

CHRIST MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
September 27, 2026**

GATHERING

Prelude

"Oh, How Good It Is"

by Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, Kristyn Getty
Arr. Brian Buda
GETTY MUSIC PUBLISHING, 2018

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist Jonathan Thornhill

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: Welcome to this time, set apart for worship:

P: A time for quiet and stillness.

L: Welcome to this space, holy in God's holy world:

P: A space for opening our hearts to God's still small voice.

L: Welcome to this time and place:

P: Where we are made again into one people, God's people.

****Hymn - # 307**

"God of Grace, and God of Glory"

Call to Confession, with Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray together:

Holy and Merciful God, we confess sometimes we are quick to complain about small irritations.

Sometimes we are slow to speak up, when we are desperately in need. Many times we confuse a small frustration with a genuine fear. We are impatient with the worries and complaints of others. We even get frustrated with our own tendencies to whine. In spite of your sustaining presence, we are quick to feel abandoned and alone. Remind us to look at the past, for there we see evidence of your Spirit, to sustain us in the present. In Christ's love. Amen.

Assurance of our Hope in Christ

L: Friends, believe this good news: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, for even in our fear and anxiety, and in our self-focus and tunnel vision:

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 - #436**

**"God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us" v 2
Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,
Stilled our rude hearts with your word of consoling.
Wrap now your peace, like a mantle, around us,
Guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.**

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

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Scripture for the Day

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. 6 I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He called the place Massah[a] and Meribah,[b] because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L: The Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rev. Amy Schacht

Hymn of Response: #65

"Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah"

Prayers of the People (ending with the Lord's Prayer, Hymnal p.35)

EUCCHARIST—OUR GRATITUDE AND TRUST IN GOD’S PROMISES

Invitation to the Offering

Liturgist Jonathan Thornhill

Offertory

“Ubi Caritas”

by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

arr. Victor C. Johnson

Publisher Victor C. Johnson, 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 Jonathan Thornhill

SENDING

Hymn – #372

“O for a World”

Blessing and Charge

Postlude

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

by Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Arr. Terri Hutchings

Publisher Terri Hutchings, 2024

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.
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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,

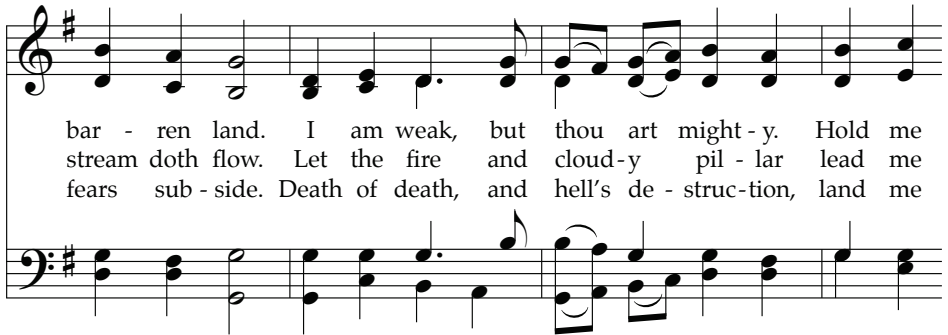
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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.

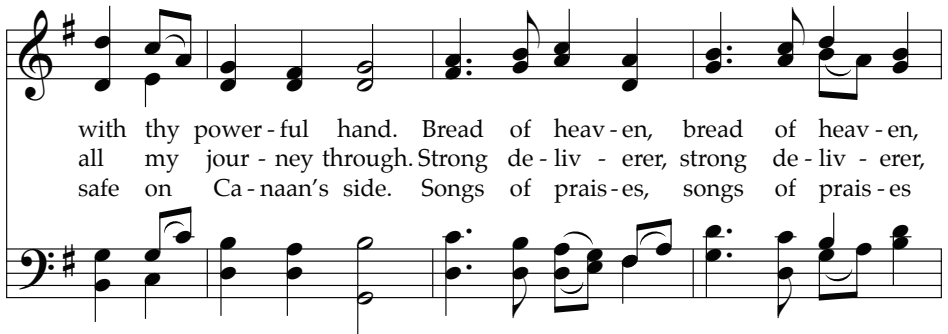
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug-gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo-rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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