

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 30, 2023

10:30 A.M.



# PEACE BE WITH YOU

As pastors of Catonsville Presbyterian Church, we know that this is a community of love, care, and true welcome. We pray that you will experience our hospitality and our delight in your presence.

Not only do we welcome you and your family, but we seek to welcome the full range of experiences, identities, and feelings that you carry. Our life together is often marked by a desire to thoughtfully engage God's world and our own humanity. We're compelled by the reality that the Christian life is often full of doubt, fear, loneliness, shortfalls, and uncertainty, in the same way that it can be full of beauty, belonging, love, and hope.

Whoever you are today, whoever you have been, and whoever you have yet to be: you are welcome in this space. We hope to meet you this morning, and if not, we hope to say hello in the coming days. If you are interested in learning more about our ministry at Catonsville Presbyterian Church, consider opening your phone's camera and following the QR



code on this page. We'll send a short email with some ways to get connected this week and in the weeks to come.

Once again, welcome. You are a beloved child of God.

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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

## ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

We actively engage our intellects and our hearts in what we believe to be true: that God's peace, justice, and radical love are good news for every corner of our lives. We seek to be a place of freedom and liberation, where people of all ages and backgrounds deepen their connection to God and others while making a tangible difference in our Catonsville community and throughout the world.

Rooted in this faith, our congregation proudly affirms the gifts, callings, and God-given identities of LGBTQIA+ members, friends, and guests. God invites all of us to explore and discover the person God has created and known before all time.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Currently, educational ministries are held on the second week of each month. These Second Sundays include childcare beginning at 10:00 a.m., multi-age church school for those in kindergarten through fifth grade, and middle-school and high-school programming during worship.

Today, you can find children's bulletins, books, and activities in the back of the sanctuary. The fellowship hall is available for families to use if desired. The service can be heard in the room and there's plenty of space for active children.

## ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP AND CHURCH LIFE

Disabilities have been part of God's people throughout time and space, and nearly all of us—whether young or old—will be disabled at some point throughout our lives. If there are particular accommodations that might improve accessibility and access to worship, programming, or participation in congregational life, please reach out to a pastor, deacon, or staff member. The sanctuary is also fitted with a hearing loop and headsets are available in the rear.

**“Baptism is at once  
God’s gift of grace, God’s  
means of grace, and  
God’s call to respond  
to that grace... Baptism  
is the bond of unity in  
Jesus Christ.”**

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

Pastorale in E Major, César Franck

Perhaps most fitting for today's prelude, the word pastor in Latin means "shepherd." May the peace and calm we hear in today's prelude excerpt from Franck's Pastorale prepare us to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd today and in our daily lives.

Read more about today's prelude on page 12.

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on John 10:1-10

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

Our Good Shepherd calls.

**He knows us each by our name.**

Our Good Shepherd leads.

**We are here to listen and to follow.**

Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

**We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.**

### † HYMN # 242

"Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded"

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call. You gather us, but we wander away, losing ourselves in false and superficial comforts. You speak truth, but we fail to hear and respond. Good Shepherd, do not give up on us. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.**

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

*(Silent prayer)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when we walk through the darkest valley, God is with us. God does not abandon us. Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace. **Amen.**

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582

“Glory To God, Whose  
Goodness Shines On Me”

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

## LIFE IN COMMUNITY



Come in your faith, and in your doubt! If you are joining us for the first time, we invite you to share your information by scanning the QR code. We would love to connect.

Upcoming events and recent announcements are available in the back of the bulletin and on our website at [catonsvillepres.org](http://catonsvillepres.org).

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Savior God, we are in awe of you and the way you guide us to the greater good. You've gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit's wisdom and truth. Open our ears, minds, and hearts to your Word read and proclaimed today. May we know your truth and respond in faith. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 2:42-47

Pew Bible, page 120 of the New Testament

**MESSAGE**

“Resurrection Practices”

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty,  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**† Hymn # 297**

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

**Presentation**

Dorothea Marie Bender

### Promise and commitment

Q: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ promise to guide and nurture Dorothea by word and deed, with love and prayer?

A: **We do.**

Q: Will you encourage her to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of Christ's church?

