



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 24, 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 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.

Christianity has always been more of a trust-walk than a belief system. In the Christian tradition, faith depends on who we follow, and that depends on who we love. Believing in a person—having utter confidence in someone—creates a very different set of expectations than believing in “beliefs.” For Christians, faith means cleaving to the person, the God-man, of Jesus Christ, joining a pilgrim journey with other lovers, and following him into the world.

Kenda Creasy Dean, *Almost Christian: What the Faith of Our Teenagers is Telling the American Church* (Oxford University Press, 2010)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Voluntary, John Stanley

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

For the Lord is a great God;

a ruler over heaven and earth!

† HYMN #1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to proclaim the gospel—good news—but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people near and far.

Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of the Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. .

Silent prayer of confession

† Please rise in body or in spirit

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news!

We have been claimed by grace through the faith of Jesus Christ.

This is the promise and the hope.

Friends, the old ways are over. Everything has become new.

Glory to God!

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 582

“Glory to God, Whose
Goodness Shines on Me”

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Moment for Mission

Cheryl Thurber, Peace and Global Mission Offering

Retirement of Ginger Daiger

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, open your Word. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation that our eyes may be enlightened, and that we may know the hope to which we have been called; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 95:1-7a
Pew Bible, page 550 of the Old Testament

HYMN # 257

“The Risen Christ”

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-23
Pew Bible, page 192 of the New Testament

SERMON

“Trust-Walk”
Ken 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 sanctuary.



OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace, Traditional Spiritual,
arr. Matt Riley

† 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, we give you thanks and praise for your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept our offering in union with Christ’s offering for us. Confirm in us the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, that we may testify to the sovereignty of his love. Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. 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 # 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

† BENEDICTION

Ephesians 6:23-24

Peace be to the whole community,
and love with faith,
from God the father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace be with all who have an undying love of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God.

† POSTLUDE

FOUNDATION, setting by Wilbur Held

SOURCES

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal
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Press, 2013).

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LEARNING AND GROWING

Christian Nationalism

October 8 and 22 | Led by Ken Kovacs | 9:00 a.m. in the Library

Christian nationalism is a political ideology and cultural framework that seeks to merge American and Christian identities. In this day when both American identity and Christian identity are undergoing massive shifts in definition and meaning, the reappearance and rise of Christian Nationalism (CN) is an alarming, reactionary response. The subtitle of Andrew L. Whitebread's new and important work, *American Idolatry*, gets at the heart of the issue: *How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church* (Brazos, 2023). CN subscribes to a particular understanding of who is "in" and who is intentionally left out or pushed to the margins, who belongs, and who doesn't.

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

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Every Thursday | 10:30 a.m. in the Library

This fall, we're exploring 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. Visit catonsvillepres.org/belonging to view the schedule or access the Zoom meeting.

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

Thank you, Ginger!

Today we are celebrating Ginger Daiger's service to CPC and her upcoming retirement. With a tenure of nearly thirty years, Ginger will be leaving a position to which she has brought enormous dedication and careful attention, ensuring all our bills are paid, handling payroll for both the Center and the church, and making sure that our accounts are in order. She has been an invaluable member of the staff and will be deeply missed. *Ginger, congratulations on this next chapter!*

Today's flowers have been given to the glory of God in honor of Ginger's dedicated service to the church.

Accessing the Belonging Portal

Articles, resources, and a connect form are all available at 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.

Exploring our Facilities

As we focus on our fall theme of connection, do you ever wonder what CPC looks like beyond the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall? As part of our presence in the community and overall stewardship responsibilities, Catonsville Presbyterian Church is blessed with a large amount of space and buildings. The oldest buildings are over 100 years old!

Want to learn more? On Sunday, October 1, the Buildings and Grounds Committee will conduct a walk-around of the facility, including highlights such as our gym, the organ, our heating and air conditioning, our cell tower space (no ladder climbing), and our child care center. We will also visit the church house, and weather permitting, the gardens and woodlands. It should take about 30-45 minutes and involve climbing stairs. Wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes.

We hope you can join us for the walk-around, and that it can answer your questions and maybe spark further curiosity.

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) with any questions.

