



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 25, 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.

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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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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"His Eye is on the Sparrow" arr. Phillip Keveren

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

The God of heaven has made a home on earth,
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, Christ lives among the least,
Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now all who thirst
and drink the water of life.

Come now all who hunger
and be filled with good things.

Come now all who seek
and be warm by the fire of love.

Let us worship God!

† HYMN # 301

"Let Us Build a House"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of life, of all life and of each life, we lay our lives before you. We give our lives to you, from whom nothing in us is hidden.

You are before us, God, you are behind.

You are around us, God, you are within.

O God of life, you know the secret thoughts of every heart.

We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt;

We bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow.

O God of life, you are the light, and in the darkness,

We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance;

We bring the hope that is in us, and the despair.

O God of life, O generous Spirit,

Renew us with your life.

Silent prayer of confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures



of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal



which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
sor - rows are more felt than up in hea - ven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -
where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

† 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

Psalm 139:1-18
Pew Bible, page 577 of the Old Testament

† Please rise in body or in spirit

† HYMN

“With Open Hearts”
From the United Church of Canada



With o - pen hearts, o - pen arms o - pen minds _____



there is wel-come in this place, — there is wel-come in this space, —



there is wel - come with em - brace with o - pen hearts.



1. A place of car - ing _____ and ac - cept - ance, _____
2. A place of risk - ing _____ and af - firm - ing, _____
3. A place for heal - ing _____ and re - leas - ing _____
4. A place to ques - tion _____ and to won - der _____



o - pen - ness and trust ac - tions that are just.
rad - i - cal and bold no one fits a mold.
bro - ken - ness and pain hurt that's been sus - tained.
lib - er - at - ing views rel - e - vant and new.



All are wel-come here, _____ a place of be - long - ing. _____
All are wel-come here, _____ a place of in - clu - sions. _____
All are wel-come here, _____ a place for re - ceiv - ing. _____
All are wel-come here, _____ a place for en - gag - ing. _____

Words and music by Mary-Ellen Kish (2008)

Arranged by Gwen Chapman

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:1-35
Pew Bible, page 90 of the New Testament

SERMON

“Uncalculating Love”
Kenneth E. Kovacs

PRAYER FOR PRIDE SUNDAY

From the Disciples of Christ
LGBTQ+ Alliance

God of love,

Sanctify this space today.

Sanctify our own sacred and holy spaces — the tables where we find you,
the closets where we find ourselves in you, the relationships where we come
to know you more.

Make the spaces where each of us finds ourselves today a reflection of your
love and grace.

God of rainbows,

Today we celebrate the many colors by which we all gather:

The colors that shape our identities

The colors that make up our flags

The many colors that make up our bodies.

Let us find that each of these shades is a reflection of your love for us.

God of peace and justice,

As we remember the struggle that unites us in our heritage,
let us not forget that this fight is not over.

While we celebrate today, remind us that tomorrow there is still work
to be done, not only in our community, but in too many marginalized
communities.

Let our love extend like your love, well beyond our own created borders.

God of grace,

**May we find grace as abundant as yours in learning from each other.
May we find the grace to make mistakes and to continue learning.
May we find the grace to radically expand our welcomes.
May we find grace to breathe in slowly, and know we are filled with
enough.**

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

“There is a Balm in Gilead,” by Philip Keveren

† 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

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our lives and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your love with all people. 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 # 726**

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”

† **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Philip Keveren

SOURCES

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The Iona Community Abbey Worship Book: Services of the Iona Community (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2001).

Presbyterian Outlook, Teri McDowell Ott (2023).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff and Office Schedule

Kenneth Kovacs will be on study leave in Zürich, Switzerland, beginning tomorrow until his return on July 9 in worship. Please contact Dorothy Boulton (dboulton@catonsvillepres.org) for any pastoral needs during this time. Please note that the church office will also be closed on July 3 and 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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.

Friday Food Collection

This coming Friday, June 30, is our next food collection date. Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the small lot off Frederick Road, bring contributions of nonperishable food items to support our local neighbors.

Summer Mission Project

The Mission Committee is hosting a fundraising drive for women's hygiene kits from July 9 through July 30. We're participating in 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.

Keep your eye on the bulletin, social media, and your email to learn more about this fast-approaching project.

Night at the Yard

On Friday, August 25, the Fellowship Committee is holding a Night at the Yard as the Orioles play the Colorado Rockies. The game begins at 7:05 p.m. and 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.

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 |
| Fri. | Food Collection | Small parking lot 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com |

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!

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| Actual income | \$ 388,305 |
| Actual expense | \$ - 383,235 |
| Total | \$ 5,070 |
| <i>Per capita</i> | <i>\$ 1,660</i> |

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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.

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this


Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

(#301 continued)

THE CHURCH


Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B \flat A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B \flat F



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

FORGIVENESS

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures
 of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal
 which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more
 sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-
 where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.