

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Prelude: Balm in Gilead spiritual
arr. Joe Utterback (b. 1944)

Call to Worship Based on Amos 5

We are called to seek good and not evil,
that we may live; and so that the Lord,
the God of hosts, will be with us.

*We are called to hate evil and love good,
and establish justice.*

Let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream

We seek to be a people that embodies God's justice.

*By the power of God at work within us,
may it be so.*

Let us worship God!

Hymn 11 – See page 5.

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

ABERYSTWYTH



Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sin,

God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sin together, trusting God's promised mercy.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people near and far.
Yet we know that your Spirit has the power to heal us and bind up the wounds of your people.
Empower us to extend that healing throughout our lives and communities.
Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be people who live out our baptisms
and live more fully into our image as your children.

Assurance of Pardon

In Christ, all the dividing walls of hostility have come down
so that we might live in justice, friendship and peace.

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and restored, and set on right paths!

Response of Praise – Hymn 582

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

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 291 – See pages 6 & 7. “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

SPIRIT

Prayer for Illumination

Saving God, source of our calling,
your Word is full of power and glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us

so that we may receive your grace and live
as your beloved people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 139

Sermon: *Surrounded, Held, and Seen*

Offering

God has showered us with good gifts.

In response to this love, let us give all of who we are in return:

our hearts, minds, energies, and resources.

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

If you’re not a member or friend of the CPC community,
please consider giving to a faith community where you live,
a neighborhood church that could use your support at this time.

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: "Thanksgiving"**Prayer of Dedication**

O God, receive the gifts we offer as a sign of our commitment
to live into our calling as a community of hope, love, and justice for this world.
May these gifts be part of your own work in the world
to establish the flourishing of all your children and the whole creation.

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

Lord..... these are troubled times.
Yet you are with us, though the earth should change and the mountains shake.
As Christ was with his followers in the storm, be with us this day.

We pray first of all for our nation. We have seen horrendous acts of bitter division. We are traumatized by violence inspired by racism, ignorance, fear, false witness, and foolishness. We are living still with the threats of disruption and terror, and we pray for the safety of those public servants who are working in all branches of our government. We lift up those who are charged with their protection, including the members of the national guard who have been called up from their households and workplaces to defend our public institutions.

As we continue to face such instability and chaos within the crisis of pandemic, we fervently pray for sanity, for reason, for decisions guided by science, facts, truth, compassion, and wise discernment.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our church. Inspire us with a moral voice to condemn falsehoods and willful prejudice. And though it is harder still, call your church to account for what we do and have done to instigate and perpetrate injustice and oppression. Be our judge and call us to honesty, humility, confession, and repentance. Enable us to conform our lives to the standard of God in Christ (Eph 5:1-2). Give us the courage to recommit to sincerity and truth as followers of Jesus (1 Cor 5:8).

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In this time of political transitions, of legislatures being sworn in to new terms, in the inauguration of Joseph Biden as President and Kamala Harris as Vice President of the United States, we pray that you will guide our leaders. Give them all the desire and will and skill to build healthy communities and a just nation. As they face a multitude of challenges, keep them focused on the life-giving tasks that lay ahead. Bless them and their families. Bless all who serve on behalf of the welfare of others: civil servants, elected officials, those who teach, those who heal, those who respond first in emergencies.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our families and for ourselves. We are so stressed and so anxious and so fearful. Remind us of your presence, Holy Spirit. Though you may swirl with the cleansing winds that sweep away sin, flow through our lives with calming breath, with gentle breezes of assurance. Release the stress of our bodies, our minds, our emotions, that we might be set free to be holy, transformative, and grace-

filled people. Chart us a new course into a hope-filled future. Give us the gifts to carry us through the storm and ever onward into the Promised Land.

With thanksgiving for all who have walked before us, who have raised their voices against hatred, resentment, and evil, and who inspire us to do the same, we pray with confidence, "*Our Father....*"

Hymn 307 – See page 8. "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

Blessing & Charge

Let justice roll down like waters,
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
 for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for us all.
 May the God of justice and peace sanctify you entirely,
 so that we might lift up the brokenhearted,
 and stand with the oppressed.
 Amen.

Postlude: "God of Grace"

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

~ ~ ~ ~

Participants

- Dorothy Boulton, *associate pastor*
- Kathy and Keith Glennan, *video production*
- Susan Hutton, *sanctuary set-up coordinator*
- Jason Kissel, *interim organist*
- Greg Knauf, *director of music*
- Kenneth E. Kovacs, *pastor*
- Vickie Lord, *teleprompter*

Image

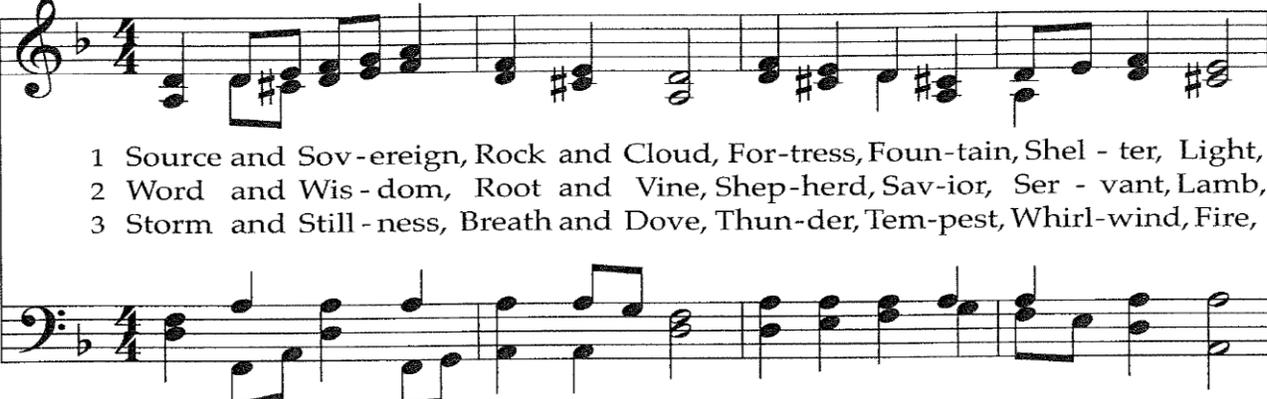
- From the Lindisfarne Gospels (8th century).

