



GLORY

TO GOD

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 3, 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, 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 today 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

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," Arr. Michael Larkin

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold red text)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into God's presence with singing.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,

and into God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to God,

bles God's name.

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,

and God's faithfulness to all generations.

Come, let us worship God!

† HYMN # 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, The Almighty"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, finding in you our refuge and strength, that we might live again with your song in our hearts.

Silent prayer of confession

† Please rise in body or in spirit

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582

“Glory to God, Whose
Goodness Shines on Me”

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

God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98
Colossians 3:12-17

HYMN SING

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

*“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace,”
Arr. Jane Holstein*

† 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

***Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our lives, our time, and our possessions.
Use us and what we have gathered to feed the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

HYMN # 428

“Before I Take the Body of My Lord”

† Please rise in body or in spirit

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Creator of the cosmos,
breath of heaven,
lover of us all,
you are our praise, our life, our joy.

**You are there through desert wanderings and willful murmurings,
rebellious running, and tears of complaint.**

**You are there when sorrow becomes our daily food; you rescue us from
ruin and anoint us with blessing.**

Rising sun,
soaring Spirit,
radiant Lord, you are there in stable and temple, river and hillside, cross and
tomb, and even beyond the grave.

**You are there in shining glory,
overcoming death and welcoming us to life.**

**You meet us in the breaking of bread, you pour out the wine of salvation;
you feed us with grace and overwhelm us with love.**

By your Spirit, make these gifts your body and your blood.
By your Spirit, make us one with you and one another.
By your Spirit, make us strong that we might share your love
with your blessed and broken world.

Fount of mercy,
fire of justice,
dearest friend,

**bind us to you and send us out to seek and serve and sing your praise,
until you gather us up in glory and bright, unending song. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer of Gratitude

Holy God, giver of wine and bread, send us from your table in confidence that we are your children, born of your Spirit, fed at your table, filled with your grace, and sent to speak your truth and offer your love to the world in Christ's name. Amen

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

† **HYMN # 821**

“My Life Flows On”

† **BENEDICTION**

† **POSTLUDE**

“Here I Am, Lord,” Arr. Jack Schrader

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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ADULT EDUCATION

Belonging

September 10 and 17 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 9:00 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 Murthy has warned about the "loneliness epidemic" sweeping society. People are feeling isolated and alone. People are searching for ways to relate and connect. People, of all ages, are searching for community, a place where they feel welcome, accepted, safe, and invited to thrive. The Christian tradition has something special to offer this moment. What is distinctive about a Christian vision of belonging? In a recent interview in *The Presbyterian Outlook*, theologian Willie James Jennings reminds us that "At the heart of Christian community is [about] creating belonging where there had been boundary, border, separation, and segregation. A Christian sense of belonging always cuts across every other kind of alignment and allegiance."

There are two articles that will help guide our time together on September 10. Download both at catonsvillepres.org/ministries/adult-ed

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Resuming on September 21 | 10:30 a.m. in the Library

TMBS resumes on September 21 with a study of the Letter to the Ephesians. Written by the apostle Paul, or one of his disciples, to Christians living in and around Ephesus, this letter celebrates the life of the church, a unique community established by God through the work of Jesus Christ.

The letter attests to the power and presence of Christ, who continues to tear down the walls that divide us, to form us into one household of God. We—individually and together—are being built in and through love into a dwelling place for God (Eph. 2:22). This is what we are being called toward as a church.

Just bring your Bible and join us at 10:30 a.m. (in the library or via Zoom). We finish promptly at noon.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

For Children and Youth

Second Sundays

Resuming Sunday, September 10

Second Sundays will resume next week on a slightly different schedule than this past year:

Child Care

We will continue providing child care for infants to age 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until the conclusion of worship (around 11:30 a.m.). Take the stairs at the tower entrance to the lower level.

Multi-Age Church School

This time for children age five through fifth grade begins at the conclusion of the children's message. At the end of the service, parents can pick up their children in the classroom in the lower level near the tower entrance.

Cocoa and Conversations

Youth in grades six through twelve will begin at 10:00 a.m. in a youth room above the Frederick Road entrance. They will be dismissed around 11:30 a.m. for Fellowship Hour.