A: **We will.**

### Baptism

### Prayer

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

### Opening words

There are different gifts,

**but it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

There are different ways of serving God,

**but it is the same Lord who is served.**

God works through different people in different ways,

**but it is the same God who achieves God's purpose through them all.**

Each one is given a different gift by the Spirit,

**To use it for the common good.**

Together we are the body of Christ,

**And individually members of him.**

Though we have different gifts,

**together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ.**

### Ruling Elders

Melissa Lambdin  
Norman Lazarus\*  
Howie Nixon

### Deacons

Chuck Field\*                      Susan Schultise  
Jane Kennedy\*                    Charre Symms  
Rick Santos\*

Officers marked with an asterisk\* indicates the individual is also being ordained.



## Questions for the Officers-Elect

### Questions for the Congregation

Q: Do we, the members of the church, accept these people as ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

A: **We do.**

Q: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

A: **We do.**

## CALL TO OFFERING

Our God provides for us as a shepherd provides for his sheep. Let us return a portion of all we have been given in gratitude for our God's generosity.

## OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

We give out of abundance, whatever that may be. If you would like to contribute financially to Catonsville Presbyterian Church, scan the QR code or use the offering plates in the rear of the sanctuary.



## OFFERTORY

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

Arr. Moses Hogan

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

† DOXOLOGY # 607

“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. Amen.**

† PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return. You meet our needs and transform us for service. Accept these gifts as tokens of our gratitude and bless Christ’s ministry with these offerings. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND  
THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Based on a prayer of Clement of Rome, a first-century bishop.

Shepherd God, who gathers us for worship and prayer, who sustains us with the breath of life, who quenches our thirst with calm and holy waters, hear our prayers for those in need.

**Grant relief to the suffering;  
Have mercy on the oppressed;  
Heal the sick;  
Raise up those who have been beaten down;  
Feed the hungry;  
Humble the proud;  
Return the lost;  
Release the captives;  
Revive those who are exhausted and weak;  
Calm the anxious;  
Comfort those who live in fear;  
Redeem our violent, warring world;  
Grant us all peace.**

(Prayers of the People, continued)

Ground us in your good news, O God, and help us hold on to your promises of hope. Keep our feet steady on Christ's path as we seek to be his faithful followers, praying the prayer Jesus taught us saying:

**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.**

† HYMN # 295

“Go to the World!”

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

We stand in awe of our amazing God.

We live guided by our Good Shepherd.

We are commissioned for service by the breath of the Holy Spirit.

We are a blessed people.

Let us go and be a blessing to others.

May the grace, hope, peace, and love of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us all, now and forever. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

Tocatta in F Major, BuxWV 157, Dietrick Buxtehude

This work is wonderfully dramatic. Florid scale passages, freedom, and an improvisatory approach are all hallmarks of the Baroque stylus phantasticus.

Today's excerpt is the toccata portion only, which when performed in its entirety is followed by a strict fugue.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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Associate Pastor

Greg Knauf,  
Director of Music

Dottie Marshall,  
Sanctuary set up

Andrew Glennan,  
Video production

Kenneth E. Kovacs,  
Pastor

Wendy Johnston,  
Organist and Assistant  
Director of Music

Vickie Lord,  
Social media support

## SOURCES

Teri McDowell Ott, *The Presbyterian Outlook*, 2023.

*Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

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## MORE ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

**Pastorale in E Major, César Franck:** Today's excerpt from César Franck's *Pastorale in E Major* from his *Six Pièces* draws inspiration from the idyllic simplicity of nature and the countryside. In this excerpt we hear an initial theme, which is then restated and combined with a second theme; a compositional device Franck used often. Pastorales were a popular musical form during the Romanticism of the 19th century, which glorified all forms of nature, as exemplified by Beethoven's *Pastoral Symphony* and Schubert's *Trout Quintet*. Composers often used pastorales as an "oasis" of peace and calm in the center of their works, and indeed, Franck's *Pastorale* is fourth of his *Six Pièces*.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Church Grounds Workdays

Yesterday's workday was rescheduled due to weather and will be held this coming Saturday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Wheelbarrows and shovels are welcome! People of all skill levels and no skill levels are invited to lend a hand. Please contact Ron Gunderson ([cinron.md@gmail.com](mailto:cinron.md@gmail.com)) or the church office to RSVP or learn more.

