



CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

"Goodness of God"

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Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist Josh Gliptis

Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you

****Call to Worship**

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L: We affirm that life is a gift, that the gift is good, and that it comes from God.

P: We renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life's long journey.

L: We find God in the paths of our present and our past but we also trust in God's love in our future.

P: The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives and beyond life.

****Hymn - 307**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Call to Confession and Reconciliation

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, there have been times we've felt scattered about and all our energy gone. We've been out of touch with your Spirit and feel dead. Not trusting in your power, we trust only in ourselves and our lives become dry and brittle. Fill us with your Spirit, O God, that we may be transformed. May what was dead become alive that we may trust your plan for our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: In our brokenness God is ever near. In our time of need, God's love surrounds us. We must simply be open to receive it. God knows our brokenness and God is here to bring healing and wholeness. Receive the good news of God. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven and by the Holy Spirit we are nurtured to wholeness.

P: ...in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**Response - # 740

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music

Time for All God's Children

Liz Perraud

**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

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Old Testament Scripture

Genesis 21: 8-21

Gospel Text for the Day

Matthew 10: 26-31

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

I'd Rather Do It My Way

Rev. Renee Mackey

Hymn of Response - # 738

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD’S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Josh Gliptis

Offertory

“Troubled Water”
(Based on Spiritual “Wade in the Water”)

by Margaret Bonds
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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- #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.**

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SENDING

Hymn– # 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me-the Summons”

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

“House of the Lord”

by Phil Wickham
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Genesis 21: 8-21

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac.^[a] ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Matthew 10: 26-31

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.^[a] ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

A Message from Bob Clemens:

As head of the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee), I want to share some information about our pastoral search that I announced in church recently. We are at the one year mark since the PNC was formed. We know that many in our congregation are getting impatient with the process. We feel that impatience too. We feel it because we love this church and we are eager to see what our next chapter looks like.

I want to assure you today that the PNC is energized, deeply committed, and filled with hope. We are not just looking for any pastor to fill a vacancy. We are looking for the precise person God has already chosen and prepared for our church.

While your committee works diligently behind the scenes, we need to recognize a vital truth:

This transition is not a spectator sport.

Finding our next leader is not just the PNC's job. It requires the active, bold energy of our entire church family.

If we want a pastor who is dynamic, courageous, and deeply invested, we must be a congregation that reflects those exact qualities right now. We need every single person in these pews to shift their mindset from "When will they get there?" to a personal commitment of "**How can I help today?**"

Here is how you can actively partner with us:

- **Pray fiercely.** Pray daily for the committee's discernment and for the heart of our future pastor.
- **Show up.** Attend Sunday services regularly. A full, vibrant sanctuary feeds the spirit of everyone who walks through our doors.
- **Get involved.** Don't just watch from the sidelines. Dive into our current ministries and activities.
- **Be a leader.** Step up and fill the gaps. If you see a need in our church, don't wait for someone else to fix it – take ownership.
- **Stay Positive.** Protect our church culture. Speak words of encouragement and hope to one another, shutting down negativity.
- **Cast the net.** Reach out to people you know. Spread the word in your networks that CMPC is a wonderful place to call home.
- **Go out of your comfort zone.** Try new things, meet new people, and serve in ways you never have before.
- **Bring new ideas.** We need fresh perspectives. If you see a new way for us to serve the community, bring it forward.
- **Never, never give up.** Relentlessly pursue our mission together without losing heart.

Let's not just wait around for the future. Let's build a thriving, resilient, and exciting church today.

As we continue this journey together, let us hold fast to the words of Galatians 6:9:

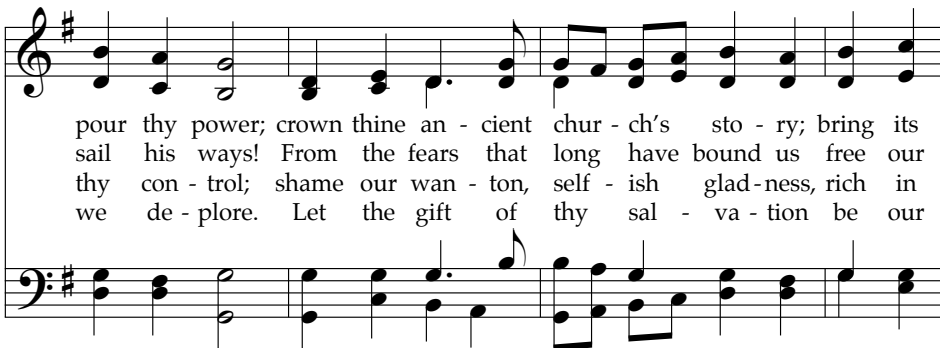
"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Thank you for your trust, your patience, your prayers, and your unstoppable partnership.

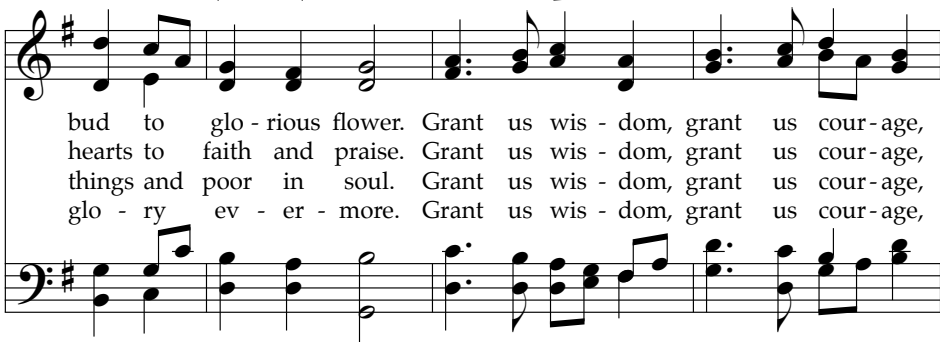
307 God of Grace and God of Glory



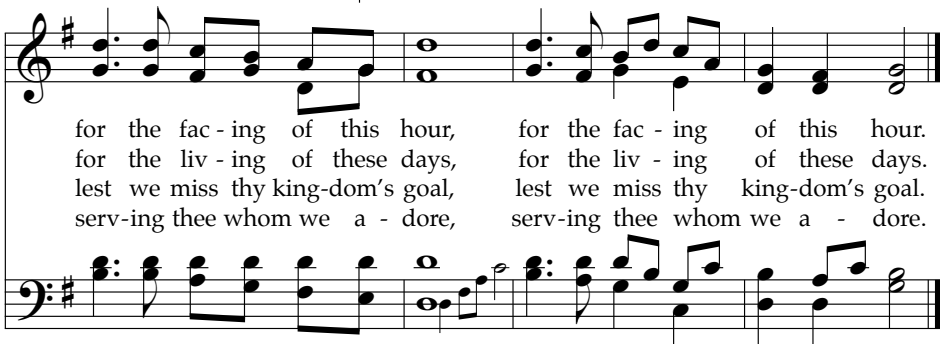
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D) Refrain (A7) (Em)
 Eb Bb7 Fm

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you

(A) (D) (A7) (D)
 Bb Eb Bb7 Eb

lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
 Bb7 C7 Fm Eb Bb7 Eb

day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)
 Eb C7 Fm Bb7 Fm

I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me

(A) (D) (D) (D7)
 Bb Eb Eb Eb7

o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)
 Fm Eb Bb7 Eb

face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.