



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 13, 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: 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.

ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP AND CHURCH LIFE

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,"
Wyeth (arr. Berry)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground and
righteousness looks down from the sky.**

God gives what is good,

And we respond with abundant praise.

Come, let us worship God!

† HYMN # 403

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things. We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear. We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship.

We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours.

Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts. Help us to practice, especially in challenging times.

Lift us out from our sin and place us in the arms of your mercy.

Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence.

Silent prayer of confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Here the good news. This is the good news that we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we listen for you in wind, earthquake, and fire. Unexpectedly, you speak in the sound of silence. We pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, you will quiet in us all the storms, doubts, and fears that overwhelm us, so that we may hear what you have to say.

Your still, small voice.

Thin. Quiet.

Yet compelling, commanding, all the same.

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19:9-18

HYMN (PRINTED ON RIGHT)

“Dear Lord, Creator Good and Kind”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

“When Silence Speaks”
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

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
GORDON, arr. Larson

DEAR LORD, CREATOR GOOD AND KIND



1. Dear Lord, Cre - a - tor, good and kind, for-give our fool-ish ways;
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian sea
3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a - bove,
4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - nes, 'till all our striv-ings cease;
5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool-ness and thy balm;



re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find,
 the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word
 where Jes - sus knelt to share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty,
 take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess
 let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak through the earth-quake, wind, and fire,



in deep - er rev - erence, praise in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 rise up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
 in - ter - pret - ed by love, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 the beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty - of thy peace.
 O still, small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm!

TEXT: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872
 MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

REPTON
 8.6.8.8.6.6

† 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

Generous God, we thank you for your call and claim upon our lives. Because there is so much more we can become and so much more we can do, we pray that our faith will increase; that our practice of generosity will be enlarged; and that our joy will encourage others as we share the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

† HYMN # 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

† BENEDICTION

Step out in faith, trusting that the God who has called you is able to keep you from falling and holds you in love.

May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God surround you; the peace of Christ enfold you; and the Holy Spirit encourage you, now and forever.

May it be so.

POSTLUDE

“To God Be the Glory,”
Doane (arr. Nielson)

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

Backpacks for Success

There are many students in our community who lack equitable access to suitable school supplies. Tools like backpacks, pens, pencils, markers, crayons, and rulers are instrumental in preparing children for success. We're calling on our members, friends, and Catonsville neighbors to support our local students through financial contributions and the purchase of new school supplies. By partnering with Grace A.M.E., all backpacks, school supplies, and financial contributions will be distributed to local schools.

The cost of a single, packed backpack is around \$40, and the list of necessary supplies is listed below. You can support this project in three different ways:

1. Financially contribute by scanning the offertory QR code and selecting "Backpacks" from the funds.
2. Bring supplies to the Fellowship Hall anytime through Sunday, August 20
3. Bring supplies to the food collection off Frederick Road anytime from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11.

To see the supply list, visit tinyurl.com/cpc-backpacks. Thanks for supporting our local students and starting the year off with generosity!

Supporting Christian Education this Fall

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 the brief interest form at tinyurl.com/ce-volunteers-23

CWS Hygiene Kit Update

The Mission Committee is grateful for everyone who supported the recent fundraising project for Church World Service. The Women’s Hygiene Kit project was a great success, and we are pleased to announce that a total of \$3,460 was raised by members and friends during the month of July. The actual hygiene kits will be assembled at the CWS warehouse and shipped to areas where needed. This project supports women who are displaced from their homes due to natural disasters, war, domestic violence, or other emergencies. Teenage girls in poverty are also assisted. *Thank you for your compassion and generosity!*

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.

Fall Messenger Deadline

The fall season is almost here, and though the summer Messenger recently arrived, it’s time to submit your contributions! Send submissions and calendar dates for the Messenger to office@catonsvillepres.org before next Sunday, August 20.

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 | \$ 506,476 |
| Actual expense | \$ - 488,616 |
| Total | \$ 17,860 |
| Per capita | \$ 1,780 |

EVENTS THIS WEEK

| Date | Event | Location/time | Contact |
|---------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Mon. | Building and Grounds | Church House, 6 p.m. | Keith Glennan keith@glennan.net |
| | 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 |
| | Passages Circle | 7 p.m. | Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com |
| Wed. | Wednesday Night Circle | 7 p.m. | Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com |
| | Adult Education Committee | Zoom, 7 p.m. | Susan Jaeger susan.jaeger7@gmail.com |
| | Personnel Committee | Zoom, 7:30 p.m. | Cynthia Schwanz schwanzcf@gmail.com |
| Thurs. | Christian Ed. Committee | 7 p.m. | Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org |

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Please note that today's service is streamed. The two cameras near the piano and organ console may occasionally capture images of the congregation as a whole.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty 403

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
 3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
 there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

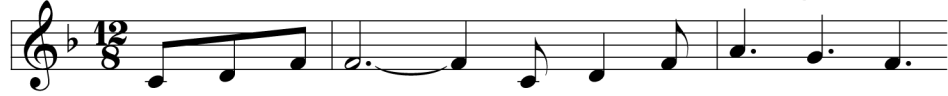
is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
 en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

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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.

DEAR LORD, CREATOR GOOD AND KIND



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2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian sea
3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a - bove,
4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - nes, 'till all our striv - ings cease;
5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy balm;



re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice
the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a
where Jes - sus knelt to share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con
let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and



find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
word rise up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
- ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
fess the beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty - of thy peace.
fire, O still, small voice of calm, O still small voice of calm!

TEXT: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872
MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

REPTON
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463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.