



Central Presbyterian Church

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Office hours: Tuesday – Friday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m.

* Worshippers are invited to rise in body or spirit.

If you do not wish to be seen on the live video feed for the service, please sit in a pew under a balcony.

~ Gathering as God's People ~

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Jack Barden

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Introit

I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For, Bono, Adam Clayton, Larry Mullen Jr.

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, traditional

CPC Chancel Choir

"I have climbed the highest mountains.

I have run through the fields.

Only to be with you. Only to be with you.

I have run, I have crawled.

I have scaled these city walls.

These city walls. Only to be with you.

But I still haven't found. What I'm looking for.

But I still haven't found. What I'm looking for.

I believe in the Kingdom Come.

Then all the colours will bleed into one.

Bleed into one. But yes, I'm still running.

You broke the bonds. And you loosed the chains.

Carried the cross of my shame.

Oh my shame, you know I believe it.

But I still haven't found. What I'm looking for.

But I still haven't found. What I'm looking for.

But I still haven't found. What I'm looking for.

But I still haven't found. What I'm looking for.

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing;

Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,

Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,

Sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,

Mount of Thy redeeming love."

Call to Worship

One: Our God gathers us here.

All: **We have been tested, we have suffered, but God has brought us through.**

One: We cried aloud to God, and God listened and answered.

All: **Therefore, we will praise God with shouts of joy! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Hymn #15: All Creatures of Our God and King

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Prayer of Confession

Laurel Stoddard

All: Holy One, We love you imperfectly: we do not always keep your commandments. We love each other imperfectly: we hurt those you call us to love through our actions and our inaction. We love ourselves imperfectly: we struggle to believe that we are truly your children, made in your image. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, make us more faithful that we might live as Christ has shown us, reflecting your love and grace. (Silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Anyone who is in Christ is a new Creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (Hymn #582)*

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

~ Proclaiming God's Word ~

Scripture

Isaiah 43:9-13

Pew Bible, O.T. Pg. 632

One: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Peace Like a River, arr. Donald Moore

Chancel Choir

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
In my heart is playing a sweet melody.
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.

In my heart is ringing a sweet melody,
I've got joy like a river in my soul.
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river,
I've got love like a river in my soul.
And in my heart is singing a sweet melody.
I've got love like a river in my soul.
In my soul.

Time with Children

**Rise Up, Shine Bright, Let love be your guiding light. (x2)
Speak kind words and be a friend. From your heart is where it begins.
Give a smile and shake a hand. Always do the best you can.
Rise Up, Shine Bright, Let love be your guiding light.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Acts 17:16-34

N.T. Pg. 129

One: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Speaking Mystery to Intellect

Rev. Jack Barden

**Hymn #12: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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~ Responding to God's Word ~

Communion

We use non-alcoholic grape juice. There is gluten free bread available in the middle line. You do not need to be a church member, or even a Presbyterian to participate in communion. For more information, please see the yellow cards found in the pews.

Communion Music

Panis Angelicus, Cesar Frank

Ashton McKenzie, tenor, André Trahan, bass, Nathan Quiring, organ

The Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga a nosotros tu reino, hágase tu voluntad
así en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día
y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como
nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores.
No nos dejes caer en tentación,
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder
y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.**

Offering

Giving is a form of worship and we offer our gifts to bring Christ’s hope to our world. For ways to give, see information following the order of worship.

*Doxology: Hymn #606 †

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication of Offering

*Hymn #451: *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

~ **Going into God’s World** ~

*Benediction

*Congregational Response: Hymn #372

AZMON

**O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

Postlude

† Some prefer the words, “Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost” to “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

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Organist/Pianist Nathan Quiring
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EVENTS CALENDAR

- April 9 - May 7 – Spiritual Formation: 5-week Book Discussion with Rev. Jim Collier. Thursdays at 7pm on Zoom. “Hope Restored” by Walter Brueggemann.
- May 9 – Memorial Service for Retta VanAuken at 11:30am in the Sanctuary, reception to follow.
- May 10 – Youth Sunday! Youth will lead the worship service.
- May 13 – Social Justice Night. Gun Violence Prevention with Dylan Le, Texas Impact.
Dinner at 6pm, Presentation at 6:45pm. RSVP Here: 
- May 17 – Prospective New Member Gathering in Smoot Hall at 10am.
- May 24 – Pentecost Sunday.
- May 31 – Potluck Sunday.
- June 2-5 – Summer Service Week. Sign-up Today!
- June 7 – CPR Class in Smoot Hall, 1-3:30pm. \$40 for adults, free for youth.
- June 13 – Memorial Service for Ellen Perry at 1:30pm in the Sanctuary, reception to follow.
- June 14 – We Are Blood! Drive at St. David’s 9:30am-1:00pm. Save a life, donate blood!

