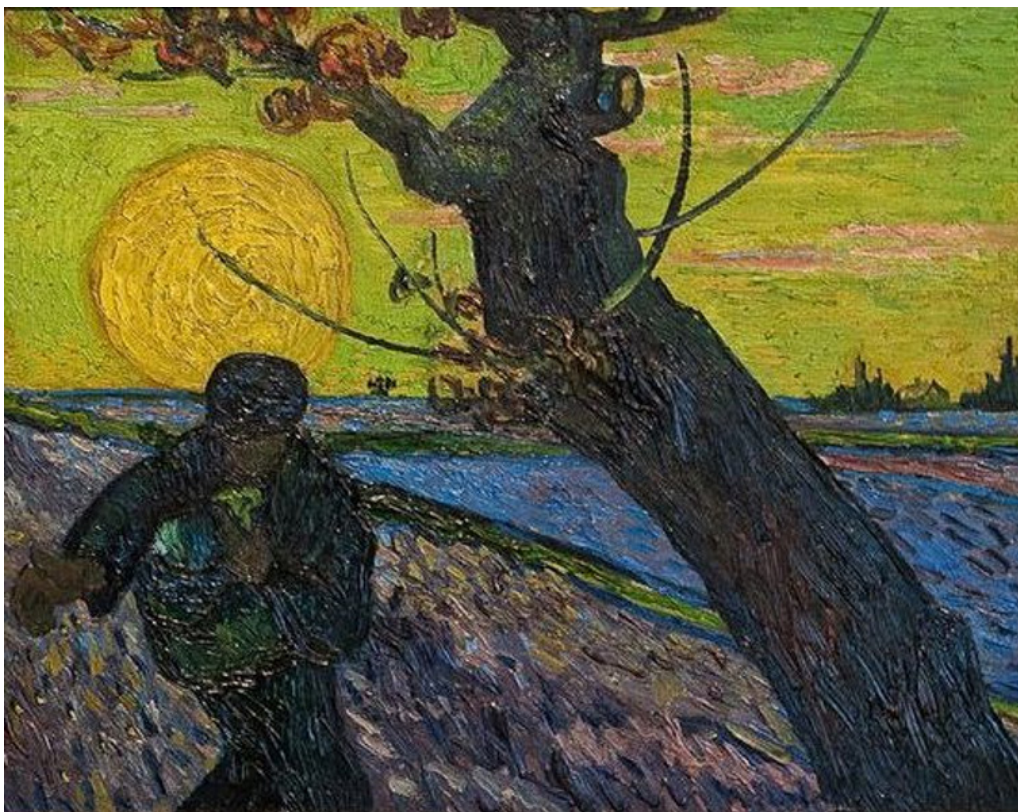




CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026**

GATHERING

Prelude

"The Solid Rock"

William B. Bradbury

Arranged by Lily Topolski, Lily Tolopski Music. 2023

Welcome and Announcements

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

In the kingdom of heaven,

there is plenty.

In the kingdom of heaven,

everyone and everything is in God's care.

The kingdom of heaven has come near,

and we come to re-orient our lives in it.

****Hymn - # 405**

"Praise God for this Holy Ground"

Call to Confession, with Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Prayer of Confession (L:Leader P: (bold) People)

L : O God the master gardener,
you have planted good seed in the field of your world,
and invited us to tend the field, whatever may grow.

**P : We confess that we have opinions about what belongs in your garden,
and we are passionate about weeding out those who don't seem to fit in.**

**Forgive us for overstepping the bounds of our calling,
trying to take on tasks that are not ours to do.**

L : O God the master gardener,
you have planted unexpected seed in your world,
and allowed it to be itself even when we want it to be different.

**P : We confess that we want everything to be useful or desirable for ourselves,
without thought for how it affects other parts of the creation or community.**

**Forgive us for refusing to see the amazing possibility you have placed
in even the smallest of seeds.**

Forgive us for misunderstanding our purpose.

**Open us to your possibility
and help us to bear fruit for your kingdom of heaven come on earth. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear this Good News! Don't be afraid. God is compassionate and merciful, patient and full of faithful love. God's hand leads us and holds us fast. Through the faithfulness of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit we can be at peace with God and with each other.

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

**Response - # 443, v. 1

"There is a Redeemer"

**There is a Redeemer: Jesus, God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.**

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Word in Music

"My Worth Is Not What I Own"

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Graham Kendrick.
My Way Music Ltd., Getty Music Publishing, and Map Catalogs, 2014.

Sung by Mr. Tom Engle and Ms. Haley Barham

Time for All God's Children

Pastor Janna

**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

Hebrew Bible Text for the Day

Psalm 86:11-16

Gospel Text for the Day

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Janna VanderWoude

Hymn of Response - # 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

Prayers of the People

Commissioning for the Gen-On Summit

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Tom Engle

Offertory

"Reflections"

Ryan Stewart

Ryan Stewart Music, 2025

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- #582**

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

****Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

SENDING

Hymn - #543

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" (O Christ, Surround Me)

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

"I Am A Child of God"

Naomi W. Randall

Arranged by Monica Scott. Monica Scott Music. 2016

Art Attribution

"Sower in the Setting Sun"

Vincent Van Gogh, 1888

Vincent van Gogh: Sower with Setting Sun | James Romaine

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!
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Texts for the Week

Matthew 13:1-2; 24-30; 36-43

That day Jesus went out of the house and sat down beside the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he climbed into a boat and sat down. The whole crowd was standing on the shore.

