



CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

"I Will Rise"

Words and Music by C Tomlin, L. Giglio, J. Reeves, and M. Maher
Arranged by Richard Kingsmore. EMI CMG Publishing. 2018.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

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 Tom Engle

L: Come and hear the story again:

P: Christ is alive!

L: Come and see his hands and side, overcoming death:

P: Christ is alive!

L: Come and hear his words of peace:

P: Christ is alive!

L: Come and know his breath, breathing in us:

All: Alleluia, Christ is risen indeed!

**Hymn -# 246

"Christ is Alive!"

Resurrection Prayer

L: God of resurrection power, you are alive and out in the world, carrying the story of love that overcomes, bearing the marks of pain and the light of life, offering yourself to us yet again, breathing peace...and sending us out to do the same.

P: We remain locked behind our closed doors, in the echo-chamber of our loss, holding on to our fear, maintaining that what we know now is all there is to know.

L: When we are shut down and shut away,

P: we give thanks that you stand among us and breathe peace.

When we cling to what was before,

we give thanks that you stand among us and breathe peace.

When we miss out and feel we can't catch up,

we give you thanks that you stand among us and breathe peace.

All: So send us out from our hiding places.

Just as you were sent to love the world,

make us your body, living your word in every place.

For you are alive and out in the world, and we must be, too. Amen.

Assurance of Christ's Peace

L: Hear this Good News: Through Christ, we have been shown God's faithful promise-keeping, and can move out of our fear into full-on, abundant living.

All: Trusting in the peace Christ offers, we go forward into new life. Thanks be to God!

****Response - # 240 Refrain, v.4, Refrain "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"**

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

**4. Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Savior (Refrain)**

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music

"Worthy is the Lamb"

from "Touch the Robe" Arr. P. Choplin Lorenz Publishing, 2009

Time for All God's Children

Lindsey Kim

**Please note that any children who come forward to the chancel will likely be seen on the worship livestream.*

Children ages preschool—third grade are dismissed to Sunday Experience.

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist Tom Engle

Psalm Text for the Day

Psalm 145; 10-17 CEB

Gospel Text for the Day - # 255

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

(John 20:19-31)

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Response - 817- v. 1,2 **"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"**

Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC-USA, 1983)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People Concluding with the Lord's Prayer, Hymnal, p. 35

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Tom Engle

Offertory

"Hallelujah! What A Savior"

Phillip P Bliss. Arranged by Amanda Tero. Amanda Tero Music. 2026.

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.

**Doxology- #232 v.4

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

**Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship

Liturgist Tom Engle

SENDING

Hymn - #231

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

" He Is Risen"

Jason Tonioli. Tonioli Music. 2020.

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"My Lord and My God!" Painting by Ronald Raab, CSC 2018

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!

Thank you to Neil Danzig for providing audio support this week!
Thank you to Kevin Wilson for operating the sanctuary cameras this week!

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Texts for the Week

John 20:19-31 (CEB)

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."

²⁴ Thomas, the one called Didymus, one of the Twelve, wasn't with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ The other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger in the wounds left by the nails, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe."

²⁶ After eight days his disciples were again in a house and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus entered and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand into my side. No more disbelief. Believe!"

²⁸ Thomas responded to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus replied, "Do you believe because you see me? Happy are those who don't see and yet believe."

³⁰ Then Jesus did many other miraculous signs in his disciples' presence, signs that aren't recorded in this scroll. ³¹ But these things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name.

Psalm 145:10-17

- ¹⁰ All that you have made gives thanks to you, LORD;
all your faithful ones bless you!
- ¹¹ They speak of the glory of your kingdom;
they talk all about your power,
- ¹² to inform all human beings about God's power
and the majestic glory of God's kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is a kingship that lasts forever;
your rule endures for all generations.
- The LORD is trustworthy in all that he says,
faithful in all that he does.
- ¹⁴ The LORD supports all who fall down,
straightens up all who are bent low.
- ¹⁵ All eyes look to you, hoping,
and you give them their food right on time,
- ¹⁶ opening your hand
and satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
faithful in all his deeds.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

“Come Join Us” ...

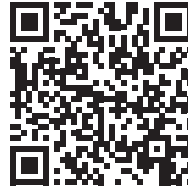
for lunch at Blackwell Barn and Lodge, 6000 Merriweather Drive, Suite B140, Columbia, MD, 21044.

WHEN: Friday, April 24, 2026

TIME: 12:30 PM

RSVP: By Wednesday April 22, 2026

Total #: 16 attendees



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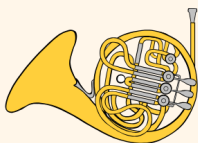


CMPC CONCERT SERIES - VOLUME I

You're invited to an evening filled with beautiful live music and joyful community spirit!

Join us as **The Gallery Winds Woodwind Quintet, Jeremi Lukanus, Flute 29 Flute Choir**, and other special performers share a delightful program sure to inspire and entertain.

