



Second Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 14, 2024

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

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. Parents should pick their children up at the end of the service.
- 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service for the Lord's Day

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Two settings of *Glory to God in the Highest*,
(*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her*)

Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau and Johann Gottfried Walther.

The tune and text comprise an early Lutheran hymn and were intended as the German version of the *Gloria* part of the Latin mass. The title, *Allein Gott in der Höh* translates as "Alone to God in the highest be glory." Many composers have used this tune as a setting for organ chorales. Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau, a contemporary of J.S. Bach, was born in Leipzig and is best remembered as the first music teacher of G.F. Handel. Johann Gottfried Walther, also a contemporary of J.S. Bach, was also his first cousin. Please enjoy these two settings of *Allein Gott in der Höh*.

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and see the love God has given to us.

Come and see what it means to be children of God.

Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

With joy, we come to see the Lord.

† HYMN # 251

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to recognize you as you walk with us on the way. Awaken us to see you in the sharing of bread. Have mercy on us when we hoard or hide our resources, when we fail to break bread with others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your wholeness and your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

Silent prayer of confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From 1 John 3:1

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.” Children of God, we are claimed by God, forgiven of our sins, and set free for love.

Alleluia! Amen.

† RESPONSE OF PRAISE: HYMN # 526, VERSE 3

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Immanuel everywhere!
Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

† Please rise in body or in spirit

† 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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:36b-48
Page 91 of the New Testament

MESSAGE

Testifying to Love

Hymn # 252, verses 1-2 (seated)

“Day of Arising”

Testify to Love: A Story for All Ages

Episode 2

Hymn # 252, verses 3-4 (seated)

“Day of Arising”

Meditation

Rev. Dorothy L. Boulton

Envision Grants

Laurie White

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

RESPONSE OF FAITH

They walked with heavy sadness,
those two disciples on a long, lonely journey.
A stranger joined them. It was Jesus.
But they could only see a stranger,
a friend to share the long walk ahead.

**He spoke with them,
comforted their sadness and offered new thoughts.**

**When he gave thanks for the bread,
broke it and gave it to them,
they saw and they knew it was Jesus.**

People are sometimes
afraid to see the hope and new life their faith shows them.
They think they must consider only what is real.

**But what is real? Hunger is real,
so are the faces of children with no hope.
Greed is real and so is violence and war.
People of faith can see that.
Why can't they see the presence of the Lord,
who speaks to their hearts about other things that are just as real?**

Love is real.

The eyes of faith see new possibilities
where none were found before.
Even death does not hold back the spirit of God.

† Please rise in body or in spirit

**So let's look again.
Let's see the living Christ
sharing the journey, inspiring new hope.
Among the poor and homeless,
in the prisons and hospitals,
in the lands of famine and war,
new hopes are waiting to be seen.**

**The journey starts with ordinary steps
as we walk our daily paths,
looking around as Jesus did with the love of God in our view.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS



OFFERTORY

"We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"
Michael D. Costello

We walk by faith and not by sight; With gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, Nor follow where you trod;
But in your promise we rejoice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near, And seek where you are found.

That, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are, With full and endless sight.

† 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

Living Lord, we give you thanks for the bounty of your grace: you create us in your image, shower us with your love, forgive us when we turn away from you, and give us a future with hope. Bless these gifts we offer you today and make us good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. May our gifts bring joy and peace in our church and in our community. In Christ’s holy name we pray, amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER & 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 # 257

“The Risen Christ”

† **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Sonata #2, III. *Allegro maestoso e vivace*
Felix Mendelssohn

Felix Mendelssohn is perhaps best known for his symphonies, piano, and chamber music. However, Mendelssohn was also an organist and he composed for the organ. His groundbreaking six organ sonatas ushered in a revival of organ composition and are considered the greatest organ works to appear since the time of J.S Bach. Bach had been largely forgotten by Mendelssohn's time, but Felix's maternal grandmother gifted the young man a manuscript of Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion*. Mendelssohn, recognizing the genius in the music, directed a now famous performance of this work and rescued Bach's music from oblivion. The rest is history.

