



CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2026

GATHERING

Prelude

"You Are the Vine"

by Randy Rigby
Arranged by K. Kobayashi
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Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist Sue Ashman

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 Sue Ashman

L: The apostle Paul says, "My brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord!"

P: And we come here to lay our burdens down, at least for a moment.

L: And Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord!"

P: And there is peace in knowing we are not alone.

L: Rejoice in the Lord!

P: For where two or more are gathered, the Lord of joy is there.

****Hymn - # 307**

"Be Thou My Vision"

Call to Confession, with Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

Merciful God, it is so hard to have a "right-sized" image of ourselves. Too often we think too little of ourselves, underestimating the difference we can make in the world, assuming we do not matter. Too often we think too much of ourselves, assuming we have more power and importance than we do. Help us trust we have a place in your world. Give us humility to recognize our appropriate place in your creation. For you tell us, we are nothing more, and nothing less, than your beloved children, in Christ.

Assurance of our Hope in Christ

L: Friends, believe this good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, for in this human journey of following Christ:

P: We are freed to love friend, and enemy, and even ourselves, in the name of the one who first loved us, in Christ. Thanks be to God.

**Response - #515

"I Come with Joy" v 1
I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

Time for All God's Children

Rev. Amy Schacht

**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 Sue Ashman

Scripture for the Day

Philippians 3:1, 4b-14

Finally, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord.

To write the same things to you is not troublesome to me, and for you it is a source of steadfastness.

4 even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

7 Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. 8 More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ,[a] the righteousness from God based on faith. 10 I want to know Christ[b] and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, 11 if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal,[c] but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ[d] has laid hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold[e] of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly[f] call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Hymn of Response: insert "O God, by Your Mercy, We Come to This Place"

Prayers of the People

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Sue Ashman

Offertory

"Come Ye Children of the Lord"

by Benjamin Carr

Arranged by Elvis Anderson; Elvis Anderson, 2016

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.**

****Prayer of Dedication and Discipleship**

Liturgist Sue Ashman

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.

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.

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Hymn – #649

"Amazing Grace"

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

"We Are Marching in the Light of God" ("SIYAHAMBA")

Zulu Traditional Melody

Arranged by John Carter

Hope Publishing Company, 2004

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!

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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.

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O God, by Your Mercy, We Come to This Place

ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11 ("Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

O God, by your mercy we come to this place.
We feast at your table on gifts of your grace.
We taste your forgiveness, then learn what to do:
"Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly" with you.

O Christ, we're not strangers or enemies here.
For we're at your table, and you've made it clear:
We all are God's children, and blessed from above,
we're global, connected, and shaped by your love.

Lord, we look around and see hate everywhere.
Yet, you've shown us grace! It's a gift we're to share.
May we share this grace till your blessings increase
through justice and dialogue, kindness, and peace.

O Spirit, we pray that you'll move through the church,
till peace, love and unity cover the earth.
O God, bless these gifts with your grace from above,
till others find joy in the feast of your love.

Tune: Traditional Welsh hymn, in John Robert's Caniadau y Cyssegr (Songs of the Sanctuary),
1839 ("Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise")

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649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníúgo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshíitínigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da rít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

THANKSGIVING

CHEROKEE

*Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.
E gah gwoo yah hay ee.
Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,
e gah gwoo yah ho nah.*

KIOWA

*Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.
Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.*