This Week’s Birthdays


Denise Benbow ~ May 4
 Noel Ortiz ~ May 7
 Isabella Ruiz-Green ~ May 8

Interested in becoming a member of CPC? Welcome!

Pastor Jack and the Membership Team are hosting a Prospective Member Gathering in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, May 17th at 10 a.m.** Anyone who is interested in learning more about CPC or joining our church family is welcome to attend!

- Ongoing Weekly Gatherings**
- Sundays, 9:15-10:15am – Reading & Reflection
 - Sundays, 12-12:30pm – Children’s Choir
 - Tuesdays, 9-11am – Prep for Success
 - Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30pm — Choir Rehearsal
 - Thursdays, 8-11am—Central Mission
 - Thursdays, 12-12:35pm —Noonday Concerts

Welcome New Visitors!

Please fill out a Visitor Information Card and drop it in the offering plate, or use this QR code to register. 


 **Summer Service Week June 2-5th**
 Sign-Up to volunteer: 

Questions? Contact the CPC office.

By the numbers...
 Last week’s attendance: 82

Financial Info (1/1-3/31):	Actual	Budget
Total Pledges	\$ 89,700	\$ 95,879
Total Other Income	\$ 27,869	\$ 37,263
Total Expenses	\$ 158,508	\$ 165,953
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (40,939)	\$ (32,811)
Cash in Bank (General Fund): \$50,064		
Investment Account Balance 3/31/26: \$363,830		

Ways to support CPC’s ministries:

- Text “2026pledge”, “Pastor”, “Neighbors”, or “Cpcdonations” to 53555.
- For PayPal/Zelle donations, use bookkeeper@cpcastin.org.
- Mail a check to the church office. For Credit Card use the QR code. 

15 All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ous of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

Harmony

with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

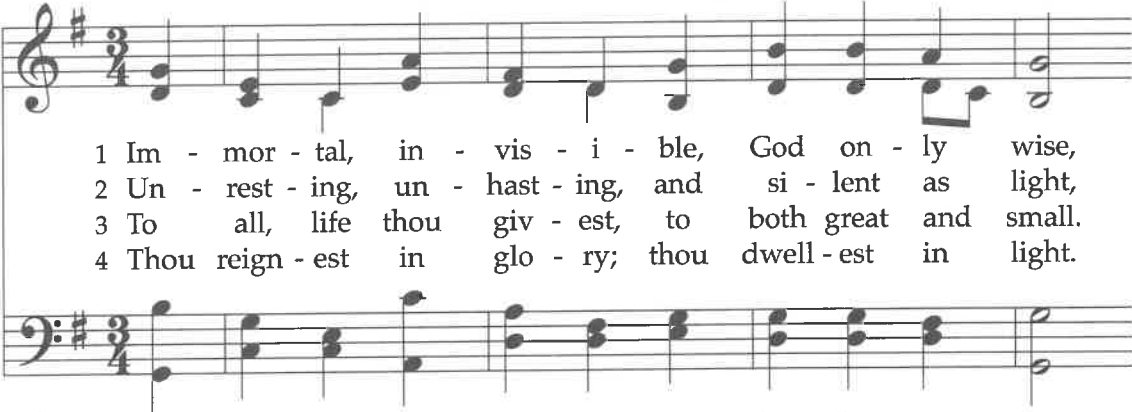
Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

