



Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

JULY 30, 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.

**“God’s economy has two
basic points:**

- 1. There is enough;**
- 2. If we share it.”**

*Jim Wallis, *Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street*, (Howard Books, 2010).*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee," arr. Martha Mier

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

If you have no money but you're hungry, come and receive wine and milk without price.

Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you?

Why do you work for what does not nurture you?

Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life.

Come, let us worship God!

† HYMN # 509

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and mercy, we admit that we are not always free of deceit. We are fooled by false promises of the world into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us. Hear our cry and save us, dear God, in Jesus' name.

Silent prayer of confession.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here is good news for everyone:

God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love, and extends forgiveness and grace. We do not have to earn it. It is a free gift from a generous God.

Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582

“Glory To God, Whose
Goodness Shines on Me”

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

**Providing God, by your Holy Spirit feed us with your word
that we might be filled with the bread of life. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

“Bless, Break, Give”
Kenneth E. Kovacs

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

“There is a Balm in Gilead,”
Trad. African American spiritual

† 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

Loving and generous God, you provide for us and even bless us in more ways than we can number. We give these tithes and offerings to tell of your wondrous and steadfast love so that those who do not yet know you may also come to know your love. Amen.

HYMN # 498

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

God is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, creating God,
breath of all being;
the earth is yours and all that is in it,
and all who dwell therein.

You founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the deep.
You planted seeds in fertile ground,
to rise and sing your praise.

Glory to you forever.

You formed us from the earth
and planted goodness in our souls,
that we might love like you.
You called us to live your law of harmony
and to long for your commands.
Yet when our disordered cravings bowed down upon our spirit,
you did not leave us low,
but bent down to meet us and grow us up again.

Therefore, we lift our voices in thanksgiving,
for you have wondrously made us.
By water and your life-giving Spirit,

you have more wondrously remade us
to join the song of all creation
and forever sing your praise:



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
2. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give you thanks, O God,
that you sowed your word in Jesus,
to grow your kingdom here on earth
and draw us ever near.

Jesus planted mercy wherever he went
to reap a greater righteousness.
He shared bread with outcasts and sinners
and healed the brokenhearted.

Glory to you forever.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
and all your people here today.
Breathe your Spirit over all creation
that together we may cultivate peace
in every corner of the world.

Then bring us to that blessed mountain
where with the meek and pure in heart
we will live forever in blessedness
as we taste the fruits of heaven.

Glory to you forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
by the inspiration of your Life-giving Spirit,
we worship you, Creating God,
and offer the prayer,
ancient yet ever-new:

**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.**

Communion of God's People

Prayer of Gratitude

**Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift?
For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another.
Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope
until that day when you make all things new. Amen.**

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

† **HYMN # 539**

“We Will Go Out With Joy”

† **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Down to the River/ Shall We Gather at the River?”
Setting by Pepper Choplin

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

Associate Pastor's Schedule

Dorothy Boulton will be out of the office beginning this coming Friday, August 4, and will return on Tuesday, August 15.

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.

Pool Party for Middle and High School

Middle and high school youth are invited to soak up the sun at a summer pool party! From roughly 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, August 11, youth will enjoy backyard games, swimming, and fun desserts. Please RSVP to Laura Parkhurst at parkhurst.le@gmail.com no later than Monday, August 7 for the address and additional details.

CWS Mission Project

Today is the final day of fundraising for women’s hygiene kits for Church World Service (CWS). Every \$15 donation funds a kit of essential hygiene products that CWS will assemble and distribute. To donate, use the offertory QR code and select “CWS Hygiene Kits” or stop by the France Room after worship.

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 |
| | Staff Meeting | Church House, noon | Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org |
| Wed. | Session Meeting | Library, 7 p.m. | David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net |

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 | \$ 488,133 |
| Actual expense | \$ - 484,636 |
| Total | \$ 3,497 |
| Per capita | \$ 1,660 |

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

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.

SENDING

We Will Go Out with Joy 539

C
Leader

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

C
All

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

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

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

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WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY
 10.6.10.6 with refrain