

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: Improvisation on FINLANDIA

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Let us focus on God's presence.

*In the midst of a world
where people hunger and thirst ...*

Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

*In the midst of a world
where people are abused and oppressed ...*

Come worship a God who calls for compassion
and justice.

*In the midst of a world
filled with wars and rumors of war ...*

Come worship a God who desires nothing
less than peace for the world.

*In the midst of a world
of spiritual emptiness ...*

Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

*Come, let us worship the Lord,
whose grace and love know no end!*



***Hymn 307** (For those following at home, see page 9.)

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

Prayer of Invocation, Confession, and Hope (Responsive)

God of creation,

you created all of us in your image.

On this day we remember that throughout

history there are those who have
distorted your image, seeking power
for themselves instead of submitting
to your power, destroying relationships
through violence, fear and oppression
rather than seeking to build up relationships
through love, peace and mercy.

*All who are able, please stand.

Silence

In this time of worship, as we have
gathered to remember,
*we call on you, creator of the earth,
to guide us into using the power
you have given us
to create, not to destroy;
to love, not to hate;
to build instead of tearing down;
to reconcile instead of breaking apart;
to seek restorative justice instead of revenge.*

Guide our hearts and minds to remember
that we are created in your image to be
creative beings in this world.

In the name of Jesus the Christ,
who went to the cross instead of revenge,
who walked this earth in peace
instead of carrying weapons,
and who in the resurrection
comes and says "Peace be with you,"
we pray that we might walk in his name. Amen.

***Response of Praise – Hymn 582** (See page 10.)

"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

***Passing of the Peace**

Life in Community

The peace and joy of the Lord
be with you and yours today.

Thank you for joining us for worship.

Other announcements....

Children's Message

Hymn 378 (See page 11.) "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

MERLE'S TUNE

Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

*Your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.*

*May we approach your Word today,
 Holy God, with the reverence
 and respect it deserves.
 Let us be intentional in our listening
 and focused in our minds as we hear
 your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.*

Scripture: Psalm 46

Message: *Refuge and Strength*

A Time for Lament: Remembering 9-11

God, so much violence, so much pain,
 so much heartache.

*May our remembrances of this day
 instill within us a horror of war,
 And help us stand against the atrocities
 caused by terrorism and violence.*

As we grieve with those who still mourn,
 And share memories with those who cannot forget,

*May we be stirred by your love
 and compassion for all, especially
 for the vulnerable and displaced.*

As we remember those who bravely responded,
 And gave their lives to save others,

*May we draw strength
 from their selfless sacrifice,
 And be willing to go and do likewise
 for those still in harms way.*

As we stand with strangers
 who became neighbors that day,
 Sharing and caring with generosity
 and hospitality for people they did not know,

*May we remind ourselves of the call
 to be good Samaritans,
 And willingly reach out across race
 and culture to other victims of violence.*

So many in our world have lost loved ones
 to terrorism and war,

So many have been displaced
 from homes and country,

*May their plight fill us with compassion,
a longing for peace,
And the desire to seek for understanding
and reconciliation.*

Let us not be overcome by our fears and anxieties,
Which sometimes prompt us to turn
from your kingdom ways,
*Let us remember God's faithfulness
when we were lost and alone.
And learn to trust in God's unfailing love
for all the peoples of the earth.
Amen.*

Silence

Lament for the Fallen: "Flowers of the Forest"

Scottish Folk Melody (c. 1615-1625)

Scripture: Matthew 5:3-16

Offering

Jesus said, "Freely you have received,
freely give."

Let us return to God the offerings
of our life and labor.

Let us present our gifts to the Lord.

You may give online through our website, catonsvillepres.org.

If you wish to give in person, an offering plate is located
near the sanctuary entrance. Feel welcome to place your
offering there at the end of the service.

In a time of silence now, let us remember
and give thanks for God's gifts to us this week:
time, talent, money, family, relationships,
friends, life itself.

Then ask yourself:

where is the Spirit leading me this week
to share my gifts through the work
of the church and the love of neighbor?

Musical Offering: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Sebastian Temple

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

*Holy God, take these gifts and bless them
for good use to your glory.*

*May these tokens of our gratitude
be of service in blessing the poor,
feeding the hungry, clothing and
sheltering those struggling to survive.*

*Use these gifts to further Christ's mission
and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Blessed, praised, honored, exalted, respected,
adored and glorified be the name of our
Holy God.

