



Seventh Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 21, 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.

**“May the Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon
you and give you peace.”**

Numbers 6:24-26

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Prelude on a Chant Tune," Jeanne Demessieux

Jeanne Demessieux was a French international concert organist, composer, and church organist and is remembered today for her astounding virtuosity. She is the first woman organist to sign a record deal, and she paved the way for women concert organists such as Marie-Claire Alain and Gillian Weir. (Continued on page 11)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,
for God reigns over all the earth!

God has gone up with a shout!
Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

† HYMN # 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Lord, set your blessing on us
as we begin this day together.
Confirm in us the truth
by which we rightly live;
confront us with the truth
from which we wrongly turn.**

**We ask not for what we want
but for what you know we need,
as we offer this day and ourselves
for you and to you,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

† Please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God,
we confess that our faith is sometimes weak,
our love for others can be faint,
our prayers are often timid,
and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing.
When we stand looking towards heaven yet feel far from you,
you draw near in mercy to forgive us,
and fill us with your power,
through the grace of Jesus,
our resurrected Savior.**

Silent prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Sisters, brothers, and siblings,
as Christ is our witness,
God's power to pardon is immeasurable.
Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth:
through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.**

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 619 (vv.1-2)**

“Praise, My Soul, the
God of Heaven”

† **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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit,
open our minds to see the power of Scripture to give life;
enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all whom we meet;
in the name of the one, holy, and living God,
to whom we give all glory.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 24:44-53

Pew Bible, page 91 of the New Testament

Numbers 6:22-26

Pew Bible, page 124 of the Old Testament

SERMON

“May” Day

† HYMN # 544 (SUNG THREE TIMES)

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

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.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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.

Questions for the Officer-Elect

Susan Schultise, Deacon

Questions for the Congregation

Q: Do we, the members of the church, accept this person as a deacon, 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 her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

A: We do.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL TO OFFERING

God has given us the gift of Christ,
risen and ascended for the life of the world.
Therefore, let us offer our gifts in return,
that others may know this glorious news.

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

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”
Marty Haugen and John Bell

Refrain:

Halle, halle, hallelujah! (3x)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Oh, God to whom shall we go? You alone have the words of life.
Let your words be our prayer and our song we sing:
Hallelujah, hallelujah. (*Refrain*)

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord. When I call them, they follow me.
I will lead them to rest by the restful streams:
Hallelujah, hallelujah. (*Refrain*)

I am the light of the world says the Lord. Walk in the light of life.
All who follow my words shall have life indeed:
Hallelujah, hallelujah. (*Refrain*)

† 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

**Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us.
We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world.
May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need.
May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

† HYMN # 546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above,” Neil Harmon

This hymn tune was first published in the Bohemian Brethren hymnal in 1566 and is one of the great hymn tunes of the Reformation. Composer organist Neil Harmon gives this wonderful melody a fresh new look with frequent meter changes, which bring a lively and energized setting to this favorite tune.

ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Prelude on a Chant Tune, Jeanne Demessieux: Marcel Dupré called his young protégé Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968) “the greatest organist of all generations.” He predicted that she would be “one of the greatest glories of France.” Maurice Duruflé said that “compared to her, the rest of us play the pedals like elephants.” Jeanne Demessieux was a French international concert organist, composer, and church organist and is remembered today for her astounding virtuosity. She is the first woman organist to sign a record deal, and she paved the way for women concert organists such as Marie-Claire Alain and Gillian Weir. Her promising status floundered after her mentor Marcel Dupré abruptly cut off contact and sabotaged her career due to unfounded rumors. She died young, at the age of 47 from cancer. Though she is known for her virtuosity, today's prelude is a simple setting of a lovely chant tune.

SOURCES

A Wee Worship Book, Wild Goose Worship Group, (Chicago: GIA Publications, 1999).

Feasting On the Word: Year A (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014).

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

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MAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Q&A with Ken and Dorothy

Following worship today, visitors and friends are invited to the France Room for 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 Today

Middle and high school youth are meeting tonight, May 21, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Grounds Workday

The next church grounds workday will be held on Saturday, May 27, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Ron Gunderson (cinron.md@gmail.com) with any questions.

Friday Food Collections

Thanks to those who served at this past week's food collection! The next collection will be on Friday, June 2 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., benefitting the Catonsville Emergency Assistance food pantry.

Catonsville Family Pride

Mark your calendar for June 10 for Catonsville Family Pride. From 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., there will be a variety of vendors, activities, community organizations, and concessions scattered across the church grounds. Be sure to stop by the table for open and affirming churches in Catonsville!

