



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 15, 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

The Peace May be Exchanged, Dan Locklair

This lovely aria features a solo diapason accompanied by strings doubled in the pedal. The richness and warmth of the accompaniment stems from the four independent and intertwining voices, with an abundance of dissonant suspensions, resolving to peaceful consonance. In this music, one can hear the clasp of hands and intermingling of voices sharing and wishing peace. This piece was performed at the funeral service at the National Cathedral of President Ronald Reagan.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

(The congregation responds aloud with the bold text)

You have been called to the banquet.

This is the feast.

You have been summoned to the wedding.

This is the feast of life and light.

From the streets and byways, God has invited us.

We have come to the banquet that knows no end.

Come, let us celebrate. Come, let us worship God!

† HYMN # 645

“Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You invite us to your feast, O God, and yet we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made us this wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you.

Silent prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears our plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven!

For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior—who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair—rejoice!

Thanks be 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your word, O God, is a feast all its own. Let your Holy Spirit open our minds to your call to listen, for we know your holy Word heals and reconciles your people. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:1-9
Pew Bible, page 652 of the Old Testament

HYMN # 769

“For Everyone Born”

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22:1-14
Pew Bible, page 24 of the New Testament

SERMON

“The Wedding Crasher”
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

Benediction, Mack Wilberg

Come to us this night, console our souls,
becalm our fears, and bless our sleeping.

Come to us this day, awake our hearts,
renew our minds, and bless our rising.

Come to us this hour, restore our hope,
confirm our faith, and bless our living.

Come to us we pray, receive our love,
behold our joy, And bless our praising.

Amen.

† 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 # 804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

† BENECTION

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
Do not worry.

With thanksgiving, speak to God your needs and the needs of the world.
Ponder what is pleasing and excellent.

Rejoice always.

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

† POSTLUDE

The People Respond — Amen!, Dan Locklair

Today’s selections for the prelude and postlude come from Rubrics, A Liturgical Suite for Organ in Five Movements, by American composer Dan Locklair. “The people respond – Amen!” is an energetic and highly rhythmic toccata, primarily based on the transposition of four pitches, E-flat, F, A-flat, and B-flat, eventually including all twelve pitches of the chromatic scale.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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SOURCES

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal
(Louisville: Westminster John Knox
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

Thursday, October 19 | 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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Schedules

Michael Cuppett will return to the office this Wednesday, October 18, resuming normal office hours of 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Church House will remain accessible by electronic fob access. Dorothy Boulton will return on Sunday, October 29.

Trick or Treat Trail

Children are encouraged to wear costumes and visit the Woodlands for fun, 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.

Upcoming Food Collection

The next food collection is this Friday, October 20 between 4-6 p.m. in the small Frederick Road parking lot.

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. 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 a lecture at the Institute for Islamic-Christian-Jewish Studies (ICJS) on October 23. Guest lecturer Dr. Walter Earl Fluker challenges us as communities to adopt a stance of interreligious collaboration to achieve social justice, equity, and transformation. Visit tinyurl.com/icjs-lecture 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	\$ - 636,218
Total	\$ -10,016
<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.

Date	Event	Location/time	Contact
Today	Worship	Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
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
	Presbyterian Women: Passages Circle	7 p.m.	Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com
Thurs.	Bible Study	Library / Zoom, 10:30 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Scouts' Court of Honor	Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m.	Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org
	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org
Fri.	Food Collection	Small parking lot 4-6 p.m.	Jenny Hutton jenhutton2010@gmail.com
Sun.	Adult Education	Library, 9 a.m.	Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org
	Concerts at 3	Sanctuary, 3 p.m.	David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net

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**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

THANKSGIVING

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

MIT FREUDEN ZART
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(#645 continued)

THANKSGIVING

mur - mur stilled:
all is right:
cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
take your part:

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are placed between the two staves, with some words aligned under specific notes.

582 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.

769 For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

(769 continued)

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
jus-tice and joy!

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

TEXT: Edward Hayes Plumtre, 1865
MUSIC: Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883

MARION
SM with refrain