### Presbyterian Women: Bridges Circle

The Bridges circle of Presbyterian Women will take a brief hiatus in May and June before resuming on Thursday, July 13 at Brightview in Catonsville. Bridges will begin a new study of *Inspired* by Rachel Held Evans. Please contact Tracy Lantz ([tklantz@verizon.net](mailto:tklantz@verizon.net)) with any questions.

### Participate in Service Live Streaming

A few volunteers are needed for live streaming worship. No experience is necessary, and volunteers don't need to be especially tech-savvy. Michael Cuppett ([mcuppett@catonsvillepres.org](mailto:mcuppett@catonsvillepres.org)) is hoping to train two additional volunteers during worship on Sunday, May 7 and Sunday, May 14. This is a fun and easy way to make a significant contribution to worship!

### Friday Food Collections

The Friday Food Collection has been so popular in our local community that the Mission Committee decided it would be great to resume this collection for this summer. Starting on May 5th, we will be collecting food in the small Frederick Road parking lot from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will collect every other Friday, and will alternate giving the donations to Grace AME and CEA food pantries. Some contributions will be shared with the Westowne Elementary School until the conclusion of the academic year. Members of the Board of Deacons and the Mission Committee will be volunteering to serve as collectors in this ministry, but anyone is welcome to volunteer. Sign up now at [tinyurl.com/cpc-friday-food](http://tinyurl.com/cpc-friday-food) to serve during Friday Food Collections.

### Celebrating Our Graduates

We will be celebrating our graduates during worship on Mother's Day, May 14. If you or someone in your life is graduating from an educational or vocational program, please send their name, educational institution, and type of program or degree to the church office ([office@catonsvillepres.org](mailto:office@catonsvillepres.org)).

## EDUCATION AND FORMATION

### Adult Education: Solved By Walking

May 7 and 21, 9:00 a.m. in the Library.

Led by Kenneth Kovacs.

*Solvitur ambulando.* “It is solved by walking.” A Latin saying attributed to St. Augustine (354-430). What is solved by walking? As I learned walking the Camino, perhaps everything—well, a lot of things. As we head into the summer months and spend more time outdoors, we’ll explore what could be called a theology of *walking*. Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855) said, “I know of no thought so burdensome that one cannot walk away from it.” Naturalist John Muir (1838-1914), who once walked from Louisville, KY, to Key West, FL, confessed, “I only went out for a walk and ... going out, I found, was really going in.” Contemporary writer Rebecca Solnit says walking “is how the body measures itself against the earth.” And Jesus certainly spent a lot of time walking and came to show us the way. In fact, the first Christians were known as followers of The Way. There’s a lot to discover here. Wear “comfy shoes” and bring your “walking stick.”

### Thursday Morning Bible Study: The Post-Covid Church

Every week from 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Library and online. Led by Kenneth Kovacs.

Our lives, including the life of the church, have been indelibly marked by our pandemic experience. So much has changed. What will the post-covid church look like? What can Acts, which tells the story of the emergence of the church, say to us in the living of these days?