Pentecost is Next Week

Be sure to wear red for Pentecost next week, as we gather to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning on Sunday, June 4, through the end of August, worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. A week later, beginning on June 11, services will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Adult Education: Solved By Walking

May 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? This week, we will look at Acts 17:16-34 and the topic “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	\$ 316,823
Actual expense	\$ - 296,118
Total	\$ 20,705
<i>Per capita</i>	\$ 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.	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
Tues.	Needlework group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
Wed.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room, 12:00 p.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
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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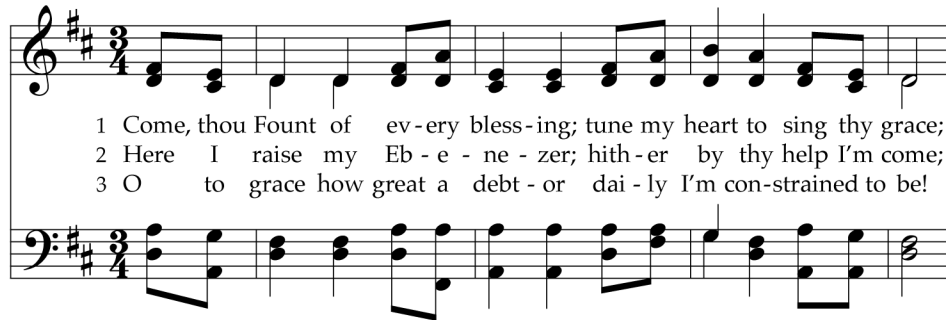
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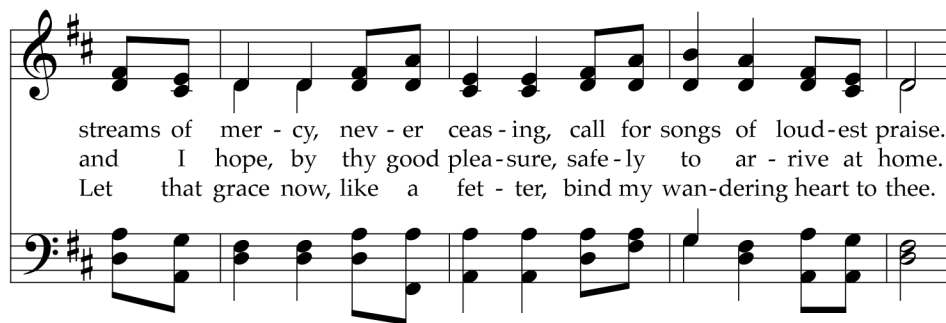
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Please note that today's service is streamed. The two cameras near the piano and organ console may occasionally capture images of the congregation as a whole.

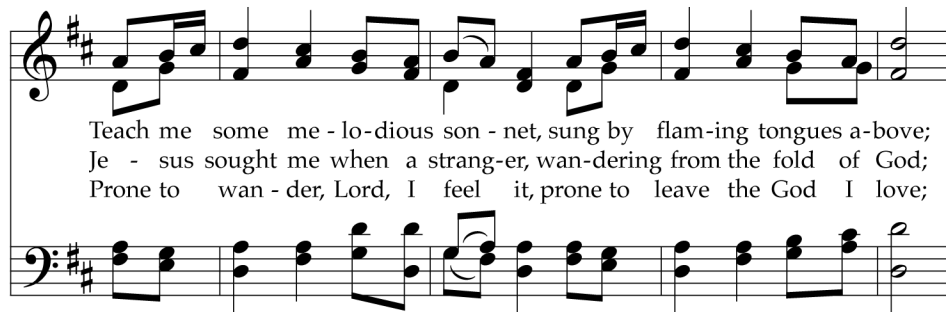
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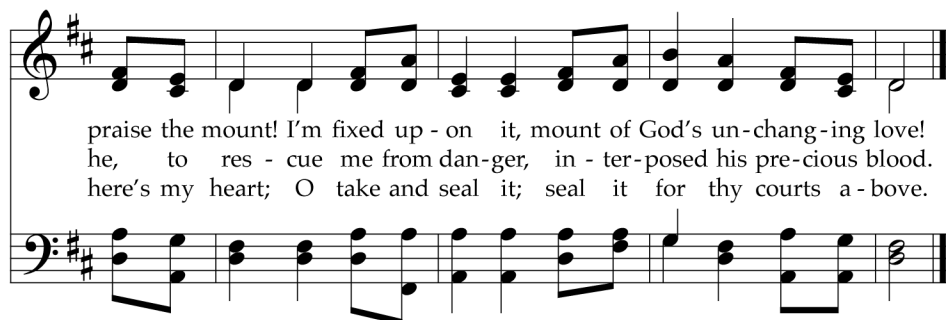
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

SENDING

544

Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in 4/4 time, starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, and ending with a half note G5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4, then a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes D4, E4, and F4, and ending with a half note G4. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in 4/4 time, starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, and ending with a half note G5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, and C4, then a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes D4, E4, and F4, and ending with a half note G4. The key signature has one flat (Bb).

This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 is meant for repeated singing. To "bless God's holy name" (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that God's providence will show us "the path of life" (Psalm 16:11).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984
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BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)
Irregular

SENDING

546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

TEXT: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey Thring, 1880, alt.
MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th cent.

SICILIAN MARINERS
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