This **FREE** concert is the perfect way to unwind. Come sit back, listen, bring a friend and enjoy an uplifting evening of wonderful performances.



We can't wait to see you there!

Sunday, April 19th
6:30-8:30pm
CMPC Sanctuary



CMPC Step Challenge Update: One Week Down... and We're Going the Distance!

Our CMPC walkers have officially wrapped up Week 1 of the Step Challenge, and what a week it has been! Together we've logged an incredible 1.9 million steps—that's roughly 900 miles. If we had started walking from church and headed straight down the road, we could already be visiting places like Fort Lauderdale, Portland (Maine), Chicago, or Memphis. We're just shy of Miami and closing in on the Mississippi River!

To put that in perspective, 1.9 million steps is the equivalent of more than 35 marathons. That's a lot of walking shoes being put to good use!

Leading the pack (to absolutely no one's surprise!) is Chip Garner, who has single-handedly logged more than 120,000 steps so far. Tiffany Carmean is close behind with 99,800 steps, and Bob Clemens rounds out the top three with 92,000 steps. Fantastic work!

And here's something even more impressive:

Almost 75% of our group is averaging at least 5,000 steps per day, and

More than half of our walkers are averaging over 8,000 steps per day!

That's an amazing level of commitment from this multigenerational CMPC crew.

If you enjoy a little friendly competition, you may also want to keep an eye on Tom Trodden, Carrie Jenkins, and John Sullivan, who are steadily climbing the leaderboard and making things interesting!

As fun as it is to watch the rankings and rack up miles together, remember that the most important part of this challenge isn't keeping pace with someone else—it's staying consistent with the personal step goal you set for yourself at the beginning of the challenge. Every walk around the block, every set of extra steps, and every small goal reached is a win.

Keep moving, keep encouraging one another, and let's see how far CMPC can go in Week 2!



CMPC's CARE Group ministry is sponsoring our 5th Food Collection for the Oakland Mills High School (OMHS) Food Pantry. The Food Pantry currently serves over 100 families, an increase of 20 families in the last year, and is supported primarily through donations.

We will begin accepting donations Sunday, March 29th through Sunday, April 19th, 2026. All items will be delivered to OMHS the week of April 20th.

The items listed below are suggestions and are always appreciated.

- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Jelly (plastic jars preferred)
- Pasta sauce (plastic jars preferred)
- Dry beans
- Snacks
- Baby wipes
- Diapers (larger sizes)



Please ensure that all donated goods are sealed and have not expired. There will be collection bins downstairs as you enter the building from the parking lot, and upstairs in the narthex, outside of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Markita Garner, Cindy Pettit, or Sandi Chapasko. Thank you in advance for your support!

Rebuilding Together Howard County

Once again, the CMPC Mission Committee and CMPC members are partnering with Rebuilding Together to provide repairs to homes of at-need families in Howard County. This year's date is Saturday, April 25th. There will likely be a "pre-build" day on the 24th to wash and prepare for exterior painting. The primary tasks are deck repair, securing railings, fixing doors & windows, and resurfacing a basement ceiling.

House Captains this year are Wes Millard (wesmillard@gmail.com) and Pete Berlowitz (pberlowitz@verizon.net). Please sign up with them via email or in person. Youth ages 14 and up are also welcomed to participate with parental consent. Please prayerfully consider participating in this rewarding and joyful event!



Christ Is Alive!

246

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing 255

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al -

1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing with
 2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; a -
 le - lu - ia!
 3 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard, how
 4 "My pier - ed side, O Thom - as, see; and

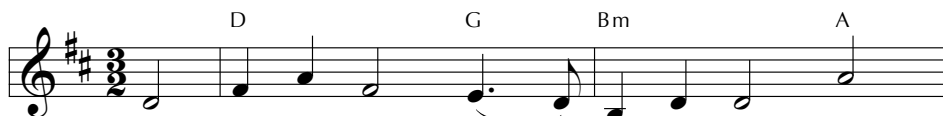
heaven - ly hosts to Christ our King; to - day the grave has
 mong them came their Lord most dear, and said, "My peace be
 they had seen the ris - en Lord, he doubt - ed the dis -
 look up - on my hands, my feet; not faith - less, but be -

lost its sting!
 with you here." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ci - ples' word.
 liev - ing be."

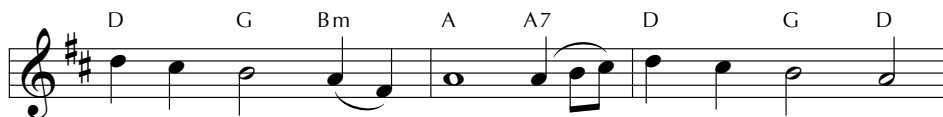
- 5 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

These stanzas from a 19th-century translation of a longer 15th-century Latin text are the continuation of hymn no. 235 and are based on the traditional gospel reading for the Second Sunday of Easter. They are sung to a 15th-century French tune adapted for church use.