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like someone who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵ While people were sleeping, an enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ When the stalks sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The servants of the landowner came and said to him, 'Master, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Then how is it that it has weeds?'

²⁸ "'An enemy has done this,' he answered.

"The servants said to him, 'Do you want us to go and gather them?'²⁹ "But the landowner said, 'No, because if you gather the weeds, you'll pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow side by side until the harvest. And at harvesttime I'll say to the harvesters, "First gather the weeds and tie them together in bundles to be burned. But bring the wheat into my barn."

³⁶ Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ Jesus replied, "The one who plants the good seed is the Human One. ³⁸ The field is the world. And the good seeds are the followers of the kingdom. But the weeds are the followers of the evil one. ³⁹ The enemy who planted them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the present age. The harvesters are the angels. ⁴⁰ Just as people gather weeds and burn them in the fire, so it will be at the end of the present age. ⁴¹ The Human One^[b] will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that cause people to fall away and all people who sin. ⁴² He will throw them into a burning furnace. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's kingdom. Those who have ears should hear."

Psalm 86:11-16

¹¹ Teach me your way, LORD,
so that I can walk in your truth.

Make my heart focused
only on honoring your name.

¹² I give thanks to you, my Lord, my God,
with all my heart,
and I will glorify your name forever,

¹³ because your faithful love toward me is
awesome
and because you've rescued my life
from the lowest part of hell.

¹⁴ The arrogant rise up against me, God.
A gang of violent people want me dead.
They don't give a thought for you.

¹⁵ But you, my Lord,
are a God of compassion and mercy;
you are very patient and full of faithful love.

¹⁶ Come back to me! Have mercy on me!
Give your servant your strength;
save this child of your servant!

Important info!

This Thursday, July 23, Rev. Hyiwot Teshome, pastor at St. John United Church is screening a documentary about why people should join a community and what it means to join one. This is an important topic, especially these days when most people feel isolated.

Those hosting would love to have folks from CMPC join in!

It's a free screening, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

The link to register and get info on the documentary is here:





CMPC Festival

FUN. FOOD. FOR EVERYONE



SUNDAY
AUGUST 30
4:00-6:00 PM

Join us for an afternoon of games, activities, great food, and discover the many ways children, youth, and adults can connect and grow at CMPC.

Everyone is welcome!
Bring your family, invite your friends and neighbors!



FUN & GAMES



FREE FOOD & TREATS



EXPLORE MINISTRIES
for all ages!



CONNECT & GROW



SURPRISE ACTIVITIES

LOGOS • PRESCHOOL • SCOUTS • SUNDAY EXPERIENCE
BIBLE STUDIES • MUSIC MINISTRY • AND MORE!



Want to Help?
We're looking for volunteers to welcome guests, host activities, serve food, and help with setup and cleanup.
Scan the QR code or visit the link to let us know you're interested!



Stoked to Come?

No registration required, but letting us know you're coming helps us plan plenty of food and fun!



♡ FREE ADMISSION. FREE FOOD. FUN FOR ALL AGES ☆

Praise God for This Holy Ground 405

Capo 2: (D)

(G)

(A)

(Bm)

E

A

B

C#m



1 Praise God for this ho - ly ground,
 2 Praise God in whose word we find
 3 Praise God who through Christ makes known
 4 Praise God's Spir - it who be - friends,
 5 Though praise ends, praise is be - gun

(Em7)

(D/F#)

(Em7)

(Asus4) (A)

F#m7

E/G#

F#m7

Bsus4 B



place and peo - ple, sight and sound.
 food for bod - y, soul, and mind.
 all are loved and called God's own.
 rais - es, hum - bles, breaks, and mends.
 where God's will is glad - ly done.

Refrain

(D)

(G)

(Em7)

(A)

(F#7)

(Bm)

E

A

F#m7

B

G#7

C#m



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D)

(Em7)

(A7)

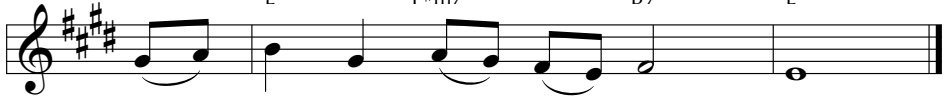
(D)

E

F#m7

B7

E



God's good - ness is e - ter - nal.

Although several passages in the Psalms come close to the wording of this refrain, none matches it exactly. The refrain serves as a summation of the stanzas, each of which is filled with multiple instances of God's providential mercy, and all of them are worth pondering.

God of the Fertile Fields

714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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

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

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

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

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

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

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

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

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

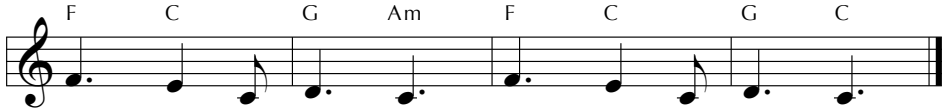
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.