Youth Group

Resuming September 24 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Middle and senior high youth group will resume on September 24. Though the time will remain the same (from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.), it will generally be held on the fourth Sunday of the month rather than the second Sunday of the month. Updates and changes will be sent by email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Today, September 3, is the final summer worship service. Beginning next Sunday, September 10, worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Cub Pack Sign Up Night

Cub Pack 306 begins this year's programming on Wednesday evening, September 6 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. The pack welcomes children in kindergarten through fifth grade for this fun "Raingutter Regatta" race. While parents sign up and fill out forms, returning and new Cubs will build "boats" out of recyclable materials in the pavilion with several leaders.

Choir Rehearsals Begin this Week

If you are someone who enjoys the communal experience of singing together and wants to get more involved, the doors to the Chancel Choir are always open! We begin rehearsals this Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., and hold a brief rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

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).

Fill the Truck Food Drive

On Saturday, September 16 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (rain or shine), 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! See especially needed items by visiting tinyurl.com/fill-the-truck.

Q&A With Ken and Dorothy

Following worship on Sunday, September 17, an informal question and answer session will be held in the France Room for friends of the congregation who have not formally joined as members. Ken and Dorothy are looking forward to meeting you, answering questions about our ministry and life together, and getting to know you better.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Date	Event	Location/time	Contact
Mon.	Contemplative Prayer	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Brenda Logue naylogue@aol.com
	Dismantling Racism Committee	Zoom, 7:30 p.m.	Jeff Bolognese jabolognese@gmail.com
Tues.	Needlework group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
Wed.	Session Meeting	Library, 7 p.m.	David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net
	Cub Pack Sign Up Night	Pavilion, 7 p.m.	Glenda Johnson gtassoc@verizon.net
Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, 7 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org

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	\$ 530,849
Actual expense	\$ - 528,203
Total	\$ 2,646
Per capita	\$ 1,780



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

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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.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

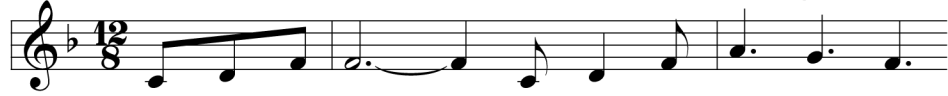
health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1-6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.


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.

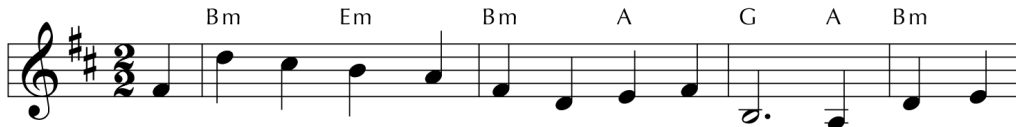
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

CONFESSION

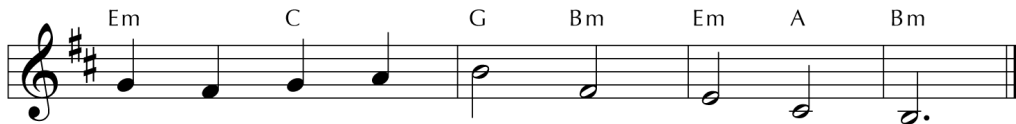
428 Before I Take the Body of My Lord



1 Be - fore I take the bod - y of my Lord, be - fore I
 2 The words of hope I of - ten failed to give, the prayers of
 3 The nar - row - ness of vi - sion and of mind, the need for
 4 Of those a - round in whom I meet my Lord, I ask their
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, com - pan - ion at this feast, I emp - ty



share his life in bread and wine, I rec - og - nize the
 kind - ness bur - ied by my pride, the signs of care I
 oth - er folk to serve my will, and ev - ery word and
 par - don and I grant them mine, that ev - ery con - tra -
 now my heart and stretch my hands, and ask to meet you



sor - ry things with - in: these I lay down.
 ar - gued out of sight: these I lay down.
 si - lence meant to hurt: these I lay down.
 dic - tion of Christ's peace might be laid down.
 here in bread and wine which you lay down.

As this text acknowledges, the sins that separate us from God and from each other can be both things done and things left undone, as well as attitudes and habits that keep us from living in harmony. Letting go of our self-sufficiency enables us to receive Christ's gracious gifts.

821

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.