Words alone cannot adequately express our
praise and thanksgiving, Holy One.

May the words we pray honestly reflect
the desire and devotion of our hearts
and guide us to a strong and
right relationship with you.

In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayers.

We pray for health and healing in the midst
of our continuing crisis.

Strengthen medical professionals who have
spent all of their reserves of endurance.

Encourage them when death prevails
despite their heroic efforts.

Grant them courage and confidence
in the face of never-ending trials.

Show us all signs of your healing grace.

As our nation marks 20 years since the
attacks of September 11, 2001, we pray
for a collective moment of pause.

Help us stop what we are doing, Holy God.

Help us set aside the stress and strain
of the everyday to honor the lives that were lost,
the families devastated, the first responders
who ran toward danger to help and save.

May the memory of this terrible and tragic day
 make us ever more motivated to work for
 peace across our world.

Help us to build cultural, global and interfaith
 bridges, pathways and partnerships
 of mutual care and understanding.

Merciful God, as we remember the pain of this
 tragic day, fill us with your peace that passes
 all understanding, fill us with the hope that
 your kingdom will come and your will be done.

Compassionate God, bind up the wounds
 of the suffering among us.

Provide help and hope for families facing eviction.

Provide safety and security for refugees and
 asylum seekers.

Provide justice for peoples and nations
 long oppressed.

Provide liberation for the dehumanized
 as well as for those who cooperate with
 dehumanizing practices.

Free us all, Holy God, by faith.

God of life, the burdens we carry are heavy
 and the road forward feels dreary and endless.

Turn our eyes to where your skies are full of
 promise, tune our hearts to your brave love,
 fill our souls with moral courage so we can
 find our purpose and our path in you.

United as a family of faith and as the
 Body of Christ, we lift these prayers up to you,
 God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Finally, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying,

*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 340 (See pages 12 & 13 .) "This Is My Song"

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*Benediction

Postlude: "When the Battle is Over"

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PAVILION DEDICATION

Following worship, please join us at the pavilion for the dedication.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are welcome in worship as part of the Whole Family of God. We are delighted they are here. For safety reasons we are not currently providing child care on Sunday mornings but fellowship hall is available for families to use. The service can be heard in the room, plus there's plenty of space for active children. A parent may also take a child to the playground before, during, and after worship.

Children's Bibles and books are available in the back of the sanctuary, along with clipboards, crayons, markers, and paper.

Information about our education ministries for the fall are in our September newsletter and can be found on our website, www.catonsvillepres.org.

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 misinterpreted as inappropriate. Please reach out. Ask if there is a way that 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.

Participants

- Dorothy Boulton, *associate pastor*
- Kathy and Keith Glennan, *ruling elder; video production*
- Christopher Keenan, *organist*
- Ed Kitlowski, *piper*
- Greg Knauf, *vocalist*
- Kenneth E. Kovacs, *pastor*
- Vickie Lord, *social media support*
- Dottie Marshall, *ruling elder, sanctuary set-up*
- Brad Percy, *ruling elder/liturgist*

Sources

- *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018).
- *Worship Resources, The Presbyterian Outlook*.
- *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).
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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 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, 7 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.

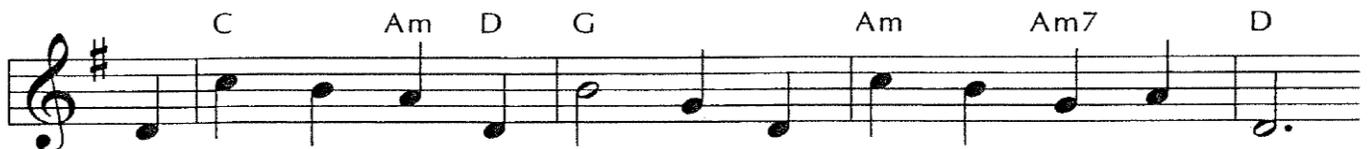
We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom 378



1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
 2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?
 3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,
 4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,
 We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.
 when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"
 to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;
 Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:
 still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:
 The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.
 we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.
 sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.
 to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

This text paraphrases Isaiah 11:6–9 in the first stanza, then reflects on that passage in widening frames of reference from self to all creation and identifies its "little child" with one born at Bethlehem. The tune is named for the composer's sister, his first piano teacher.

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The music is in 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of chords and single notes. The lyrics are centered under the vocal line.

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The vocal line continues with the lyrics. The music concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.