



# Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 20, 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](mailto:dboulton@catonsvillepres.org)) for more information or to ask questions.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Prelude in C Major," (from the Well-Tempered Clavier  
Book 1) BWV 846, by J.S. Bach

† CALL TO WORSHIP

† HYMN # 667

"When Morning Guilds the Skies"

OPENING PRAYER

We rise this day in the power of your Holy Spirit, O God.  
We lift up our hands, our hearts, and our songs to praise you, O Christ.  
Be for us today, our Savior,  
the guardian in our weakness,  
a friend on our journey,  
and our aim for all we seek to do.

May all who speak to us say, "Peace;"  
May all to whom we speak hear, "Love."

Whether the day is bright or gloomy, be our light.  
Then, when the night begins to fall, bid us home – be our home,  
that we may find our rest in you, O Three in One. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate, critique, and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news from the prophet Isaiah: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

† 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](http://catonsvillepres.org).

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word. Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us, so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 25:20

### SERMON

“Don’t Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart”  
Rev. Dorothy L. Boulton

† HYMN # 692

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

## 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

“His Eye is On the Sparrow,”  
Charles H. Gabriel, arr. Mark Hayes

### † 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

**Gracious God, the gifts we offer reflect only a portion of all that you have given us. Take these offerings, we pray, and multiply them for your use. May our offerings be a blessing to those most in need, to those most vulnerable. May our offerings, given in a spirit of generosity, abate the desire to hoard and spread the desire to share. 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.**

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

**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 # 541

“God Be With You”

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Lord, I Know I Been Changed,” (Traditional American spiritual) arr. Larry Shackley

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## SOURCES

Teri McDowell Ott, *The Presbyterian Outlook* (Richmond, VA: 2023).

*Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Backpacks for Success

Today is the final day to give school supplies or financial contributions for Backpacks for Success. If you would like to contribute financially, scan the offertory QR code and select “Backpacks” from the funds dropdown menu. The cost of a single, packed backpack is around \$40. Thanks for supporting our local students and starting the year off with generosity!

### Extra Night at the Yard Ticket

There is an additional ticket available for Night at the Yard. The Orioles will play the Colorado Rockies at 7:05 p.m. on August 25, and over two dozen church members and friends will enjoy camaraderie and conversation. If you would like to purchase this \$15 ticket, contact Stephanie Stevens at [shfemrite@gmail.com](mailto:shfemrite@gmail.com).

### Christian Education Volunteers

If you haven't already done so, consider filling out the volunteer interest form for 2023/2024 Christian Education programming. This form helps the committee plan appropriately for this coming year's children and youth ministry. Complete the form by visiting [tinyurl.com/ce-volunteers-23](https://tinyurl.com/ce-volunteers-23).

### Fill the Truck Food Drive

On Saturday, September 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., bring nonperishable goods to the Knights of Columbus Hall. All items will benefit the Catonsville Emergency Assistance and Grace A.M.E. food pantries. Don't forget to check expiration dates! Visit [tinyurl.com/fill-the-truck](https://tinyurl.com/fill-the-truck) to see the list of especially-needed items.

### 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](https://tinyurl.com/tills-whistle) to register.

### Associate Pastor's Schedule

Dorothy Boulton will be out of the office this week, from August 21 to August 25.

## 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 .....	\$ 508,841
Actual expense .....	\$ - 507,752
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,089</b>
<i>Per capita .....</i>	<i>\$ 1,780</i>

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location/time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
<b>Tues.</b>	Needlework group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
<b>Wed.</b>	Personnel Committee	Zoom, 7:30 p.m.	Cynthia Schwanz schwanzcf@gmail.com
<b>Fri.</b>	Food Collection	Small parking lot, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com
	Night at the Yard	Camden Yards, 7:05 p.m.	Stephanie Stevens shfemrite@gmail.com

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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.



# 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

## Glory Be to the Father

581

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4 and Bb4, and a quarter note on C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the vocal line with a quarter note on D5, a half note on E5, and a quarter note on F5. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

The third system features a vocal line with a quarter note on G5, a half note on A5, and a quarter note on Bb5. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent harmonic texture.

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The final system concludes the piece with a vocal line ending on a whole note G5. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord and a double bar line. A fermata is placed over the final note of the vocal line.

# 692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> C7

*Refrain*

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)  
Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)  
F B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup> F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)  
F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup>

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)  
C7 Dm F/C B<sup>b</sup> C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)  
Dm Gm7 F B<sup>b</sup>2 B<sup>b</sup>

*to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

# God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

*Unison* *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:  
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:  
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:  
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

*Unison*

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.