Sources

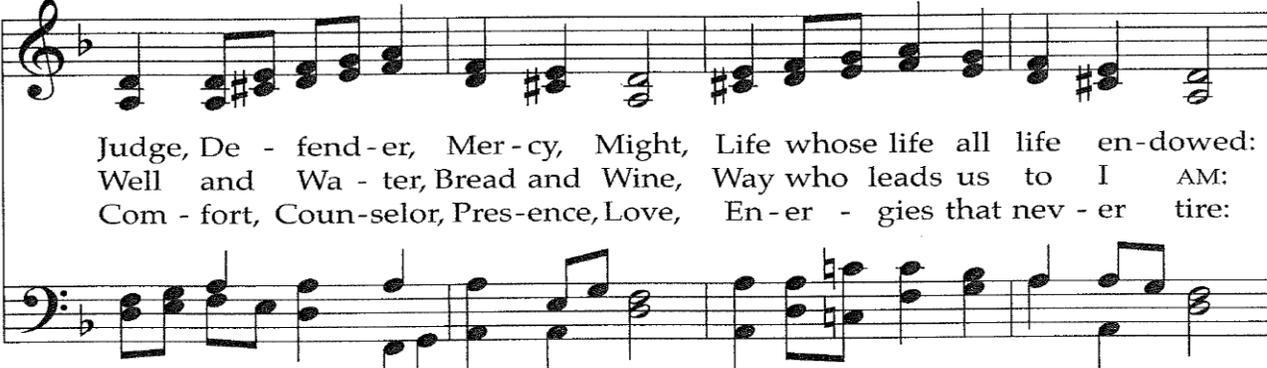
- Dr. Roger Gench, interim editor, *The Presbyterian Outlook*.
- *Book of Common Worship*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (Louisville, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018).
- *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).
- "Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-734388; CCLI Copyright License B 20481088 4/30/2021 + Streaming License B 20481071 4/30/2021"

THE TRIUNE GOD

11 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud



1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,
2 Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,
3 Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend-er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:
Com - fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



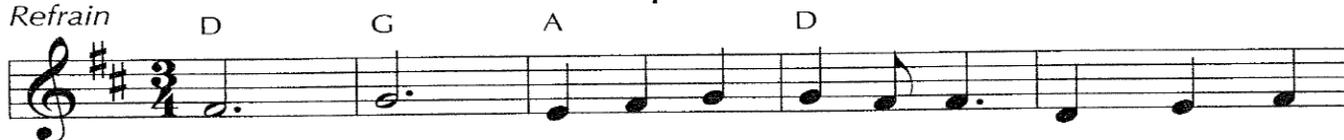
but the truth be-hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.

These scriptural names and images of the Triune God express a theological view reinforced by the structure: the stanzas deal, in turn, with each Person of the Trinity and the refrain affirms their unity. The swirling patterns of the Welsh tune add much energy to the text.

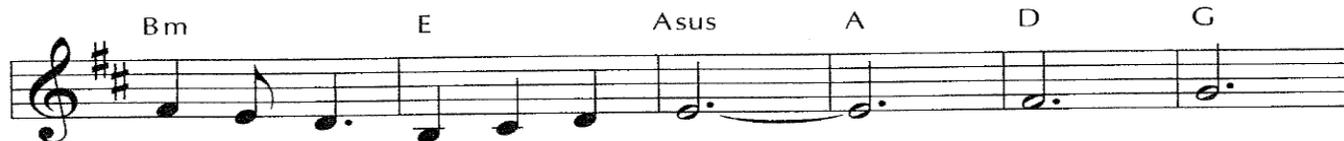
291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the



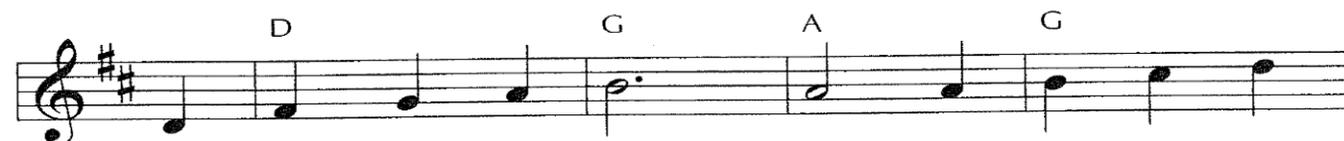
wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

E Asus A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

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.



Catonsville Presbyterian Church

1400 Frederick Road • Catonsville, MD 21228-5017

Church Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Church 410-747-6180 www.catonsvillepres.org

Child Care Center 410-747-4581 www.cpcfccc.org

kkovacs@catonsvillepres.org dboulton@catonsvillepres.org

office@catonsvillepres.org