



# Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 17, 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 MINISTRIES

Educational ministries are currently held on the second week of each month. These Second Sundays include childcare and youth programming beginning at 10:00 a.m. and multi-age church school for those in kindergarten through fifth grade. Visit [catonsvillepres.org/ministries/families](https://catonsvillepres.org/ministries/families) to learn more.

Today, you can find children's bulletins, books, and activities in the back of the sanctuary. The Fellowship Hall is available for families to use if desired. The service can be heard in the room and there's plenty of space for active children.

## WELCOMING ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

**“There have been times when each and every one of us has needed to forgive. There have also been times when each and every one of us has needed to be forgiven. And there will be many times again.**

**In our own ways, we are all broken. Out of that brokenness, we hurt others. Forgiveness is the journey we take towards healing the broken parts. It is how we become whole again. “**

Desmond Tutu (1931 - 2021)

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

*Vater unser im Himmelreich,*  
("Our Father Who Art in Heaven")  
Georg Böhm

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

Give praise to God!

**Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves.**

It is God who forgives.

**It is God who delivers.**

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

### † HYMN # 15

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

The congregation will sing verses 1-4 and 6; the choir alone will sing verse 5.

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and loving God, you lived for us – we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others. You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another.**

**Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silent prayer of confession*

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† Please rise in body or in spirit

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, our sins are forgiven.

God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all.

Reconciled to the God who loves us,  
let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

† **RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 447**

“We Are Forgiven”

† **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

**Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit open our understanding that we may receive the Word of life. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 50:15-21  
Pew Bible, page 58 of the Old Testament

Matthew 18:21-22  
Pew Bible, page 20 of the Old Testament

### SERMON

“Dispositions of the Heart”  
Rev. Dorothy L. Boulton

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### HYMN # 444

“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

The choir will sing verse 1, and the congregation is invited to join on verses 2-4.

### 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

“Brother James’s Air,” James Leith MacBeth Bain  
arr. Mack Wilberg

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want.  
He makes me down to lie In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for His own Name’s sake.  
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for His own Name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through shadows death, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.  
Thy rod and staff they comfort still They comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head with oil thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.  
My head with oil Thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me;  
And in my father’s house always My dwelling place shall be.  
And in Thy house forevermore, My dwelling place shall be.

† **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**

**Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts  
and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in whose name we pray. 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 # 748** “Go With Us, Lord”

Sing twice; first time in unison, second time as a canon.

† **BENEDICTION**

The blessing of God be with you,  
the love of Jesus fill you,  
and power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,  
now and forevermore.  
**Amen.**

† **POSTLUDE** *Toccata in D Major, Johann Speth*



## SOURCES

“Feasting on the Word: Year A,”  
Volume 2, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed.  
(Louisville: John Knox Press, 2009)

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

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## LEARNING AND GROWING

### Belonging (Part 2)

**September 24 | 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 the session with the resources and articles available at [catonsvillepres.org/belonging](https://catonsvillepres.org/belonging)

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

**Beginning September 21 | 10:30 a.m. in the Library**

TMBS begins 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. Contact the church office for the Zoom link.

### Youth Group

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

Middle and senior high youth group will begin on September 24. We’re gathering for a live-action game of CLUE. Snacks will be served.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Accessing the Belonging Portal

Articles, resources, and a connect form are all available at [catonsvillepres.org/belonging](http://catonsvillepres.org/belonging). The portal is pinned at the top of the private Facebook group, listed in the weekly email, and in the “Learning and Growing” section of the bulletin. You can also type the link directly into your web browser.

### Congregational Meeting

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

### Q&A With Ken and Dorothy

Following worship today, 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.

### Upcoming Food Collections

Thank you to those who donated to the Fill the Truck event yesterday and who volunteered! Friday Food Collections will continue every other week through November 17. The next collection is this Friday, September 22, between 4-6 p.m. The full schedule is available online at [catonsvillepres.org/events](http://catonsvillepres.org/events).

