



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

10:30 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: 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 AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Today is a Second Sunday, when ministry for children and youth is especially active. We know that it might not be comfortable or appropriate for kids to leave their parent during worship, and they are always welcome to remain in the service. Children's bulletins, books, and activities are available in the back of the sanctuary.

Second Sunday Ministries

- Childcare for infants to age five is available from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the lower level room beneath the France Room.
- Church school for children in kindergarten through fifth grade will meet at the conclusion of the children's message, when leaders will escort them to the lower level room beneath the Fellowship Hall.
- Cocoa and Conversation for middle and high school youth will meet beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the youth room above the Library.

Our Commitment to Safety

All adults working with children and youth have completed training to identify and prevent misconduct, and two adults are present at all times with youth and children. If you have any questions about our steps to craft a loving, supportive, and safe environment for children and youth, contact Dorothy Boulton (dboulton@catonsvillepres.org).

“Innumerable times a whole Christian community has broken down because it had sprung from a wish dream... Every human wish dream that is injected into the Christian community is a hindrance to genuine community and must be banished if genuine community is to survive.

He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1909-1945)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Gather Us In," arr. Jeffrey Honoré

INTROIT

"Yesu Azali Awa," Congolese folk hymn

Translation of Kongo:

Jesus is here with us. Alleluia to the Lord!

† **CALL TO WORSHIP**

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

We have come from many places
to this place.

We have come with all our differences,
seeking common ground in Christ.

We have come from different directions, with different perspectives,
to a place where journeys meet.

We come from north and south,
from east and west,

to a place,
as a people – the beloved body of Christ.

Come, then, let us worship God!

† **HYMN # 301**

"Let Us Build a House"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have led us to this place, not to shield us from the heartache and pain of human life, but to heal us, inspire us, and to gently redirect us until we see the world as you do and love it with your love. So hear us as we confess our sin and brokenness: those moments when we turned away from you, from our neighbors, and from ourselves. We bring our heartache and pain and place them before your mercy and compassion, which know no end.

Silent prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

Anyone in Christ is a new creation! "What was" has passed away.

Behold, all things have become new!

Hear this good news and claim God's love and grace for yourself.

Thanks be to God!

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 188

"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

The Bible tells me so.

† 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

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL PROMISE

Belonging is crucial!

Parents and congregations form a rich environment to help children, youth, and adults—people of all ages—discover the joys, responsibilities, and potentials of belonging to a community of faith.

We are all teachers.

Although we may not always be aware of it, our attitudes, behaviors, and commitments teach others about who we are and what we value.

The learning we do along our journey is “faith formation.” This moves beyond information and concentrates on relationships and experiences that lead us into a deeper relationship: with Jesus Christ; with Christ’s church; and with our shared service in the world.

As members of the church of Jesus Christ, as a community of faith, we affirm our promise to guide and nurture by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging all to know and follow Christ as faithful members of Christ’s church.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

You promised to never break your covenant with us. Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors. Breathe through these words, speak to us again, and bring us to life, that we may live according to your word and be your faithful people; through Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:1-13, 27-31
Pew Bible, page 174 of the New Testament

SERMON

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
Ken Kovacs

† HYMN # 314

“Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

† Please rise in body or in spirit

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 sanctuary.



OFFERTORY “Now Let us All Praise God and Sing,” Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing Our great redeemer’s praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, Praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah’s mighty power, Praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, Praise Him forever.

So let us all praise God and Sing Our great Redeemer’s praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!

† 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 selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us and what we have gathered in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. 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 # 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

“Tocatta in F Major,” BuxWV 157
Dietrick Buxtehude

SOURCES

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal
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Today's flowers are given to the glory of God with gratitude for the work of the Christian Education Committee, church school teachers, child care providers, and youth leaders.

LEARNING AND GROWING

Belonging

September 10 and 17 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 9:00 a.m. in the Library

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?

Prepare for each session with the resources and articles available at catonsvillepres.org/belonging

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.

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

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

Music Ministries

If you are interested in participating in the Chancel Choir, Children and Youth Choir, Handbells, or serving as an instrumental musician during worship, please contact Greg Knauf (gknauf@catonsvillepres.org) or Wendy Johnston (wjohnston@catonsvillepres.org). Chancel Choir rehearsals started this past week and will continue to be held each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a congregational meeting next Sunday, September 17, following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report from the Nominating Committee.

Funeral Service for Mary Childs

Mary Childs unexpectedly died this past Wednesday, September 6. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Wednesday, September 13, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Fill the Truck Food Drive

This 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 or sign up to volunteer 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 and answering questions about our ministry and life together.

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	\$ 574,428
Actual expense	\$ - 566,850
Total	\$ 7,578
Per capita	\$ 1,780

EVENTS THIS WEEK

The most accurate and up-to-date calendar is available on our website at catonsvillepres.org/events. Be sure to follow us on Instagram and Facebook for event updates, schedule changes, and corrections throughout the 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
Tues.	Needlework group	Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Cindy Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
	Staff Meeting	Church House, noon	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
Wed.	Memorial for Mary Childs	Sanctuary, 11 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Child Care Council	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Richard Johns richardwjohms@msn.com
	Personnel Meeting	France Room, 4:30 p.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
Thurs.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary, 7 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org
Sat.	Woodland Work Session	Woodlands, 8:30 a.m.	Ron Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com
	Fill the Truck Drive	Knights of Columbus 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Ron Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com

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Let Us Build a House

All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C7 F C F B^b C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
 F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
 Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
 Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

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Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
 tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) (Em) Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
 B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
 D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
 B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.