Third Grade Bibles

Third grade Bibles will be presented during worship on Sunday, October 8. If you have a child in third grade, please send their first, middle, and last names to Dorothy Boulton (dboulton@catonsvillepres.org) no later than September 26.

Woodland Work Session

This coming Saturday, September 30, a work session will begin at 8:30 a.m. to prepare the woodlands for the fall. Contact Ron Gunderson (cinron.md@gmail.com) with any questions.

Film Screening

The Dismantling Racism Committee of CPC, Grace AME Church and Christian Temple invites you to attend a screening and discussion of *Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story* at the Institute for Islamic-Christian-Jewish Studies (ICJS) on Sept. 27th at 6:30pm. This documentary focuses on Howard Thurman and his unique spiritual and theological influence on leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Jesse Jackson, and John Lewis. Jewish scholar Ben Sax will lead the discussion.

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!

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| Actual income | \$ 588,402 |
| Actual expense | \$ - 595,414 |
| Total | \$ -7,012 |
| <i>Per capita</i> | \$ 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. | 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. | Staff Luncheon | 12:30 p.m. | Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Bridges Circle | Brightview, 4 p.m. | Tracy Lantz tklantz@verizon.net |
| | Deacons' Meeting | Library / Zoom, 7 p.m. | Tom Enokian taenokian@gmail.com |
| Thurs. | Bible Study | Library and Zoom 10:30 a.m. | Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. | Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org |
| Sat. | Woodland Work Session | Woodlands, 8:30 a.m. | Ron Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com |

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

THE TRIUNE GOD

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt.;

Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera

MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

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(#1, continued)

THE TRIUNE GOD

ho - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

SPANISH

- 1 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente,
siempre el labio mío loores te dará.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adoro reverente,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.
- 2 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La inmensa muchedumbre
de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad,
ante tí se postra, bañada de tu lumbre,
ante tí que has sido, que eres y serás.
- 3 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Por más que estés velado
e imposible sea tu gloria contemplar,
santo tú eres sólo y nada hay a tu lado,
en poder perfecto, pureza y caridad.
- 4 ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre
vemos en tus obras, en cielo, tierra y mar.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La humanidad te adore,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

KOREAN

- 1 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
이름아침우리주를 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다
- 2 거룩거룩거룩 주의보좌 앞에
모든성도 금면류관 벗어드리네
천군천사 모두주께 굴복하니
영원히 위에 계신 주로다
- 3 거룩거룩거룩 주의 빛난 영광
모든죄인 눈어두워 보지 못하네
거룩하신 이가 주님밖에 누구
권능과사랑 온전하셔라
- 4 거룩거룩거룩 전능하신 주여
천지만물 주의이름 찬송합니다
거룩거룩거룩 자비하신 주여
성삼위일체 우리주로다

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

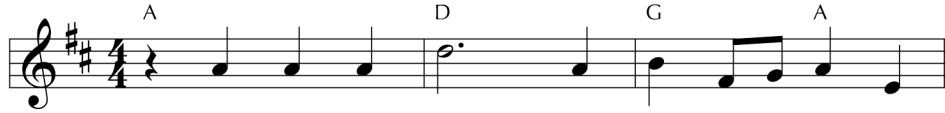
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(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.

The Risen Christ

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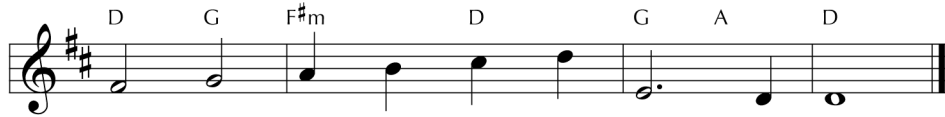
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



feet from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y
 side, breathes out his Spir - it on them to a -
 hand the bread for those who fail to un - der -
 stand with the op - pressed in this and ev - ery



street, un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear, and
 bide whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve; new
 stand, re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - gering tears, en -
 land, till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be, re -



speaks a word of peace to all who hear.
 grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.
 flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.
 stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This perceptive hymn centers on Christ's post-Resurrection appearances described in John 20:19–29 and Luke 24:13–48. The first three stanzas are shaped by the wounded body parts: feet, side, hand; the fourth prays for such woundedness in the witness of Christ's body, the Church.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

(#366, continued)

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.