



"The Welcome Table" by Suzy Norris

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 8, 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 France Room.

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).

**A deep sense of love
and belonging is an
irreducible need of
all people.**

Brené Brown

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in C Major (From the Eight Little Preludes and Fugues) attributed to J. S. Bach

The Prelude and Fugue in C Major comes from a collection of "Eight Short Preludes and Fugues," a delightful and appealing collection, and a cornerstone of the organist's repertory. For many years these works have been historically ascribed to Johann Sebastian Bach. More recent scholarship indicate that these pieces were likely composed by one of Bach's pupils, possibly by Johann Ludwig Krebs. As Alfred Durr wrote, "their value is in no way dependent on whether the composer is known or not," and this collection is particularly suited for service playing.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

God has shared with us this beautiful earth.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

† HYMN # 401

"Here In this Place/Gather Us In"

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we humbly confess our faults. For anger, impatience and quickness to misunderstand, forgive us. For thoughtlessness, indifference and the lack of kindness, forgive us. For not speaking out against injustice

† Please rise in body or in spirit

and suffering, forgive us. For all the times we have not followed Jesus in the way of love, forgive us, heal us, and transform us anew into your servant people. In the name of Christ Jesus we pray. Amen.

Silent prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: our prayers have been answered. Christ has healed us and forgives our sin. With glad hearts, let us return praise 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

This is your Word, O God. Humble us to speak its weight. Strengthen us to hear its truth. Unbind us to live its call. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 9:1-13
Pew Bible, page 283 of the Old Testament

SERMON

“How To Say Grace”
Rev. Dorothy L. Boulton

HYMN # 767

“Together We Serve”

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

Jubilate Deo, Peter Anglea

Translation of Latin (Psalms 100: 1, 5):

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

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

† 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

We praise and glorify your name, O God. You have given us more than we could have imagined! For tidings of joy, for wholeness received, for the gift of belonging, we thank you. Make of us, as well as these gifts, offerings of good news to the poor, hope to the hopeless, and signs of your power to welcome, reconcile, and redeem. We ask all things 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 # 770

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

† BENEDICTION

† POSTLUDE

Allegro by Johann Christian Kittel

Johann Kittel (1732-1809) was a German organist, composer, and teacher and one of the last known students of Johann Sebastian Bach. His compositions are often restricted to the use of simple forms best suited for liturgical use, as his aim was to “to awaken, maintain and heighten feelings of devotion in the hearts of his hearers by means of music.”

SOURCES

Feasting on the Word, Kimberly Bracken Long, ed. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013)

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

Touch Holiness, ed. by Ruth C. Duck, and Maren C. Tirabassi (Cleveland: United Church Press 1990)

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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

Youth Group

October 22 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Youth in grades 6-12 will gather to make Halloween cards for our college-age students before playing "Minute to Win It!" Snacks will be served.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Next meeting on October 19 | 10:30 a.m. in the Library

This fall, we're exploring the Letter to the Ephesians. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Schedules

Michael Cuppett will be out of the office beginning this Wednesday, October 11, and will return on Wednesday, October 18. The church office will be closed for the duration of his time away and will reopen on Wednesday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Church House will remain accessible by electronic fob access. All items for the weekly email and bulletin must be submitted no later than 9 a.m. on Monday, October 9.

From Friday, October 13 through Saturday, October 28, Dorothy Boulton will be out of the office. Please contact Ken Kovacs for any pastoral needs or emergencies.

Confirmation Meeting

Ninth- and tenth-grade students and their families are invited to a confirmation interest meeting in the Library following today's worship. Jeff Bolognese and Dorothy Boulton will explain the confirmation process and describe the fun, growth, and discovery that's planned.

Trick or Treat Trail

Children are encouraged to wear costumes and visit the Woodlands for fellowship and candy after worship on October 29! Everyone is welcome to provide candy and/or volunteer for the event by signing up at tinyurl.com/cpc-trick-or-treat. Contact Jenny Hutton (jenhutton2010@gmail.com) or Jeff Bolognese (jabolognese@gmail.com) with any questions.

Adopt a Turkey

Once again, we are partnering with Grace AME to provide a Thanksgiving meal to our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. For the past several years, Catonsville Presbyterian Church has worked with Grace AME to provide food for the Thanksgiving holiday to those in need. Through the Adopt a Turkey fundraiser, we've purchased turkeys for over 200 families each year. We have also collected food items (all the Thanksgiving trimmings) to help these families have a complete Thanksgiving meal.

You can contribute in one of three ways:

1. Bring nonperishable food contributions to worship with you on Sundays.
2. Drop off contributions at the October 20 or November 2 food collections.
3. Contribute financially online at catonsvillepres.org/give

Grace AME Harvest Fest

You're invited to Grace AME's Harvest Fest on Saturday, October 28. This fall festival will include entertainment, food, vendors, and community groups. This is a great opportunity to connect with our siblings at Grace AME, so mark your calendars!

Upcoming Lecture

The Dismantling Racism Committee invites you to the Institute for Islamic-Christian-Jewish Studies (ICJS) Manekin-Clark Annual Lecture. Guest lecturer Dr. Walter Earl Fluker challenges us as communities to adopt a stance of interreligious congregating, conjuring, and conspiring at the crossings where encounters (and even conflicts) take place as a means of achieving social justice, equity, and transformation. Visit catonsvillepres.org/news to learn more and register for free.

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	\$ 626,202
Actual expense	\$ - 635,463
Total	\$ -9,261
<i>Per capita</i>	<i>\$ 1,860</i>

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.	Stephen Ministry	Nesbitt Room, 5 p.m.	Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org
	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
Wed.	Presbyterian Women: Wednesday Circle	7 p.m.	Vickie Lord lord.victoria@gmail.com
	Childcare Council	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Richard Johns richardwjohns@msn.com
Thurs.	Christian Ed Committee	Zoom, 7 p.m.	Jeff Bolognese jabolognese@gmail.com
	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel-come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.