



# Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 27, 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

Sonata in C Major, K.545. II. Andante. W. A. Mozart

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold red text)

Let all the earth proclaim God's goodness.

**Sing to the glory of God's name.**

Come and see what God has done,

**Let the sound of God's praise be heard in the land.**

Blessed is God who has not withdrawn God's love and care from us.

Come, let us worship God!

### † HYMN # 81

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, and our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against, but in your tender love, forgive.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy.**

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

God's mercy and grace know no bounds.

God is faithful.

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](http://catonsvillepres.org).

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will, respond in faith, and walk in the way of Jesus Christ, the way that leads us life. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 51:1-6

† HYMN # 766

“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound”

**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 16:13-20

**SERMON**

“Tell Them About the Dream”  
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**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus,”  
arr. Jack Schrader

† **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, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in for the world. With thanksgiving, we pray in the name of Christ. 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.**

† HYMN # 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

† BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship,”  
arr. Cindy Berry

## 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

### Worship Schedule

Next Sunday, September 3, will be the final summer worship service. This service will be a hymn sing with celebration of the sacrament of Communion, so prepare to share a favorite hymn at this informal and joyful time of song.

Beginning Sunday, September 10, worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

### 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.

### Traditional Turkish Food Festival

Maryland Turkish-American Inhabitants (MARTI) has invited our members and friends to experience Turkish and Mediterranean cuisine. Make plans to attend this wonderful food festival on Sunday, September 3, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. at MARTI (9115 Guilford Rd, Columbia, MD).

### 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.

### Adult Education

Adult Education will resume this fall on Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. Throughout the year, we'll be exploring themes related to connection, community, and belonging. In post-Covid America, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murty has warned about the "loneliness epidemic" sweeping society. The Christian tradition has something special to offer this moment. What is distinctive about a Christian vision of belonging? And how does belonging cut across the divides and boundaries of society? *Led by Ken Kovacs.*

## 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 .....	\$ 524,622
Actual expense .....	\$ - 508,712
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 15,910</b>
Per capita .....	\$ 1,780

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

Date	Event	Location/time	Contact
<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
	Staff meeting	Church House, noon	Church office office@catonsvillepres.org
<b>Wed.</b>	Deacons Meeting	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org

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