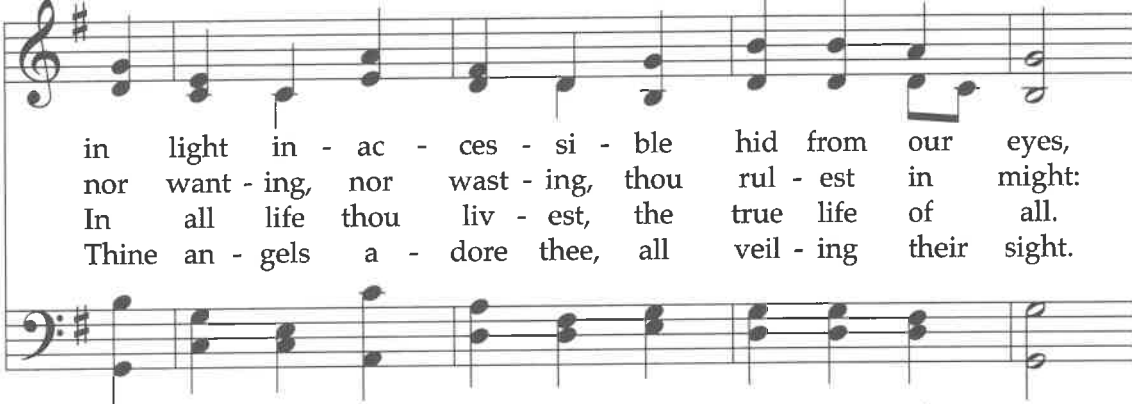
5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

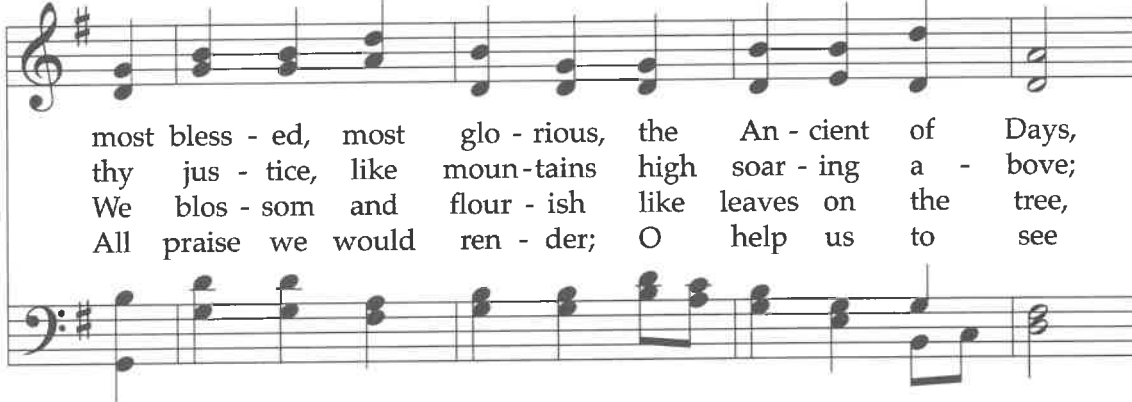
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



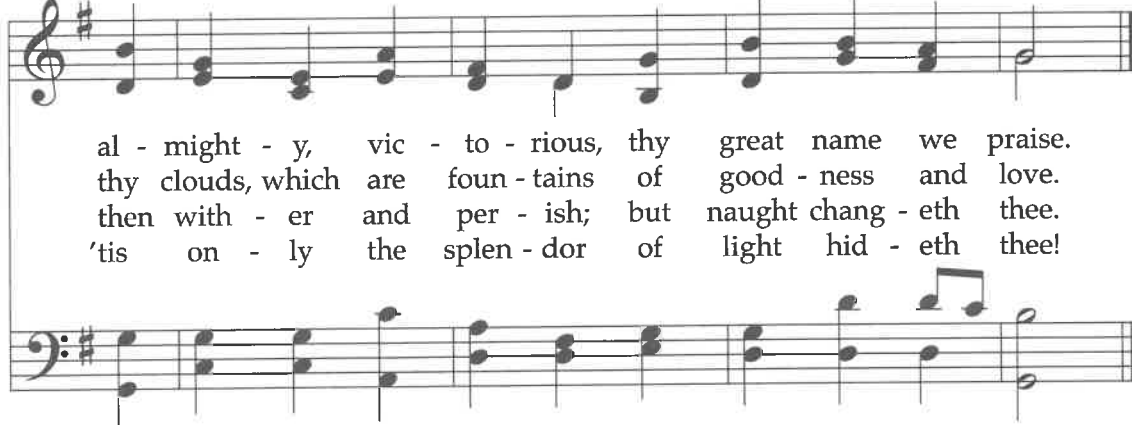
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



