



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 2, 2023

9:30 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

During the summer months from June through August, there are no formal ministries during worship to provide a respite for our staff and volunteers. However, there is a Kids' Corner in the Fellowship Hall that includes a blanketed area with toys and other activities for young children. You are welcome to contact our Associate Pastor, Dorothy Boulton (dboulton@catonsvillepres.org) for more information or to ask questions.

WELCOMING ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Catonsville Presbyterian Church recognizes that people of all ages have varying abilities and needs. If you meet or see someone with differing needs, whether an adult or a child, please recognize that underlying conditions may occasionally cause behavior that might be misrepresented as inappropriate. Please reach out. Ask if there is a way you might assist and otherwise be understanding and supportive.

If you or a family member has special needs, please speak to one of the pastors or the Deacon of the Day. We want to fully appreciate each individual's gifts and talents and help you to feel a part of this faith community.

**“Look graciously, O Lord, upon
this land.
Where it is in pride, subdue it.
Where it is in need, supply it.
Where it is in error, rectify it.
Where it is in default, restore it.
And where it holds to that which
is just and compassionate,
support it.”**

Church of Pakistan, 20th Century

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus," arr. Martha Mier

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

Praise the Lord, all you nations! Praise God, all you peoples!

For great is God's steadfast love toward us.

The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Praise the Lord!

† **HYMN # 327**

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hymn # 345: "In an Age of Twisted Values"

Please remain seated. Verse 1 will be sung by the soloist. The congregation is invited to join on verses 2 through 4.

Following the hymn, silence will be kept for silent prayers of confession.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and set free to begin anew.

Thanks be to God!

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 328**

“Praise God, All You Nations”
Sung twice through.

† **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

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

“Entangled”
Rev. Dorothy L. Boulton

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

“Simple Gifts,” Traditional Shaker Melody,
arr. Mark Hayes

† **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, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone.
Therefore, we offer ourselves and our gifts to you in service, love, and praise.
Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people;
through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Mighty God, the earth is yours and nations are your people. Take away our pride and bring to mind your goodness, so that, living together in this land, we may enjoy your gifts and be thankful.

Amen.

For clouded mountains, fields and woodland; for shoreline and running streams; for all that makes our nation good and lovely;

We thank you, God.

For farms and villages where food is gathered to feed our people;

We thank you, God.

For cities and towns where people talk and work together in factories, shops, offices, or schools to shape those things we need for living;

We thank you, God.

For explorers, planners, leaders; for prophets who speak out, and for silent faithful people, for all who love our land and guard freedom;

We thank you, God.

For vision to see your purpose in our nation's history, and courage to seek it lived out in love;

We thank you, God.

O God: your justice is like rock, and your mercy like pure flowing water. Judge and forgive us. If we have turned from you, return us to your way; for without you we are lost people.

From brassy patriotism and a blind trust in power;

Deliver us, O God.

From public deceptions that weaken trust; from self-seeking in high political places;

Deliver us, O God.

From division among us of class or race; from wealth that will not share, and poverty that feeds on food of bitterness;

Deliver us, O God.

From a lack of concern for other lands and peoples; from narrowness of national purpose; from failure to welcome the peace you promise on earth;

Deliver us, O God.

Eternal God: before you, nations rise and fall; they grow strong or wither by your design. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose your right in reunion and renewal.

Great God, renew this nation.

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudice, and may put a stop to cruelty, which divides or wounds the human family.

Great God, renew this nation.

Great God, eternal Lord: show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you modestly, as devoted people. We pray these things through Jesus Christ our Lord, using the words Christ taught us:

**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 # 338**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Note: Use the word “servanthood” at the end of verse 1 where marked with an asterisk, as suggested by the *Glory to God* hymnal.

† **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“America, the Beautiful,” arr. Phillip Keveren

SOURCES

The Worshipbook: Services and Hymns, published for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1970).

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline for the Mid-Summer Messenger

Please submit all items for the mid-summer edition of the Messenger to Michael Cuppett (office@catonsvillepres.org) no later than Saturday, July 15.

CWS Mission Project

Next Sunday, July 9, is the start of the Mission Committee's fundraising drive for women's hygiene kits. From July 9 through July 30, you're invited to contribute financially to this new Church World Service (CWS) program that provides essential feminine hygiene products to women and teens who are in such dire circumstances as disasters, poverty, displacement.

