

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GODSeptember 21 2025

PreludeAs we quiet our hearts for worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Announcements and WelcomeBen Phillips, Pastor of Ministries

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to WorshipIsaiah 46:10 I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please'" Invocation

Declaration of TruthHeidelberg Catechism Question and Answer 27 Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

All: God’s providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Hymn of PraiseO Father You Are Sovereign #75 O Father, you are sovereign In all the worlds you made; Your mighty Word was spoken, And light and life obeyed. Your voice commands the seasons And bounds the ocean’s shore, Sets stars within their courses And stills the tempests’ roar.

O Father, you are sovereign In all affairs of man; No powers of death or darkness Can thwart your perfect plan. All chance and change transcending, Supreme in time and space, You hold your trusting children Secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign The Lord of human pain, Transmuting earthly sorrows To gold of heavenly gain, All evil overruling, As none but Conqueror could, Your love pursues its purpose— Our souls’ eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now, But soon before your triumph Earth’s every knee shall bow. With this glad hope before us Our faith springs up anew: Our Sovereign Lord and Savior, We trust and worship you!

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Gift of MusicAlas! And Did My Savior BleedChoir & Violin

Receiving God’s Tithes and Our Offerings Today’s Word and Deed offering will be used to meet needs in our community. Please sign and pass the Sunday Register in the hymnal rack.

The Doxology and Prayer Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn of TestimonyO Great God (Children ages 3 through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children’s Church) O great God of highest heav’n, occupy my lowly heart. Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow’r. Let no vice or sin remain that resist your holy war. You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice, Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven’s joys. Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your Word to me, Through the gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

Help me now to live a life that’s dependent on your grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face. You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed. O great God of highest heav’n, glorify your Name through me.

THE WORD AND THE SACRAMENT

Prayer of Illumination

Reading of God’s WordPhilippians 1:12-18a pew Bible p. 908 All: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

Sermon“Unexpectedly The Gospel Advances” Series: Pressing Into Maturity Pastor Rick Holmes

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table: Those who have not yet come to the place in their lives of trusting Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are requested to let the elements pass. Please use this time to read Isaiah 53 (p. 613 in the pew Bible) asking God to show you the glory of his Son, Jesus Christ. If you are unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a member of the pastoral staff or one of the elders after the service.

Prayer of Confession

Hymn of PreparationMan of Sorrows! What A Name “Man of Sorrows,” what a name for the Son of God who came Ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood; Sealed my pardon with his blood; Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless, we, spotless Lamb of God was he; Full redemption—can it be? Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die, “It is finished!” was his cry; Now in heaven exalted high; Hallelujah! what a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, to his kingdom us to bring, Then anew this song we’ll sing; Hallelujah! what a Savior!

Receiving the Bread and Cup: For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. I Corinthians 11:26

Please note: the bread is gluten-free. Our custom is that we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.

Assurance of PardonPsalm 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

OUR RESPONSE

Hymn of CelebrationChildren Of The Heavenly Father #131 Children of the heav’nly Father safely in his bosom gather Nestling bird nor star in Heaven such a refuge e’er was given

God, his own doth tend and nourish in his holy courts they flourish From all evil things he spares them in his mighty arms he bears them

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord, his children sever Unto them his grace he showeth and their sorrows all he knoweth

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers your Protector never slumbers At the will of your Defender ev’ry foeman must surrender

Though he giveth or he taketh God his children ne’er forsaketh His, the loving purpose solely to preserve them, pure and holy

More secure is no one ever than the loved ones of the Savior; Not yon star on high abiding nor the bird in home-nest hiding

The Benediction and Three-fold Amen

Serving Christ at CMPC September 14	
Lock-up	Robert Martin and Mike Peifer
8:30am	
Ushers	Chuck Eidson, Don Shanks, Eric Tucker, Tony Faulkner, Marty Moore, Jeff Garner
Greeters	Debbie Rumbold
Infants/Toddlers	Charlotte Owens and Isabella Johnson
Children’s Church	Seth and Katie Penland
Junior Assistants	
11am	
Ushers	Steve Saville, Richard Conley, Ryan Conley, Michael Johnson, Sawyer Johnson, Edd Price
Greeters	<i>sign up to be a greeter at cmpca.org/greeters</i>
Infants/Toddlers	Walker Gossage and Kay Davis
Children’s Church	Daniel Lingerfelt
Junior Assistants	Patelynn Lingerfelt and Luke Geist

This Week at CMPC	
Sunday	
8:30am, 11am	Worship Services
10am	Sunday School
5pm	Handbell Practice
6:30pm	Sunday Evening Worship Service Children’s Choir practice in the CLC
Wednesday	Wednesday Night Alive
5:30pm	Meal: Spaghetti, Salad, Rolls, Brownies with Ice Cream <i>Sign up by Monday at cmpca.org or in the Welcome Center!</i>
6:00pm	Orchestra
6:30pm	Choir WNA Classes Nursery Youth Group



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