



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 23, 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

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Adagio from Violin Sonata in G Minor,
J.S. Bach. Arr. Lani Smith

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the dark, bold text)

This is Sabbath — we seek God's presence and the joy of re-creation.

This is Sunday — we celebrate the bright resurrection and its good news.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

† HYMN # 54

"Make a Joyful Noise to God!"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, whose care never ceases, we come to you as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems which go unresolved. We are worried about events beyond our control. We do not easily let go.

For mistakes we cannot redeem, for tasks left undone, for uncertain goals, we need your forgiveness and ask for your understanding. For recovery of strength and enthusiasm, we pray for your Spirit. For fullness of life, generous hearts, and contented souls, we pray to be followers of Christ Jesus. In your mercy, restore us and lead us.

Silent prayer of confession.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is great joy in the heart of God when we open to the gift of forgiveness. God's Spirit reaches out to assure us of welcome in Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven God's by grace. With great joy we are made truly alive. 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 66 and John 15:7-11

SERMON

"There's a Party Going On Here"
Rev. Dorothy L. Boulton

RESPONSE

"This Is the Day" (printed on insert)

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

“To a Wild Rose,” Edward MacDowell

† 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 One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live lives surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. In the name of 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 # 134

“Joy to the World”

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,”
LOBEN DEN HERREN, Arr. Franklin Ritter

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

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.

SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUTH

This summer we are excitedly planning for the upcoming school year in order to continue to offer Second Sunday Christian Education classes, youth group and congregational events like the Trick-or-treat Trail, the Souperbowl of Caring, and the Kindness Rocks painting activity. If you are willing to support children and youth ministry, please complete a brief form at tinyurl.com/ce-volunteers-23.

CWS MISSION PROJECT

The Missions Committee will continue to fundraise for women's hygiene kits through July 30. Stop by the table in the France Room after worship and consider contributing. You can also give online with 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 or contact Howie Nixon (hlnixon2@gmail.com).

FAMILY PLAY TIME

We have rescheduled our playground meetup for Sunday, August 6 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Elementary-aged children from kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents are invited to use the playground, play water games, and enjoy a slip-n-slide! Wear your bathing suit and we'll meet in the pavilion. Feel free to bring additional sports equipment and yard games. Please contact Megan Long (410-952-9407) or Betsy Hall (443-838-0277) with questions or concerns about a weather cancellation.

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
Fri.	Charlestown Treasure Sale	Charlestown, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Howie Nixon hlnixon2@gmail.com
	Friday Food Collection	Frederick Rd. lot, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com
Sat.	Charlestown Treasure Sale	Charlestown, 9 a.m. to noon	Howie Nixon hlnixon2@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!

Actual income	\$ 457,728
Actual expense.....	\$ - 451,045
Total	\$ 6,683
Per capita.....	\$ 1,660

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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.

Make a Joyful Noise to God! 54

(Psalm 66)

1 Make a joy - ful noise to God! All cre - a - tion sings your praise!
 2 Come and see what God has done, great the bless - ings to the just:
 3 Bless the Lord, our ref - uge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

Great your won - ders here dis - played, un - ex - celled through - out our days.
 walked the cho - sen through the sea, brought their en - e - mies to dust.
 By whose jus - tice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt de - ferred.

Glo - rious is your sa - cred name, a - ges old, yet still the same.
 Let us lift a thank - ful voice for God's mer - cies, and re - joice!
 When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heaven - ly home.

This paraphrase of Psalm 66 maintains a corporate tone more suitable for congregational singing than does the original psalm, which moves to a personal narrative in its latter part. The reference to "all creation" is strengthened by the associations of the tune (see no. 14).

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.

THIS IS THE DAY

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;

The first system of musical notation for the song. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;"

we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line provides accompaniment. The lyrics are: "we will re-joyce, we will re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it."

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce and be glad in it.

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line provides accompaniment. The lyrics are: "This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joyce and be glad in it."

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

The fourth system of musical notation, which concludes the piece. The melody ends with a double bar line in the treble clef, and the bass line provides accompaniment. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made."

WORDS: Psalm 118:24, para. Les Garrett, 1967
MUSIC: Les Garrett, 1967

THE LORD'S DAY
Irr.

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.