Lurman Theatre Concert

Gather with other members and friends for a free Lurman Woodland Theatre concert on Saturday, July 15. The concert begins at 6:00 p.m. and will feature Motown, blues, and funky hits from the 60s to today. Visit lurman.com for parking and FAQs or contact Stephanie Stevens at shfemrite@gmail.com with any questions.

Play Time for Elementary-Aged Kids

On Sunday, July 9 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., children from kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents are invited to gather at our playground for play time! Bring any additional sports equipment or yard games you might like to enjoy. For questions or concerns about weather cancellations, please contact Megan Long (410-952-9407) or Betsy Hall (443-838-0277).

Deadline for Night at the Yard

This coming Saturday, July 15, is the final day for RSVPs to the August 25 game between the Orioles and the Colorado Rockies! Tickets are \$15 each. Please be advised that this does not include parking.

If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Stephanie Stevens at shfemrite@gmail.com. RSVP by July 15.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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	\$ 421,945
Actual expense	\$ - 419,372
Total	\$ 2,573
<i>Per capita</i>	<i>\$ 1,660</i>

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.	Church Office Closed	All Day	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Presbyterian Women: Zoom Circle	Zoom, 9:30 a.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
	Dismantling Racism Committee Meeting	Zoom, 7:30 p.m.	Jeff Bolognese jabolognese@gmail.com
Tues.	Church Office Closed	All Day	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Needlework group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com

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Please note that today’s service is streamed. There is a camera in the rear of the Fellowship Hall and microphones may occasionally pick up ambient audio.



327 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

(Psalm 117)

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
 2 In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be -
 3 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy

Harmony *Unison*

rise: Let the Re - deem - er's
 long: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In cheer - ful sound all
 word: Thy praise shall sound from

name be sung through ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.
 voic - es raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Harmony

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

Because Psalm 117 contains only two verses, Watts's paraphrase had only two stanzas. Most later hymnals have created or borrowed additional stanzas, like the one included here, to enlarge the hymn. Perhaps the best solution is found by adding Alleluias, as this tune invites.

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THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

Unison

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


In an Age of Twisted Values 345

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G) (D)
Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b E^b



1 In an age of twist - ed val - ues we have lost the
2 We have built dis - crim - i - na - tion on our prej - u -
3 When our fam - i - lies are bro - ken, when our homes are
4 We who hear your word so of - ten choose so rare - ly

(Em) (A) (B7) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (D) (G)
Fm B^b C7 Fm Cm Fm E^b A^b




truth we need. In so - phis - ti - cat - ed lan - guage we have
dice and fear. Ha - tred swift - ly turns to cruel - ty if we
full of strife, when our chil - dren are be - wil - dered, when they
to o - bey. Turn us from our will - ful wan - dering; give us

(Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em) (C) (G)
B^bm Fm Cm Fm D^b A^b




jus - ti - fied our greed. By our strug - gle for pos - ses - sions
hold re - sent - ments dear. For com - mu - ni - ties di - vid - ed
lose their way in life, when we fail to give the a - ged
truth to light our way. In the pow - er of your Spir - it

(D) (Am) (Em) (B7) (Em) (Bm)
E^b B^bm Fm C7 Fm Cm



we have robbed the poor and weak. Hear our cry and
by the walls of class and race, hear our cry and
all the care we know they need, hear our cry and
come to cleanse us, make us new; hear our cry and

(Em) (D) (G) (Am) (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm E^b A^b B^bm Fm Cm Fm



heal our na - tion; your for - give - ness, Lord, we seek.
heal our na - tion; show us, Lord, your love and grace.
heal our na - tion; help us show more love, we plead.
heal our na - tion till our na - tion hon - ors you.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

One of the ways Christians can show firm allegiance to the country where they live and express care for its well-being is to ensure that they are mindful of the broad range of human needs within that society. This hymn is a strong reminder of the values that need such attention.

Praise God, All You Nations 328

Da n'ase
(Psalm 117)



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise!
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On-ya - me a - se!



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise:
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On-ya - me a - se!



God's love is great and en-dures for - ev - er.
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



Praise God, all you na - tions. Peo - ple of God, sing praise!
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On-ya - me a - se!

This paraphrase of Psalm 117 comes from Ghana and was originally created in the Twi language. Paradoxically, this shortest of all psalms is universal in scope, which makes it especially appropriate to sing in the words and music of people from another part of the world.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.