#### May 4: Acts 2:1-42

Come, Holy Spirit

#### May 11: Acts 2:43-47

Life in Community

#### May 18: Acts 9:1-22

Encounter on the Damascus Road

#### May 25: Acts 17:16-34

Religious, Not Spiritual

## GIVING UPDATE

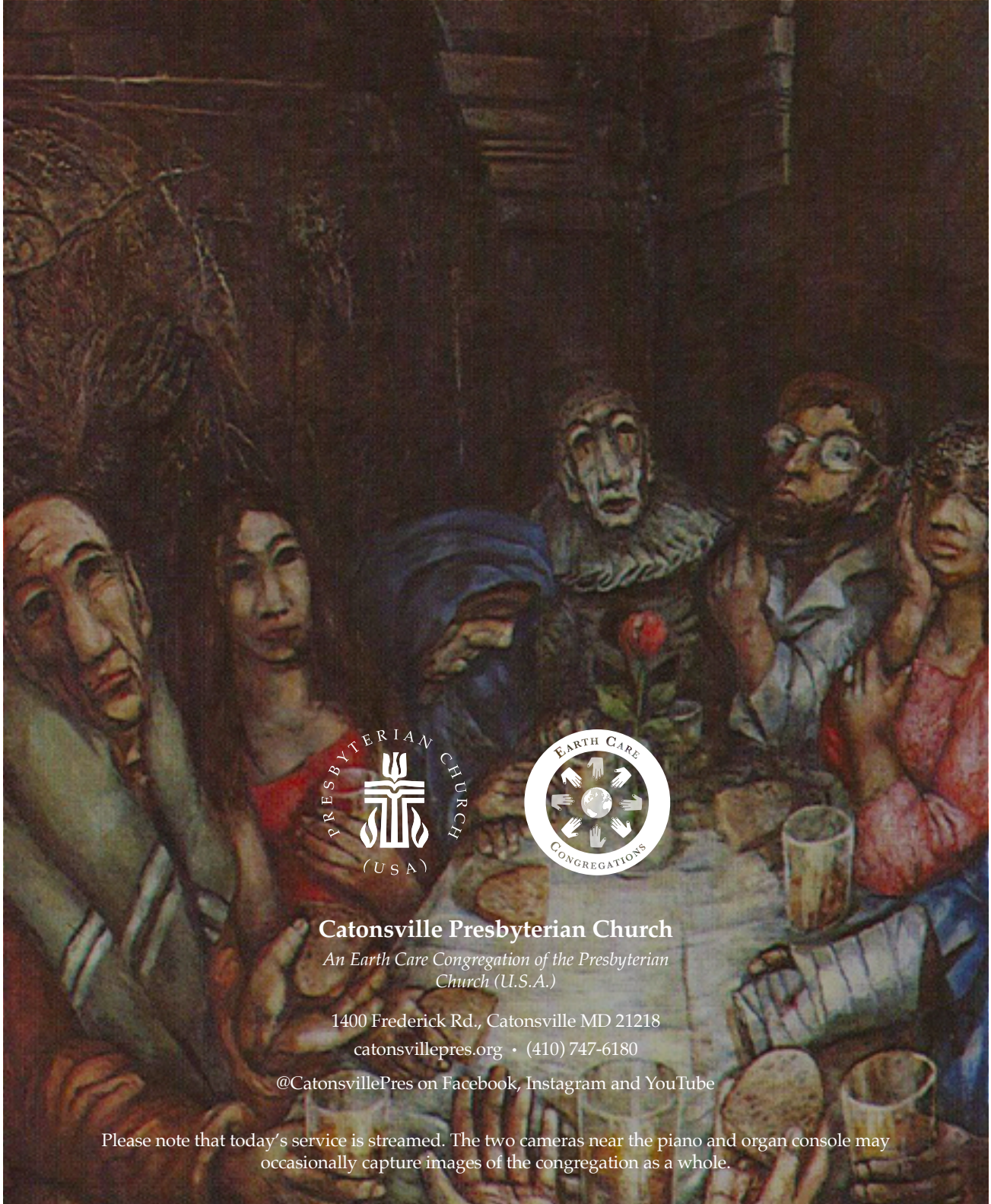
We publish these numbers every week out of our gratitude for your financial giving. Thank you for your generosity towards our ministry and life together!

Actual income . . . . .	\$ 273,718
Actual expense . . . . .	\$ - 250,637
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 23,081</b>
Per capita . . . . .	\$ 1,460

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

The most accurate and up-to-date calendar is available on our website at [catonsvillepres.org/events](http://catonsvillepres.org/events). Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook for event updates, schedule changes, and corrections throughout the week.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location/time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	Presbyterian Women	Zoom, 9:30 a.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
	Contemplative Listening	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
	Dismantling Racism	Zoom, 7:30 p.m.	Jeff Bolognese jabolognese@gmail.com
<b>Tues.</b>	Needlework group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
	Staff Meeting	Church House, noon	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
<b>Wed.</b>	Session Meeting	Library, 7:00 p.m.	David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net
<b>Thurs.</b>	Bible Study	Library, 10:30 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir room, 7 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org
<b>Fri.</b>	Food Collection	Frederick Rd Entrance 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com
<b>Sat.</b>	Church Grounds Workday	Pavilion, 9:00 a.m.	Ron Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com



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Please note that today's service is streamed. The two cameras near the piano and organ console may occasionally capture images of the congregation as a whole.