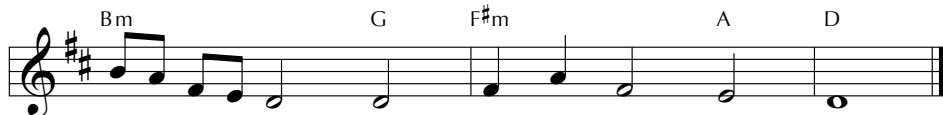
817 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

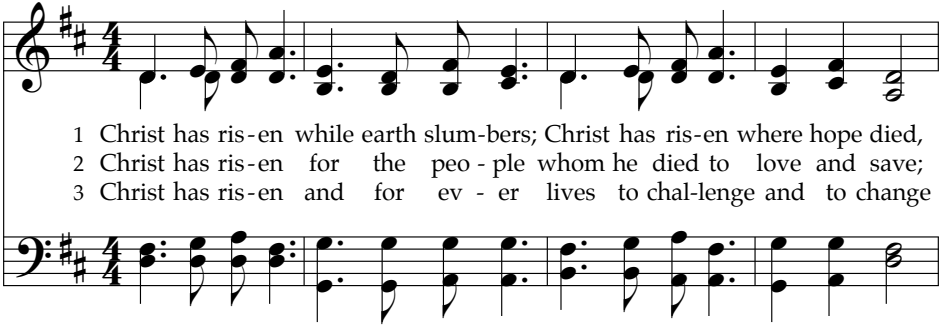


none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

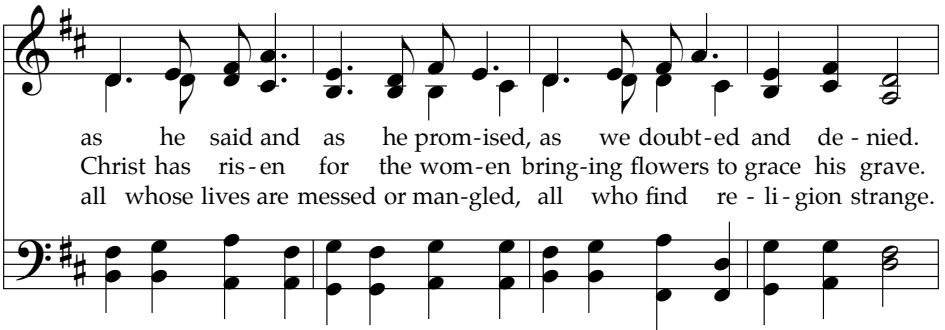
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The opening line here is essentially a quotation of 2 Corinthians 5:7, but that affirmation is fleshed out by references to the appearance of the risen Christ to Thomas (John 20:19–29). The shape note tune, named for a stream in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, adds resolution to the words.

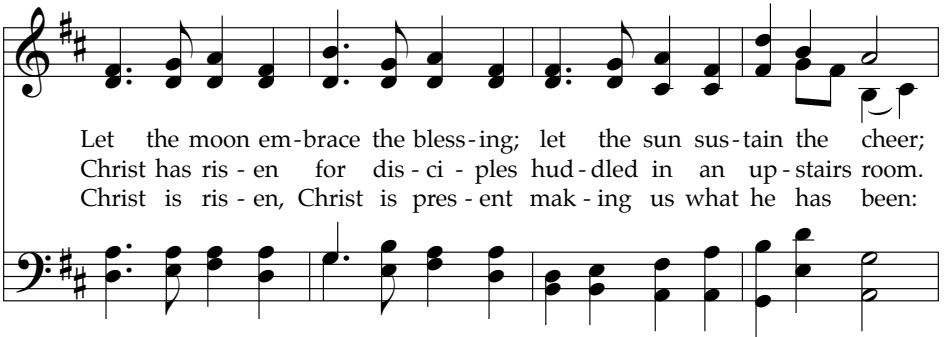
Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



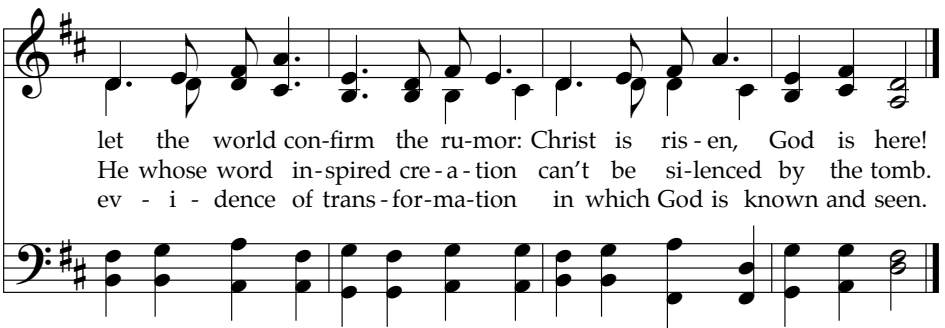
1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-enge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-mation in which God is known and seen.

Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."