SOURCES

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LEARNING & GROWING

THE CHURCH AND REFUGEES

Sunday, April 14 | 9 a.m. in the Library | Led by Susan Krehbiel and Rick Santos

Over the years, conflict, persecution, food insecurity, and the consequences of climate change have driven people from their homes and countries of origin. As of January 2024, the U.N. reported over 700,000 registered refugees and asylum seekers dwelling in Kenya alone. On April 14, we'll hear about experiences in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, gain a better understanding of refugee trends across the globe, and unpack how Church World Service (CWS), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), and CPC are working to support refugees. This will be led by Rick Santos, President and CEO of CWS, and Susan Krehbiel, Associate for Migration Accompaniment Ministries with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA).

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Next meeting on Thursday, April 18 | 10:30 a.m. in the Library

Thursday Morning Bible Study resumes for a special series that explores the Bible's understanding of death. The Bible does not speak with one voice on this subject. What we find in Judaism is a gradual unfolding of insights into the nature of death, God's relationship to death (and the dying), and speculations about life after death. Many of these ideas are present in the New Testament but take on new and deeper meanings after the accounts of Jesus' resurrection. Each week, we'll study a different passage of scripture and related theological themes, supported by additional articles and reflection pieces to inform our discussions. View the full schedule and readings at tinyurl.com/tmbs-death.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fellowship Hour

Thank you to the Reflections Circle for hosting today's Fellowship Hour!

Memorial Service for Fred Wolf

It is with deep sadness we share the news that Fred Wolf died on Saturday, April 6. Fred faithfully served several congregations in Baltimore Presbytery and joined CPC in May 1989. He was ordained as a ruling elder in 1961 and was elected to three terms on the Session throughout his time at CPC. He also served as a trustee.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Inurnment at the Columbarium will follow immediately after. Please remember his son, Dave, and his extended family in your prayers.

Church Grounds Workday

Thanks to the hard work of a dozen church members and friends, about a third of the woodland paths have been replenished with wood chips! Our next workday will be on Saturday, April 20, beginning at 9 a.m. in the main parking lot.

Remembering Loved Ones

We remember this Eastertide that "in life and in death we belong to God," (*A Brief Statement of Faith*). The Columbarium ministers and bears witness of this truth to us and our community. This Eastertide and into Pentecost, consider spending time in contemplation and remembrance at the Columbarium. For those who feel led to help create this sacred space, engraved pavers can be purchased and embedded in the garden for \$170. If you'd like to explore adding a poem, Bible verse, quotation, or remembrance of a loved one through an engraved paver, contact columbarium@catonsvillepres.org.

Bridges to Housing Stability: Beans & Bags for Bridges

Join in a day of fun and community as we work to end homelessness through Bridges to Housing Stability's *Beans & Bags* fundraiser! Enjoy chili, cornhole, a silent auction, and live music by local musicians. Chili tickets and cornhole registration are now available at tinyurl.com/beans-bags-24.

Worship Flowers

If you would like to dedicate the flowers for a service in memorial, recognition, or celebration of a loved one or special event, please email Virginia Fairman (v.fairman@comcast.net). The cost is \$55. A short message will be published in the bulletin, and you can take one or both bouquets home.

Hymn Sing

Today at 3:00 p.m., the Rev. Dr. J. Michael McMahan, the Executive Director of The Hymn Society, will lead a hymn sing at The Church of the Redeemer. The hymn sing will be focused on hymns of social justice. Dr. McMahan, an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) also serves as Artistic Director of Music at Midday at National City Christian Church. From 2001 to 2013, he was President and CEO of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, an organization of seven thousand Roman Catholic musician, clergy, and other pastoral leaders.

We encourage you to bring your voices, your choirs, your friends, and your clergy to sing great hymnody, in a wonderful space, accompanied by a magnificent organ, and led by a dynamic hymnologist.

Envision Grants

Thank you to the members of the Envision Board for their dedicated service! We give thanks for their ministry and service, especially for the class of 2024, for whom this is the final grant cycle of their terms.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

| Day | Event | Location/Time | Contact |
|---------------|--|--|---|
| Today | Adult Education | Library, 9 a.m. | Church office office@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Childcare for ages 0-5 | Lower level classroom, 10 a.m. | Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Cocoa & Conversations (Grades 6-12) | Youth room, 10 a.m. | Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Worship | Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m. | Church office office@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Multiage church school (Grades K-5) | Lower level classroom, after children's message | Dorothy Boulton dboulton@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Envision Board | France Room, after worship | Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com |
| 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 |
| | Passages Circle | 7 p.m. | Laurie White thewhites@brickhouse112.com |
| Thurs. | Bible Study | Library & Zoom, 10:30 a.m. | Ken Kovacs kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary, 7 p.m. | Greg Knauf gknauf@catonsvillepres.org |
| Sat. | Church grounds workday | Main parking lot, 9 a.m. | Ron Gunderson cinron.md@gmail.com |

