

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Older Adult Sunday

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

May 2, 2021

Prelude: Second Benedictus Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

In quiet contemplation shall peace guide your ways.

Call to Worship

As the sun set over the village of Emmaus

Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it
and gave it to his friends.

Then their eyes were opened
and they recognized him.

Today we gather ... hoping, trusting
to meet the Risen Lord.

May our eyes be open to recognize Jesus
in our midst.

Hymn 450 – See page 7.

“Be Thou My Vision”

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Call to Confession

Christ longs for us to know life in all of its fullness,
offering us renewal and refreshment,
hope and forgiveness.

Let us trust in the promise of Easter
as we make our confession.

Prayer of Confession

Living Lord, by the power of your Spirit,
you are present among us.

Yet, like the first disciples,
we fail to see you in our midst.

We do not realize you are walking beside us,
for we are rushing to meet the demands of
hectic schedules and overcrowded lives.

We do not notice you in everyday encounters,
for we are distracted by daily labors
and consumed by our own concerns.



We do not recognize you on our streets
 or at our tables, for our expectations
 are too limited to imagine all the ways
 you dwell among us.

Open our eyes to perceive you in our midst,
 so that – seeing you clearly –
 we might follow you faithfully.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The resurrection of Jesus shows us
 the grace of God is stronger than death
 and the love of God has no boundary.

This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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....

Presentation of Envision Fund Grants

Tracy Lantz

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God,

illumine these words by your Spirit
 that we might hear what you
 would have us hear and
 be who you would have us be,
 for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture: Ruth 1 (selected verses)

Message: *Senior Living*

Offering

With gratitude for God's faithfulness
 and with thanksgiving
 for all that we have received,
 let us bring our gifts to God.

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: "You Raise Me Up"

Brendan Graham & Rolf Lovland

Prayer of Dedication

O God, with faith and hope,
we offer these gifts.

Use them, even as you use us,
to accomplish your purposes
in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Communion Hymn 252 – See page 8. "Day of Arising"

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We will sing praises to you all life long,
O Lord our God, maker of the earth,
the heavens, the seas,
and all that dwell in them.

You made us in your image
so that we might be your people
and worship you forever.

Yet, we wander far from your vision,
 putting our trust in powers
 that cannot save us.

Despite our turning our backs on you,
 you cling to us in grace and love,
 determined to be faithful to the covenant
 you established with us.

Therefore, we join our voices
 with the saints of every time and place:
Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you, Holy God,
 and bless your Son, Jesus Christ,
 our Help, our Hope, our Lord.
 Christ opened the eyes of the blind,
so we might behold your grace.
 Christ loosed the bonds of the captive,
so we might follow in freedom.
 Christ lifted up those who had fallen,
so we might walk the streets of the Kin-dom.
 Christ gave his heart to those ignored by the world,
so the widow and orphan
might find their home in you.

As we break the Bread of Life
 and drink from the Cup of Salvation,
 pour out your eternal Spirit upon these gifts
 and those who share them.

For we are determined to go with you;
 we are resolved to worship you;
 and we are unfaltering in our commitment
 to justice and hope for others.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
 who is our grace;
 through the Spirit,
 who is our hope;

we honor and glorify your love
 for all people in creation.
 So hear us as we pray together, *Our Father*.....

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer of Gratitude

God of our lives, you are faithful.
 We thank you for uniting us with Christ
 and making us one with all people.
 Now send us forth in the power
 of your Spirit that we may proclaim
 your redeeming love to the world
 and celebrate your presence
 every moment of our days. Amen.

Hymn 488 – See page 9. “I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry”

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Blessing

Go out into the world in peace;
 have courage; hold on to what is good;
 return no one evil for evil; support the weak;
 help the suffering; honor all people;
 love and serve the Lord,
 rejoicing in the power of Holy Spirit. Amen.

Postlude: Gaudeamus (Day of Gladness)

Sydney Campbell (1909-1974)

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Participants

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

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Image

- Church member Melissa Lambdin hugs her mother, Bea Myers, for the first time in 14 months (after both were vaccinated against COVID-19). Photo credit: Barb Diseati



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450 Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) Eb (G) Ab (D/F#) Eb/G (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) Bb (D) Eb (G) Ab (A) Bb



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) Ab (D) Eb (F#m7) Gm7 (G) Ab (A) Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) Eb/G (G) Ab (D) Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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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)

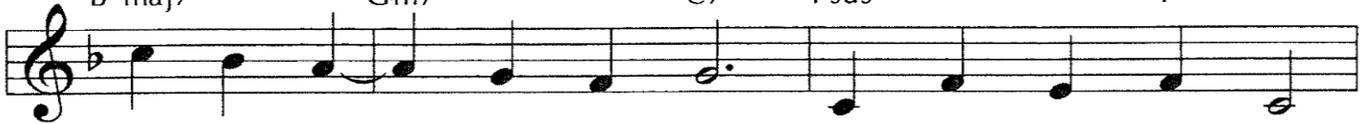
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Gm7

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

B^bmaj7

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.

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488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



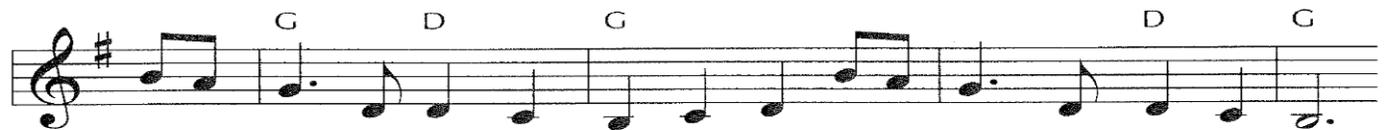
see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.