



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 6, 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

Six Studies in English Folk-Song, Mvts. 1-3
Ralph Vaughan Williams

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

God meets us in our greatest need

And satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

† HYMN # 49

"The God of Abraham Praise"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from the limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent prayer of confession.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here is good news!

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and made whole.

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

All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let the day break with your blessing. Awaken and illuminate us by your word that we may behold your likeness. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 32:3-21

HYMN # 282 (V. 1)

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:22-32

HYMN # 282 (V. 2) "Come Down, O Love Divine"

SCRIPTURE Genesis 33:1-17

HYMN # 282 (V. 3) "Come Down, O Love Divine"

SERMON "The Magnificent Defeat"
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 *Six Studies in English Folk-Song*, Mvts. 4-5
Ralph Vaughan Williams

† 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. You continually surprise us by your grace. 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.

† HYMN # 797

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Six Studies in English Folk-Song, Mvt. 6
Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 is out of the office and will return on Tuesday, August 15.

Family Play Time

Today from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Elementary-aged children from kindergarten through fifth grade and their parents are invited to play 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.

Exploring the Depths

Walking the Camino back in 2016, it became clear that Ken Kovacs wanted to take a deeper diver into the relationship between Jungian (depth) psychology and the Christian life. In 2017, he felt led to explore analytical training at the C.G. Jung Institute in Zurich. This Thursday, August 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the library, Ken Kovacs will share about his psychoanalytic training, show some images, talk about what it's like to study in the program, explore how it has shaped his faith, and describe how it informs his preaching and ministry at CPC.

Christmas in July

Thanks to our members, friends, and Catonsville neighbors, we were able to drop off 280 pounds of food with Catonsville Emergency Assistance! Friday food collections will continue throughout the coming months, and we are excited to keep the momentum going.

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.

Upcoming Lecture on Emmett Till

The Dismantling Racism Committee of CPC, Grace AME Church and Christian Temple invites you to join Dr. Terry Anne Scott, Director of the Institute for Common Power, as she discusses the 1955 lynching of Emmett Till and how it changed America. How can we disrupt racism and racial violence today? This free, online lecture will be held on Monday, August 28 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Visit tinyurl.com/tills-whistle to register.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Date	Event	Location/time	Contact
Mon.	Presbyterian Women	Zoom, 9:30 a.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
	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
	Envision Board Meeting	Zoom, 6:15 p.m.	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com
Wed.	Child Care Council	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Richard Johns richardwjohns@msn.com
	Exploring the Depths	Library, 7:30 p.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
Fri.	Food Collection	4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com
	Youth Pool Party	6:30 p.m.	Laura Parkhurst parkhurst.le@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	\$ 499,608
Actual expense	\$ - 485,498
Total	\$ 14,110
Per capita	\$ 1,780

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a-bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; LEONI stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt. 6.6.8.4.D
 MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

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.

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or
 2 The pain that will not go a - way, the
 3 So some have come who need your help and

an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
 guilt that clings from things long past, the
 some have come to make a - mends, as

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where
 fear of what the fu - ture holds, are
 hands which shaped and saved the world are

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your
 pres - ent as if meant to last. But
 pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,

This 20th-century text from the Iona Community grapples with the realities of illness and pain, not only as they afflict the body but even more as they lay waste to mind and soul. The traditional folk melody helps to convey the sort of communal experience assumed in the last stanza.

(#797 continued)

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING

hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
pres - ent too is love which tends the
let your Spir - it meet us here to

vive to hold and heal and warn, to
hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the
mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to

car - ry all through death to life and
pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the
dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and

cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.