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| Next Sun. | New Members' Breakfast | France Room, 9 a.m. | Church office office@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Worship | Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m. | Church Office office@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Realm Sign Ups | France Room, after worship | Michael Cuppett mcuppett@catonsvillepres.org |
| | Concerts at 3: Charlie Zahm | Sanctuary, 3 p.m. | David Hutton dhutton1@verizon.net |

GIVING UPDATE

As of 02/29/2024

We publish these numbers every week out of our gratitude for your financial giving. Thank you for your generosity toward our ministry and life together!

Per capita is set by the Presbytery of Baltimore at \$40 per member for 2024. Any contribution toward per capita is greatly appreciated.

Actual income.....\$180,500
 Actual expense - \$128,631
Total.....\$51,869

CPC per capita total....\$16,400
 Contributions received....\$495

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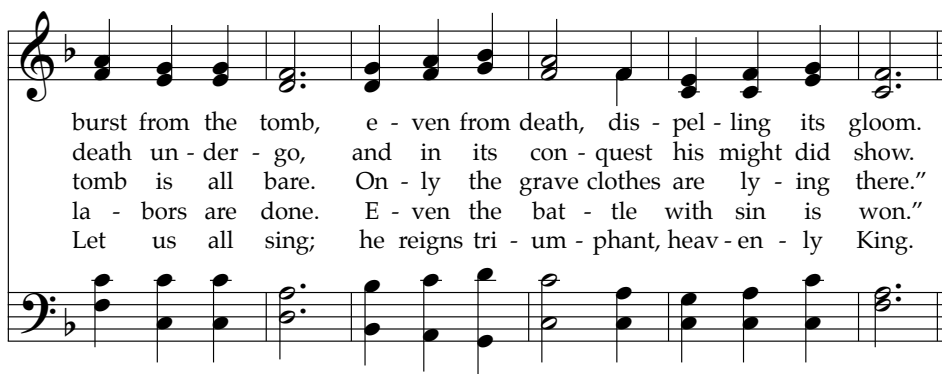
251 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re - joice and
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst un - til its
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear. You look for
 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has a -
 5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free. Al - le - lu -



praise him, al - le - lu - ia. For our re - deem - er
 strength by God was dis - persed. He who gives life did
 Je - sus who is not here. See for your - selves the
 ris - en this world to save. Je - sus' re - deem - ing
 ia, to him prais - es be. Je - sus is liv - ing!



burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 death un - der - go, and in its con - quest his might did show.
 tomb is all bare. On - ly the grave clothes are ly - ing there."
 la - bors are done. E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 Let us all sing; he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King."

The good news of the Resurrection is retold in this lively hymn from Tanzania, blending 20th-century words with a traditional melody. In African call-and-response practice, the stanzas would ordinarily be sung by a soloist or small group and the refrain by the whole congregation.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful

sting he has come to de-stroy. Our sin for-giv-ing,

al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus is liv-ing, al-le-lu-ia!

252 Day of Arising

Capo 1: (Esus) (E) (B) (E)
 Fsus F C F



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

(Amaj7) (F#m7) (B7) (Esus) (E)
 Bbmaj7 Gm7 C7 Fsus F



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
 sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
 prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,
 pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

(B) (E) (Amaj7) (B7) (E)
 C F Bbmaj7 C7 F



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.
 set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Based on Luke 24:13–35, this text tells how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

The Risen Christ

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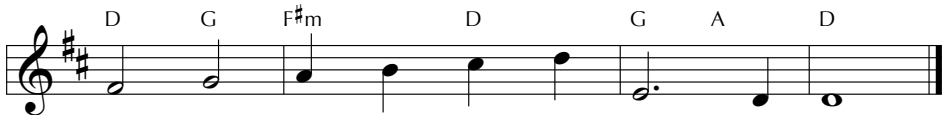
1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and



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.