### Fall Event for Contemplative Prayer and Meditation

You’re invited to a fall in-person gathering with the Contemplative Prayer and Meditation group on Monday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the France Room. After an introduction to silent meditation (or “centering prayer”), there will be a short practice session. Current members will share why they continue to be practitioners of this spiritual practice and how it has impacted them. If you’re curious or feel drawn to a deeper connection with oneself and God, please join us! Contact Brenda Logue ([naylogue@aol.com](mailto:naylogue@aol.com)) with any questions.

### Woodland Work Session

We recently welcomed several new trees to the woodlands! This coming Saturday, September 23, a work session will begin at 8:30 a.m. to prepare the woodlands for the fall. Contact Ron Gunderson ([cinron.md@gmail.com](mailto:cinron.md@gmail.com)) with any questions.

# 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 ..... \$ 580,727  
 Actual expense..... \$ - 581,854  
**Total..... \$ -1,127**  
 Per capita..... \$ 1,780

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

The most accurate and up-to-date calendar is available on our website at [catonsvillepres.org/events](http://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                                     |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Mon.</b>   | Contemplative Prayer   | Zoom, 7 p.m.                   | Brenda Logue<br>naylogue@aol.com            |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | Needlework group       | Zoom, 10:30 a.m.               | Cindy Gunderson<br>cinron.md@gmail.com      |
|               | Staff Trip to Opie's   | Church House, 2 p.m.           | Church Office<br>office@catonsvillepres.org |
|               | Passages circle        | 7 p.m.                         | Laurie White<br>thewhites@brickhouse112.com |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | Wednesday night circle | 7 p.m.                         | Vickie Lord<br>lord.victoria@gmail.com      |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | Bible Study            | Library and Zoom<br>10:30 a.m. | Ken Kovacs<br>kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org   |
|               | Choir Rehearsal        | Sanctuary<br>7:00 p.m.         | Greg Knauf<br>gknauf@catonsvillepres.org    |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | Food Collection        | Small parking lot<br>4-6 p.m.  | Jenny Hutton<br>jenhutton2010@gmail.com     |
| <b>Sat.</b>   | Woodland Work Session  | Woodlands, 8:30 a.m.           | Ron Gunderson<br>cinron.md@gmail.com        |

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**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

# 15 All Creatures of Our God and King

*Unison*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts  
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-  
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!  
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

*Unison*

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon  
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for  
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-  
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Sometimes called "The Canticle of the Sun," this cosmic roll call allows human beings to give voice to all creation. One of the earliest religious poems in the Italian language, it is made even more expansive by this broad, repetitive melody with interspersed "Alleluias."

(#15 continued)

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam,            sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
your Lord to hear.            Sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
ings on our way,            sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!  
the midst of tears,            sing    prais - es!    Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
waiting to hush our final breath:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
fair is the night that leads us home.  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
Sing praises! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

FORGIVENESS

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# We Are Forgiven

G Am D7 Gsus G C  
 We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to  
 G Am7 Dsus D G Am  
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.  
 D7 Gsus G C G Am7 D G  
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995  
 Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN  
 10.8.10.8

# Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive 444

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em)(Am)



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!  
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Few petitions of the Lord's Prayer are as difficult to pray as this one, and we would not dare to pray it if we had to depend on ourselves rather than the example of forgiveness we are given in Jesus Christ. The shape note tune sets these words with appropriate spareness.

TEXT: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983, alt.  
 MUSIC: *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820; harm. Margaret W. Mealy, 1985  
 Text © 1969, 1983 Rosamond E. Herklots  
 Music Harm. © 1985 GIA Publications, Inc.

DETROIT  
 CM



## Go with Us, Lord

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Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and

ev - ery com - ing day, that in your Spir - it

strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

*\*May be sung as a canon.*

This very accessible sung prayer was created by the director of children's ministry at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, for use by their children's choir, but it is suitable for people of all ages. The familiar tune makes it easy to learn and to memorize.