and "For the Beauty of the Earth".

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Sue Ashman

Gospel Text

John 7:37-38

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Hebrew Bible Text

Amos 1:1-2; 5:7-15, 21-24

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Sermon

Doing Justice

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Hymn of Response-757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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

10,000 Reasons: Bless the Lord

by M. Redman and S. Angrisano

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**

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:

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; We lift our lives up to you, we are an offering; we are an offering.

****Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

Elder Sue Ashman

SENDING

****Sending Song- 769**

For Everyone Born

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

At Calvary

by Jenifer Cook

Art Attribution

Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters, 2009

Created for ReconcilingWorks Lutherans for Full Participation (Building Inclusive Church)

by Artist Jim Dryden jimdryden.com

Liturgy Attribution

Liturgy Adapted from Bibleworm Narrative Lectionary resources,

Rev. Teri Peterson, Scotland

TEXTS FOR THE WEEK

Amos 1:1-2, CEB

These are the words of Amos, one of the shepherds of Tekoa. He perceived these things concerning Israel two years before the earthquake, in the days of Judah's King Uzziah and in the days of Israel's King Jeroboam, Joash's son.

² He said:

The LORD roars from Zion.

He shouts from Jerusalem;
the pastures of the shepherds wither,
and the top of Carmel dries up.

John 7:37-38 (NRSVUE)

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

Amos 5:7-15; 21-24

⁷ Doom to you who turn justice into poison and throw righteousness to the ground!

⁸ The one who made the Pleiades and Orion,

and turns deep darkness into the morning and darkens the day into night;

who summons the waters of the sea and pours them out on the surface of the earth—

--this one's name is The LORD—who causes destruction to flash out against the strong,
so that destruction comes upon the fortress.

¹⁰ They hate the one who judges at the city gate, and they reject the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Truly, because you crush the weak, and because you tax their grain,

you have built houses of carved stone, but you won't live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you won't drink their wine.

¹² I know how many are your crimes, and how numerous are your sins—

afflicting the righteous, taking money on the side, turning away the poor who seek help.

¹³ Therefore, the one who is wise will keep silent in that time: It is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of heavenly forces, will be with you just as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil, love good, and establish justice at the city gate.

Perhaps the LORD God of heavenly forces

will be gracious to what is left of Joseph.

²¹ I hate, I reject your festivals;

I don't enjoy your joyous assemblies!

²² If you bring me your entirely burned offerings and gifts of food—

I won't be pleased;

I won't even look at your offerings of well-fed animals.

²³ Take away the noise of your songs;

I won't listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream!

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

Cold Weather Shelter

CMPC will provide meals and servers for the Cold Weather Shelter between Dec 29 and January 3. If your group or families would like to volunteer, please contact Kathy Koch at kathrynakoch@hotmail.com with specifics and/or questions. Thank you.

2026 Stewardship Campaign - Let's Step Up!

God continues to richly bless our congregation in new and unexpected ways. As we seek to discern God's plans for our congregation through our search for our next installed pastor and our plans to grow our ministry within and outside of our walls, we ask for your continued support in our 2026 Stewardship Campaign.

This year, we ask that you prayerfully and thoughtfully continue your financial support for the work of our congregation and evaluate the opportunity to step up to a higher level of giving.

You can make a pledge online using the QR code or you can fill out a paper pledge card and place it in the offering plate.

We ask that you submit your 2026 pledge by November 23rd.



This year the **CMPC Angel Tree** will cover several opportunities for giving:

In NOVEMBER we will be collecting TOYS FOR TOTS through November 26. A large box will be in the lower entry way of the church. More info about other opportunities is in the Friday e-news.



Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 9

The session has called a congregational meeting immediately following worship today, November 9th for the purpose of electing officers of the church. All members are encouraged to attend.

Food Drive

The Care & Wellness Committee is sponsoring a food drive to help replenish the Food Pantry at Oakland Mills High School, especially in light of the federal government shutdown. Please see the information below. You can bring donations to CMPC and put them in the donations boxes located by the door downstairs and in the narthex. Alternatively, you can purchase food through to OMHS Amazon link or make a monetary donation directly to the OMHS Food Bank. Please bring all donations to CMPC by **Sunday, November 16** so that we can get the food to OMHS for their next distribution on November 19th.

Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

About the OMHS Food Pantry

The Oakland Mills HS Food Pantry serves the Oakland Mills community and beyond. Families are not required to have a student at OMHS to access the Food Pantry. The OMHS Food Pantry distributes non-perishable foods, produce, and bread once per month to families in need.

In a typical month, the OMHS Food Pantry currently serves an average of 100 families (amounting to over 400 people). While the OMHS Food Pantry receives a monthly food allocation from the Howard County Food Bank, the pantry is supported primarily through donations. The OM community, friends, and family generously donate non-perishable items, diapers, and baby wipes, as well as making monetary donations that are used to purchase fresh produce and bread on distribution days.

