



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 9, 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.

Please rise in body or in spirit †

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dona Nobis Pacem, Traditional Latin Chant,
arr. Catherine McMichael

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

Come, all who carry heavy burdens,
and Christ will give you rest.

**For he is gentle and humble in heart;
In him we find rest for our souls.**

Come then, let us worship God!

† HYMN # 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess to you and to each other that we are tired and weighed down by the mistakes we have made, even in our closest relationships with our friends, our spouses, and our partners. We give this burden to you, mindful of Jesus' promise that he will give us rest. We trust in you. Amen.

Silent prayer of confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ,

When we feel overwhelmed with regret and sadness for the past,
know that God forgives our transgressions.

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

Be at peace, for God is at work to restore and strengthen you and waters your soul in its parched and hardened places.

† **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

Comforting God, by your Holy Spirit lift the burdens from our souls through the reading of your Word for us, that we may learn how easy it is to live in a loving relationship with you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 145:8-14

† **HYMN # 418**

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON

“Learning Humility”
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

Prelude from “5 Pieces for 2 Violins and Piano”
Dmitri Shostakovich

† 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

Compassionate God, we ask that you bless and multiply these gifts, that they may be used to proclaim the glory of your kingdom and make known to all people the power of your saving acts. 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.**

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† HYMN # 432

“How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord”

† BENEDICTION

May the God who feels compassion for all
lead you to find love in your life
and the peace that comes from
living with a gentle and humble heart.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE

“Blessed Assurance,” Phoebe Knapp,
arr. Catherine McMichael

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

Friday Food Collection

Drop off nonperishable food items between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. this Friday, July 14, in the small lot off Frederick Road.

Play Time for Elementary-Aged Kids

Today 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! Contact Megan Long (410-952-9407) or Betsy Hall (443-838-0277) with questions.

CWS Mission Project

Today is the start of the Mission Committee's fundraising drive for women's hygiene kits. From now through July 30, you're invited to participate 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.

Every \$15 donation will fund a hygiene kit that CWS will assemble and distribute. You can contribute with the offertory QR code and selecting "CWS Hygiene Kits."

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. Contact Stephanie Stevens at shfemrite@gmail.com with questions.

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.

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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Date	Event	Location/time	Contact
Today	Family Play Time	Playground, 4 p.m.	Megan Long 410-952-9407
Mon.	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
	Dismantling Racism	Zoom, 7:30 p.m.	Jeff Bolognese jabolognese@gmail.com
Tues.	Needlework group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
	Staff Meeting	Church House, noon	Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Envision Board Meeting	Zoom, 6:15 p.m.	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com
Wed.	Child Care Council Meeting	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Richard Johns richardwjohns@msn.com
Thurs.	Presbyterian Women: Bridges Circle	Brightview Rolling Hills, 4:00 p.m.	Tracy Lantz tklantz@verizon.net
Fri.	Food Collection	Small lot, 4-6 p.m.	Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com
Sat.	Lurman Theatre Concert	Lurman Theatre, 6:00 p.m.	Stephanie Stevens shfemrite@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	\$ 433,871
Actual expense.....	\$ - 419,597
Total	\$ 14,274
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.

182 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and

found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

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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.

CONFESSION

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!"

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

CONFESSION

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

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

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more sure:
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F[#]m) (Bm) (G) (Em)
 A^b Fm B^b Gm Cm A^b Fm

to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re -
 if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your
 in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)
 B^b7 E^b B^b7 C Fm A^b B^b7 E^b

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.