



Fifth Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 7, 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.

Be a bright flame before me, O God,
a guiding star above me.
Be a smooth path below me,
a kindly shepherd behind me
today, tonight, and forever.
Alone with none but you, my God,
I journey on my way;
what need I fear when you are near,
O Lord of night and day?
More secure am I within your hand
than if a multitude did round me stand.
Amen.

St. Columba (521-597) of Iona

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Bass and Soprano on the Trumpet in Dialogue,"
Louis-Nicolas Clérembault

Louis-Nicolas Clérembault was born into a family of musicians who had served the kings of France for over a hundred years. He served as organist for the Royale de Saint-Cyr (a well-known school for royal girls) and at the famed Paris church of Saint-Sulpice during the reigns of Louis XIV and Louis XV. Today's prelude features a lively dialogue between the Bass Trumpet and the Soprano Trumpet and is from his Second Suite (1710).

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

With nature in its power and beauty, with rain and wind and sunshine, with the ancient rocks and the budding flower,
we gather in praise of God.

With believers and seekers the whole world wide, with people in every land and speakers of every language,
we gather in praise of God.

With the angels and the saints in heaven, and with all who have worshipped in this place,
we gather in praise of God.

With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers blessings,
we gather in praise of God.

Here let heaven and earth embrace;
here may God's people find the way home.

Come, let us worship God!

† Please rise in body or in spirit

† HYMN # 394

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal Maker of the endless heavens,
lowly Christ, befriender of all,
Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters,
in earth, seas, and sky you are ever present.**

**O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, souls within all souls,
in everything we touch, in everyone we meet you are there,
and we give you thanks.**

**But where we have not touched but trampled you in creation, where we
have not honored but avoided you in one another,
where we have not received but rejected your goodness,
forgive us, and hear our plea for pardon.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

Silent prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!
Know that God is good.
God forgives what is past and enables us to begin again.
Once we were no people, now we are God's people.
Once we were beyond God's mercy;
now that mercy has been given to us.
So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity,
by safeguarding God's earth,
delighting in its people,
and loving our Maker to whom be glory forever.
Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582

“Glory To God, Whose
Goodness Shines On Me”

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the hearing of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow in the way that leads to life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 4:10-18
Pew Bible, page 587 of the Old Testament

† HYMN # 739

“O For a Closer Walk with God”

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14
Pew Bible, page 108 of the New Testament

SERMON

“Finding Our Way”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

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

“In Remembrance of Me”

Beryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don’t look above, but in your heart,

Look in your heart for God

Do this in remembrance of me.

† 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

Almighty God, receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness. Make our lives to be an acceptable offering in union with our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.

† COMMUNION HYMN # 517

“Here, O Our Lord, We See You” (vv. 1-3)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

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.

Praise is yours, holy God, praise beyond all telling.

All that we are, all that we have, all that we know,
and all that is yet to be comes from your care.

Water and wisdom, light and longing, the stones in the earth
and the hope in our hearts are grounded in your graciousness.

The life of the world and all its people,
nature and human skill celebrate you as first mover and final destiny.

Therefore, to the unending song of earth, sea, and sky we join our praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Because you, gracious God, have been faithful to us,
we will be faithful to Jesus.

He promised to be with those who meet in his name: this we believe.

He promised to hear the prayers of faithful people: this we believe.

He said that in the communion of bread and cup he would be present to us as
we remembered him: **this we celebrate.**

So, send now your Spirit among us and upon this bread and cup,
that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love,
and be engaged in your service.

And hear us as we offer the ancient prayer that's ever new:

**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.**

Communion of God's People

Prayer After Communion

Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table.

**May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich
the lives of others wherever we may go from here.**

**Whether the future be dark or bright,
the road be smooth or rough,**

**whether our cares be light or heavy,
our song be strong or weak,
keep our hearts warm and our hands open,
our lives embracing and ever embraced by your love.**

Amen.

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

† **HYMN # 300**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

† **BENEDICTION**

This is the day that God has made;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

We will not offer to God

offerings that cost us nothing.

Go in peace to love and to serve;

we will seek peace and pursue it.

May the blessing of God be upon you,

the blessing of the Christ of love,

the blessing of the Spirit of peace;

the blessing of the Triune God

sustain you and lead you forward.

Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Toccata in Seven,” John Rutter

The postlude for today is a lively toccata in septuple meter by English choral composer, John Rutter. The word toccata comes from the Italian toccare, which means to touch a musical instrument. Toccatas are virtuosic pieces for keyboard with rapid runs and fingerwork. The jubilant opening toccata theme makes way to a sostenuto middle section before returning with joyful exuberance for a final flourish.

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SOURCES

Book of Common Worship (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018).

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is Available

The May edition of the Messenger was emailed out this past week. Copies are available online at catonsvillepres.org/messenger and in the front and back of the sanctuary.

Q&A with Ken and Dorothy

On Sunday, May 21 following worship, visitors and friends are invited to a Q&A time to help get familiar with our ministry and life together. There is no set agenda, just come with your questions on everything from Presbyterian theology to the minutiae of our church programs.

Youth Group this Month

Because the second week of this month is Mother's Day, middle- and senior-high youth will gather a week later on May 21 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Memorial Service for Lee Van Koten

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to memorialize the life and legacy of our beloved friend, Lee Van Koten. Members and friends are invited to attend.

Second Sunday

Next week is a Second Sunday, and though it is Mother's Day, childcare, multi-age church school, and youth Cocoa and Conversation are still happening! As a reminder, childcare begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Owls' Room at the end of the hallway in the education wing. Find more info at catonsvillepres.org/ministries/families

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).

Outlaw Derby

On Saturday, May 13, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the pavilion, Cub Scout Pack 306 will be hosting its inaugural Outlaw Derby Race. This race is open to community members to build and race their own car type creations. We welcome the community to come watch and cheer on the racers.

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 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	\$ 282,238
Actual expense	\$ - 271,913
Total	\$ 10,325
Per capita	\$ 1,660

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Date	Event	Location/time	Contact
Mon.	Stephen Ministry Meeting	Nesbitt Room, 5 p.m.	Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org
	Contemplative Listening	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
Tues.	Needlework group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
	Staff Meeting	Church House, 1 p.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Envision Board	Zoom, 6:15 p.m.	Reid Spearman speareid@gmail.com
Thurs.	Bible Study	Library, 10:30 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Choir Rehearsal	Choir room, 7 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org



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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.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

O for a Closer Walk with God 739

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a
 2 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet
 3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -
 4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm

calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -
 mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that
 e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it
 and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall

on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
 from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Merely longing for a restored relationship with God is not enough; real repentance requires amendment of life (stanza 3). The similarity of stanzas 1 and 4 suggests both continuity and improvement. This tune was one of the new common tunes in the Scottish Psalter of 1635.

Here, O Our Lord, We See You 517

1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
 2 Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear.
 5 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,

Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with you the roy - al cup of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 the bread and wine re - move, but you are here,
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

and all our wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 and taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.
 near - er than ev - er, still our shield and sun.
 the Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

These stanzas are selected from a ten-stanza hymn written in 1855 to serve as a monthly post-communion reflection for the members of St. Andrew's Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. They are set to a tune named for both a coastal town and a large bay in northwest England.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) (Em) Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
 D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
 B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.