

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus*
Sing Praise to Him

arr. Douglas E. Bush
arr. Neil Harmon

***Call to Worship (Responsive)** Psalm 146:1-2, 7-10

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long ...

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

God upholds the orphan and the widow,

but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever, your God,

O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn 12:** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ST.
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Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

If we call out in need, the Lord will answer.

Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor, and ourselves,
trusting in the one who sets us free.

Trusting in God's faithfulness, let us pray together.

Prayer of Confession (Together)

Holy God, giver of all that is good,

we recognize that you are the source of all that is.

The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand.

The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain.



*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity.
Everything we have is a gift from you.
So why do we treat life as though you are ungenerous with us?
Why do we believe we must hoard our blessings?
It is our sin that makes us live as though we don't trust your goodness.
So forgive us, we pray. Teach us again what it is to rely upon you.
Remind us that we are always in your loving care.
Fill us with grace and goodwill that our hearts might overflow from the fullness of your love.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness (Responsive)

Ephesians 2:8-10

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing:
it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one might boast.
For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared before hand to be our way of life.
Believe the promise of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

***Response of Praise 582:** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

GLORY TO GOD (VASILE)

***Passing 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.

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination (Together)

*Nurturing God, you give life to all things and long to satisfy the needs of your children
in their desire for healing and wholeness.
Send your Spirit upon us this day, that as we hear your word we may meet Jesus,
the one in whom all our hungers are fed. Amen.*

Scripture Luke 16:19-31

***Hymn 692:** Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Scripture 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Sermon *Disordered Affections*

Call to Offering.

Scripture reminds us
that we bring nothing into this world,
and when we depart from this life
we will take nothing out of it.



*Please stand in body or in spirit.

All that we have is a gift from God;
therefore let us offer our lives to the Lord.
Let us present our gifts of gratitude.

Offertory *Give Me Jesus*

arr. Mark Patterson

***Doxology 607:** Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 (Together)**

*We give you thanks and praise, generous God,
for every good gift that comes from your hand:
for food and clothing,
for life and health,
for family and friends,
above all for the treasure of your grace.
Make us rich in good works, generous and ready to share,
taking hold of the life that is really life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayers of the People and 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 846:** Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

***Charge and Benediction (Responsive)**

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith,
love, endurance, gentleness
Take hold of the
eternal life to which you were called.
And may the sovereign Lord bless you,
may the Christ of mercy keep you,
and the Holy Spirit sustain you,
in this life and in the life to come.

Amen.

Postlude *Duke Street*

arr. Charles Callahan

*Please stand in body or in spirit.



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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.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Children are welcome in worship as part of the Whole Family of God. We are delighted they are here. We are currently providing child care on the second Sunday morning of the month, but Fellowship hall is available for families to use if they wish. The service can be heard in the room, plus there’s plenty of space for active children. 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 is in our newsletter and can be found on our website, www.catonsvillepres.org.

Participants

- Dorothy Boulton, *associate pastor*
- Keith & Kathy Glennan, *ruling elders, video production*
- Wendy Johnston, *organist/assistant director of music*
- Alison Enokian, *ruling elder, liturgist*
- Greg Knauf, *director of music*
- Kenneth Kovacs, *pastor*
- Vickie Lord, *social media support*
- Dottie Marshall, *ruling elder, sanctuary set-up*

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LIFE IN COMMUNITY

World Communion Sunday, October 2



The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our siblings around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). This would be scandalous behavior opposed to the Way of Christ. Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual Peace and Global Witness Offering as a way of continuing the ancient

Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need.



The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world. This Special Offering of the PCUSA enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. CPC will utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative

projects of education and Christian witness.

Dorothy Boulton’s Twentieth Anniversary Celebration

October 1, 2022, marks Dorothy Boulton's twentieth anniversary as associate pastor at Catonsville Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for her ministry with us over the past two decades and for the many ways she serves God's people with energy, intelligence, imagination, love - and lots of joy.

Join us in worship on **Sunday, October 9**, when we will give thanks to God and celebrate Dorothy's ministry at CPC. Then, immediately after worship, join us in the pavilion for a catered lunch, music, and a special program.

All ages are welcome! No RSVP is required, but seating in the pavilion will be limited, so bring chairs and a lawn blanket for your family!

For more information, please get in touch with our event coordinator Megan Long at (410) 952-9407 or mhutton1@yahoo.com.

We're looking forward to a fun day together – and yes, please pray for good weather!

Calendar

September 25: Adult Education (Library), 9:00 a.m.
Worship, 10.30 a.m.
Mission Committee (Library), 11:45 a.m.

September 26: Contemplative Prayer Group, 7:00 p.m. (Online)

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

See Brenda Logue (naylogue@aol.com) for the Zoom link.

September 28: Deacons, 7 p.m.

September 29: Choir practice (Sanctuary), 7 p.m.
Bible Study (Library and online) 10:30 a.m.

October 2: World Communion Sunday ,10:30 a.m.

October 3: Contemplative Prayer Group, 7:00 p.m. (Online)
See Brenda Logue (naylogue@aol.com) for the Zoom link.

October 5: Session Meeting (Library), 7 p.m.

October 6: Bible Study (Library and online) 10: 30 a.m.
Choir practice (Sanctuary), 7 p.m.

October 9: Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Dorothy Boulton's 20th Anniversary Celebration, 12:00 p.m.
Adult Education (Library), 9:00 a.m.

October 10: Contemplative Prayer Group, 7:00 p.m. (Online)
See Brenda Logue (naylogue@aol.com) for the Zoom link.

October 13: Choir practice (Sanctuary), 7 p.m.

October 16: Worship ,10:30 a.m.
WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS!

October 20: Bible Study (Library and online) 10: 30 a.m.
Choir practice (Sanctuary), 7 p.m.

October 23: Worship,10:30 am.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Adult Education (Library), 9:00 a.m.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
 Refrain F B \flat F B \flat C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
 Dm F/C B \flat C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
 F B \flat Gm7 F B \flat F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
 F B \flat F B \flat

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
 C7 Dm F/C B \flat C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
 Dm Gm7 F B \flat 2 B \flat
 to Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).