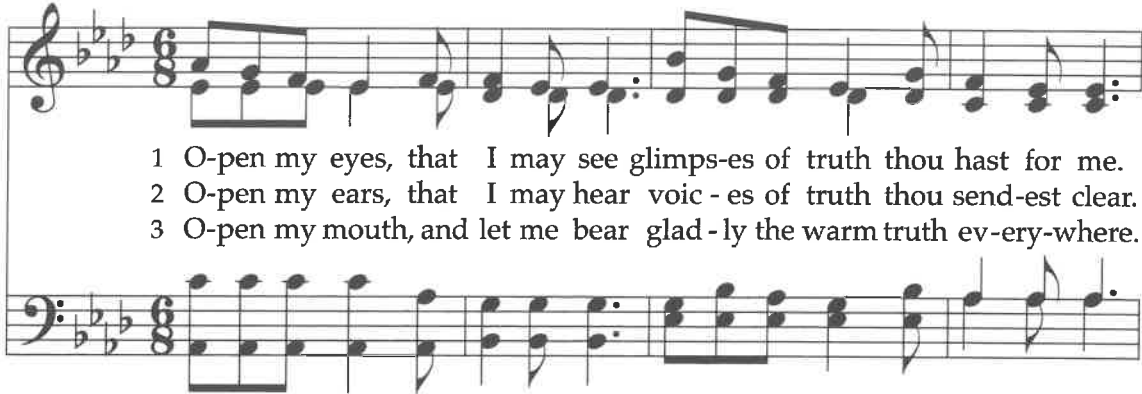
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



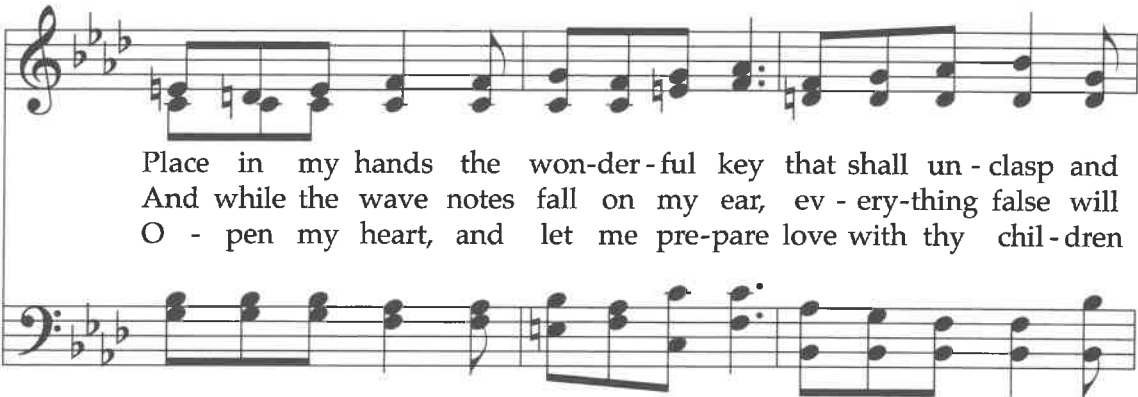
al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

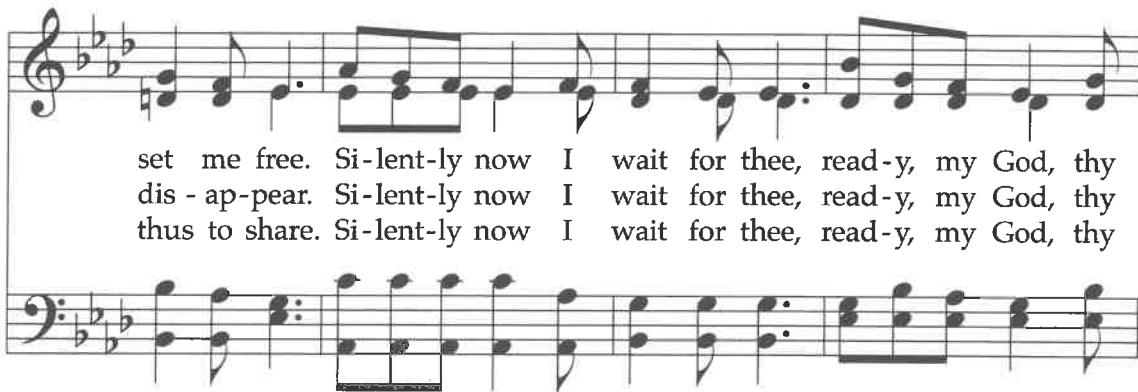
Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.