



# Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 16, 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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## TODAY'S PREACHER

**Roy W. Howard** has served 32 years as a congregational pastor, most recently at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church in North Bethesda, Maryland from 2001-2019. Prior to Saint Mark, he served congregations in Georgia, Kentucky and Virginia.

After retirement from the pastorate, Roy became an Associate Certified Coach (ACC) with the International Coaching Federation and currently serves as the Dean of the Academy of Artful Leadership. A certified facilitator for Healthy Congregations, Roy is trained in Family Systems theory and has led several pastor groups in this method. Over the years Roy has applied these skills in a variety of settings with individuals as well as facilitating leadership retreats for pastor groups and congregations. His deep call is to be a generative person, facilitating the growth of leadership skills and spiritual depth in those who work with him.

Roy is a graduate of Florida State University (MSW), Emory University Candler School of Theology (MDiv) and Wesley Theological Seminary (DMin). He enjoys birding, hiking and long distance pilgrimage walking, having completed the Camino de Santiago and the Camino Primitivo. Roy is married to Claudia. They have two married daughters, Rachel and Rebecca.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Be Thou My Vision," arr. Joel Raney

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

God's creation delights and astonishes.

**Let the people pause and wonder!**

God, the Creator, has made it all.

**Let all creation shout for joy and sing.**

Come, let us worship God!

### † HYMN # 611

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful One, your Word falls on hardened ground when our anxiety and attachment to wealth crowd out your place in our lives. Forgive our frail and human ways and cultivate in us a spirit of trust and faithfulness, for you are our hope for deliverance.**

*Silent prayer of confession.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ, hear the good news!

When our sin and regrets of the past overwhelm us, God forgives.

Be at peace, for God restores and strengthens you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places.

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

Happy are those who come into God's courts, for you shall be satisfied with the goodness of God and rejoice in the holiness of God's temple.

**Thanks be to God!**

† **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**

**God, your word goes out and does not return empty but prospers that for which it was sent. By your Spirit, open our minds to your word this day, that we might walk according to your ways; for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 65

† **HYMN # 79**

“Light Dawns On a Weary World”

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-26

**SERMON**

“A Wild and Reckless Sharing”  
Rev. Roy Howard

**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 Fellowship Hall.



**OFFERTORY**

“I Want Jesus,” arr. Mary McDonald

† **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**

**You call us to sow your word in all times and places, even when the ground is hard and shallow. For faith is a gift that comes from you, and fruitful discipleship is the work of your Spirit in us. May the gifts we offer this day spread the good news of life abundant in Christ. 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 # 835

“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Where He Leads Me,” arr. Cindy Biery

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## SOURCES

Kimberly Bracken Long, ed., *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year A, Vol. 2* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014).

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Pastor's Schedule**

Ken Kovacs will be out of office through Friday, July 28 to take some vacation time.

### **Christmas in July**

Make Christmas in July a reality with Friday food collections! Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA) is in need of nonperishable food items, and you're invited to lend a hand. Bring a few items and place them in the bin near the tower entrance or drop them off at our next Friday food collection on July 28.

### **CWS Mission Project**

The Mission Committee is deeply grateful for the generosity of our congregation, especially those who contributed last Sunday. We will continue to fundraise for women's hygiene kits through July 30. Our contributions will directly fund essential feminine hygiene products to women and teens who are in such dire circumstances as disasters, poverty, displacement through Church World Service (CWS).

Every \$15 donation will fund a hygiene kit that CWS will assemble and distribute. Stop by the table in the France Room after worship and consider contributing. You can use the offertory QR code and selecting "CWS Hygiene Kits."

### **Charlestown Treasure Sale**

The Charlestown community is hosting a treasure sale later this month to support their benevolent care fund. The sale will be open to the public on Friday, July 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m. and noon. Mark your calendar to find some bargains and support this vital community fund. Find more info at [ccccharlestown.org](http://ccccharlestown.org) or contact Howie Nixon ([hlnixon2@gmail.com](mailto:hlnixon2@gmail.com)).

# EVENTS THIS 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
	Passages Circle	7:00 p.m.	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com
Wed.	Wednesday Night Circle	7:00 p.m.	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.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!

Actual income . . . . .	\$ 450,613
Actual expense . . . . .	\$ - 446,666
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 3,947</b>
<i>Per capita . . . . .</i>	<i>\$ 1,660</i>

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ADORATION

# 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, join - ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

TEXT: Henry van Dyke, 1907, alt.

MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1842, alt.

HYMN TO JOY  
 8.7.8.7.D

# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> 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<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> 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.

# 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



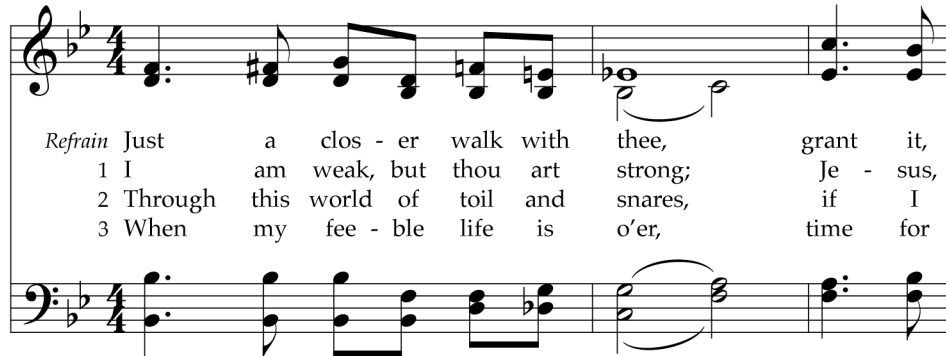
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835



*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,  
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for



Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to  
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly



thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*

The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.