Thanksgiving specific needs:

Stuffing
Potatoes (canned or dehydrated)
Cranberry sauce
Cream of mushroom soup (we're getting canned green beans from food bank)
Pie crust mix
Canned pie filling
Vegetable oil
Apple and/or cranberry juice (any flavor, really!)

Non Thanksgiving specific, but still high on the wish list:

Jelly (we're getting peanut butter from food bank)
Oatmeal
Cereal
Rice
Dry beans



Christ Memorial Christian Preschool

OCTOBER

The rainbow is the sign of God's promise to be with us always. Genesis 9:17

October began with exploring the world through our 5 senses; seeing, hearing, touching, smelling and tasting. Pastor Janna shared a dramatic telling of Noah's Ark with the children and the kids loved exploring all the different types of animals Noah brought on the ark.



In the classrooms, the teachers shared about pumpkins, bats and spiders. This month our 4-year-old students traveled to the Clarks Elioak Farm to explore their pumpkin patch and learned about how farms work. The teachers created a pumpkin patch on the playground for our 3-year-old class to find their own special pumpkin to decorate and take home!



The month culminated with our annual Costume Parade. The children loved walking the parade route wearing their costumes as their families cheered them on!

This Is the Day

Este es el día

(Psalm 118)

Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 3: (D) (Em7) (D) (Em7)

F Gm7 F Gm7

This is the day; this is the day;
¡Es - te es el dí - a, es - te es el dí - a,

(D) (Em7) (A) (D)

F Gm7 C F *Fine*

this is the day that God has made!
es - te es el dí - a que hi - zo Dios!

(D) (A7) (D)

F C7 F

1 O - pen, now, o - pen the door - ways of jus - tice!
 2 I will sing prais - es be - cause you have heard me,
 3 It is the Lord who has done all these won - ders.
 4 Praise the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, and the Spir - it,

(D) (A7) (D)

F C7 F

Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.
 of - fering sal - va - tion with grace up - on grace,
 I have seen mar - vel - ous, mar - vel - ous things.
 from the be - gin - ning through worlds with - out end:

(D) (A7) (D)

F C7 F

This is the place where the righ - teous may en - ter,
 turn - ing the stone that the build - ers re - ject - ed.
 This is the day that the Lord has cre - at - ed.
 God who is now and who ev - er - more shall be,

The author/composer has incorporated elements of his Argentinian culture in this dynamic paraphrase of Psalm 118. In particular, the melodic patterns of the refrain are intended to suggest the way cowboys (*gauchos*) greet each other when they ride out to their work in the morning.

GATHERING

(D) (A7) (D) *to Refrain*
 F C7 F *al Estribillo*



sing - ing to God with thanks - giv - ing and praise.
 in - to the cor - ner - stone, rock of our faith.
 Join the re - joic - ing as ev - ery heart sings:
 glo - ry for - ev - er, a - men and a - men!

SPANISH

- 1 *Ábranme las puertas de la justicia,
y entraré alabando a mi Dios.
Esta es la puerta que Dios nos ha dado,
todos los justos por ella entrarán.*
- 2 *Voy a alabarte porque me has oído
y porque fuiste mi gran salvación.
Esa piedra que todos despreciaron
resulta ahora ser fundamental.*
- 3 *Es el Señor quien ha hecho todo esto;
¡Qué maravilla poder verlo hoy!
Este es el día que el Señor ha hecho,
con alegría gocemos en Él.*
- 4 *Al Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo
demos la gloria por la eternidad;
como al principio, tal cual es ahora
y lo será para siempre jamás.*

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) F (G) B $\flat$ (C) E $\flat$ (G) B $\flat$ (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) C7 (D) F (F $\sharp$) A (Bm) Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) Dm7 (D) F (Bdim7) Ddim7 (Em7) Gm7 (Dm)(A7)(D) Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

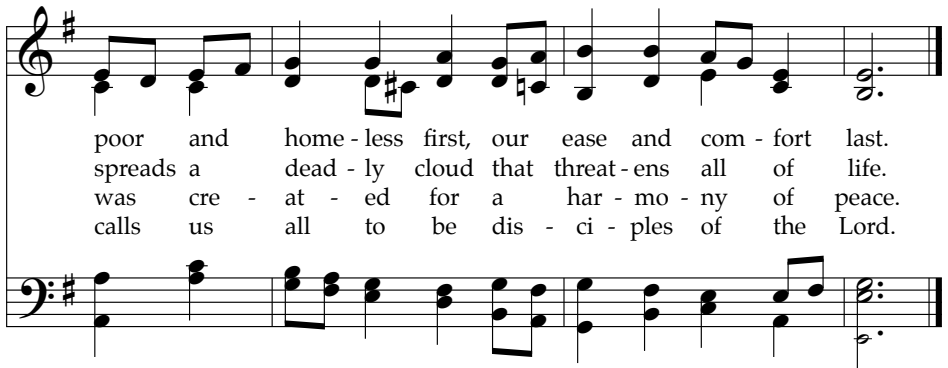
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who



poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

