

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2021

I believe the church is called to the slow and difficult work of healing.

*We are called to enter into one another's pain, anoint it as holy,
and stick around no matter the outcome.*

~ Rachel Held Evans

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude: "Be Thou My Vision"

Dale Wood

Call to Worship

The earth belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.
How good it is, how wonderful,
to live together in unity.
Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.
If Christ's disciples keep silent,
*these walls, the bricks and mortar,
would shout out aloud.*
Open our lips, O God,
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Hymn 401 – See page 7.

"Gather Us In"

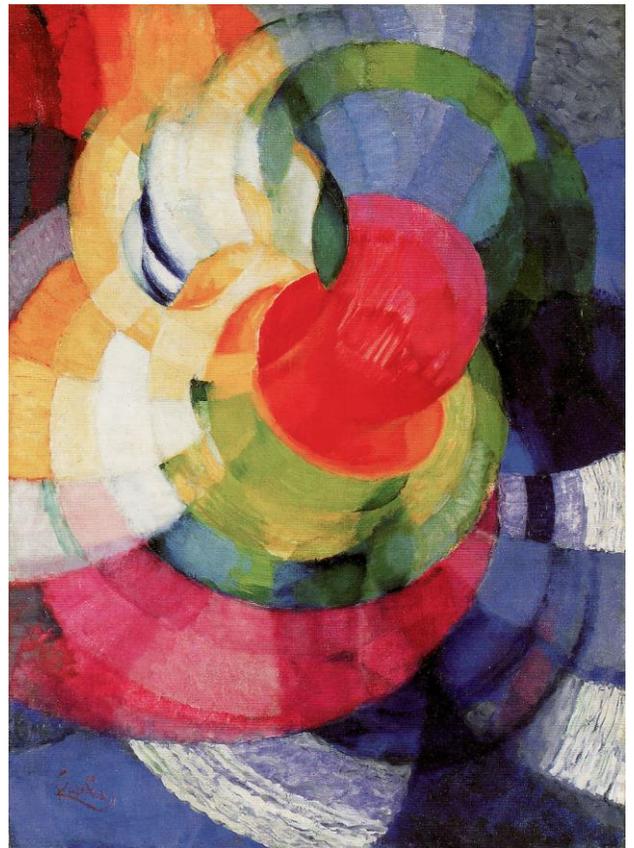
GATHER US IN

Prayer of Adoration

Loving God, you have led us to this place,
not to shield us from heartache
and the pain of human life,
but to heal us and inspire us,
to gently redirect us,
till we see the world as you do
and love it with your love. Amen.

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's goodness and faithfulness,
let us confess who we are.



Prayer of Confession

Holy God, Maker of all,

have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the Poor,

have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults
and admit our frailty.

Silence

Before God, with the people of God,

I confess to my brokenness:

to the ways I wound my life,

the lives of others,

and the life of the world.

*May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.*

Amen.

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Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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 343 – See page 8. “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

GERMANY

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, by your mysterious power

 speak to us your truth

 and show us your wisdom,

 that we may know you more deeply

 and serve you more faithfully,

 for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10

Message: *The Threshold of Hope*

Offering

In the spirit of the first believers,

 we are called to share our goods in common

 and contribute to the needs of the poor

 with glad and generous hearts.

Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

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

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: "Grace Alone"

Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson, arr. Mark Hayes

Prayer of Dedication

Life-giving God,
 we know that you will accomplish
 everything you purpose.
 Accept, we pray, these offerings from our hands.
 May they contribute to what you are doing
 so that life may flourish.
 In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

God of all times, places and peoples,
 we came today so full of concerns,
 confessions, hopes, dreams and questions.
 We came because the world is full of
 voices and distractions
 that would take our eyes off you
 and your will for us.
 We came seeking that which
 is worthy of our trust.
 We came because you promise us
 the sufficiency of faith, hope and love.

You are a God who hears all prayers
 and who is working out your will
 in ways we cannot always see.
 You are also a God who invites our prayers
 and petitions, for that is how
 we are called to be with you.
 So we lift up the prayers
 you already know are on our hearts,
 the concerns you know
 that keep us up at night,
 the worries and anxieties
 that ground us in our need for you.

We pray for a wayward world
 that loves violence and abides inequality
 that breaks your heart;
 for a nation in sore need of healing;
 for mercy and empathy for the one
 we do not understand;

for those in our congregation
and families who wait for news
of a diagnosis, who are living with
health challenges, who care for
the sick and dying.

May they feel your Spirit surround,
embrace, and encourage them.

Triune God, as we prepare to go out
from this place, teach and sustain us
as your children and servants,
that we may bear witness to your
unexpected choices and your wondrous
and mysterious means of working in ways
that we might never imagine.

Hear us. Hold us. Heal us. Help us.
For the sake of our Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ
who taught us to pray like this:

*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 772 – See page 9. “Live into Hope”

TRURO

Charge and Benediction

Go now to love and to serve the Lord—
with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, with all your strength.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Postlude: Praeludium in D Major

D Buxtehude

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- Greg Knauf, *vocalist*
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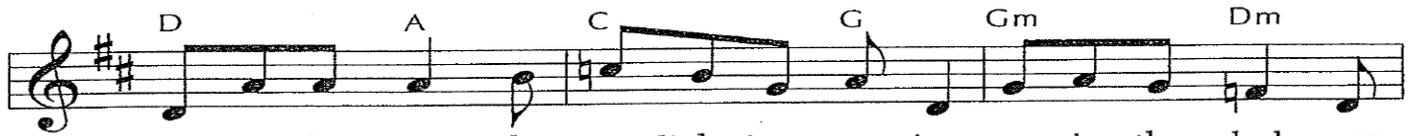
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Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



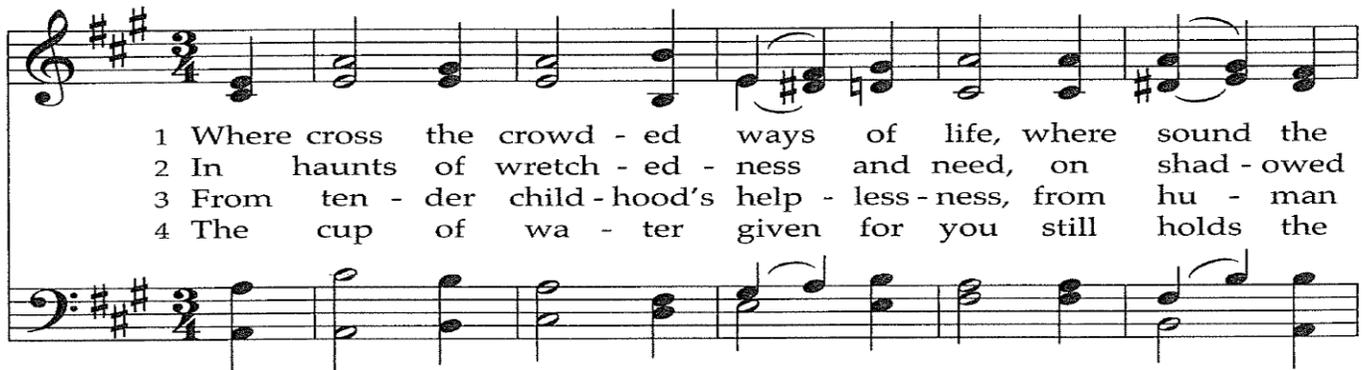
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life 343



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
 4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
 thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
 grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
 fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
 sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
 tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside,
 make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
 among these restless throngs abide;
 O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
 and follow where your feet have trod;
 till glorious from your heaven above
 shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.

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Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op - pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.