

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Vater unser im Himmelreich*
(Our Father in Heaven)

Georg Böhm

***Call to Worship (Responsive)**

Jesus reminds us today that,
“You cannot serve God and wealth.”

Open us to your truth, Lord.

Open our hearts to honesty.

Let us enter worship humbly,
ready to realign our faith according to God’s Word.

Come, let us worship God!

***Hymn 394:** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession Nehemiah 9:17

God is ready to forgive, gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Trusting in God’s faithfulness, let us confess our sin.

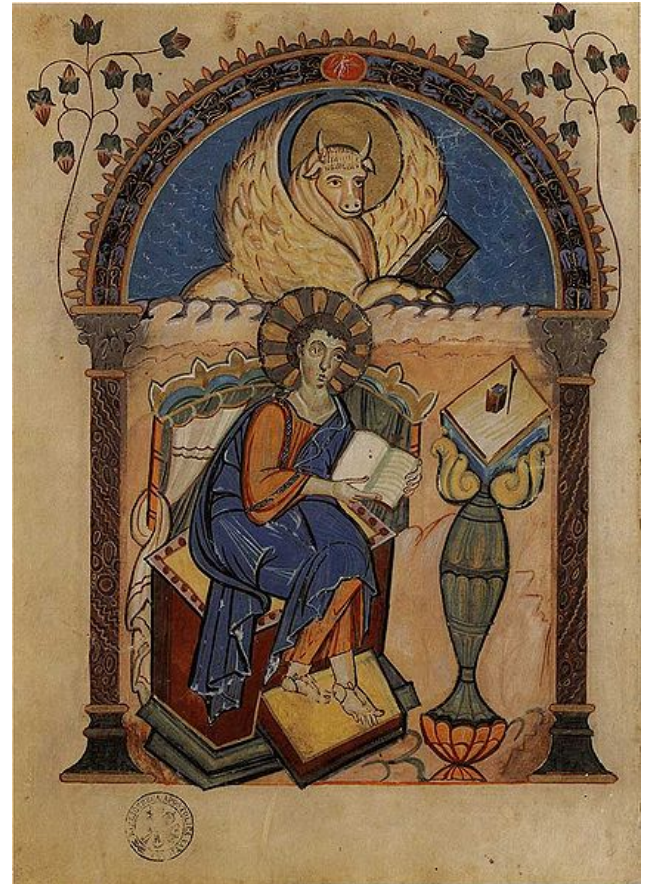
Prayer of Confession (Together)

*Holy One, we are indebted to you and your generosity.
But we fail to forgive our debtors.
We confiscate and consume far more than our fair share.
We neglect the poor and trap people in poverty,
claiming that debt forgiveness is unfair.
God, liberate us from our spiritual and moral bondage.
Grant us a season of jubilee.
Reorder our communities so that all may contribute, and all may thrive.*

Silent Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness (Responsive)

God lightens the load of those overly burdened,
supports and strengthens those who have been knocked down.
Claim the forgiveness God so graciously offers.



*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Know the new life Christ has given us.

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.

Other announcements....

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination (Together)

From Psalm 19:14

Let the words of our mouths

and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you,

O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

*As we approach your Word, may we be ready to receive
the message you intend for us today. Amen.*

Scripture Psalm 113

***Hymn 697:** Take My Life

HENDON

Scripture Luke 16:1-13

Sermon An Undivided Heart

Call to Offering

Remember that Jesus said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

With gratitude, let us present our tithes and offerings to the Lord.

Offertory *Prayer for Peace*

David

Cherwien

***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)**

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us.

We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world.

May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need.

May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. 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:** We Stand to Mourn a Sovereign

THAXTED

We stand to mourn a sovereign,
a nation's guide and friend,
who through long years of tumult
was faithful to the end.
We offer our thanksgiving
for all that she instilled:
her constancy of service,
her lifetime's vow fulfilled.
Now from our world departed –
though never from our hearts –
receive her in the peace, Lord,
your love alone imparts.

And as we mark a passing
of scepter, orb, and throne,
we'll find in her compassion
a pattern for our own:
that all who stand in mourning,
or languish now in fear,
may know again your promise
to wipe away each tear.
With her we'll join in witness,
Christ's mercies our refrain:
great Sovereign of the nations,
eternal is your reign!

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***Charge and Benediction (Responsive)**

Psalm 121:8

May we leave this house of worship strengthened by the Spirit,

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

renewed by God's Grace and supported by the Body of Christ.
May the grace, hope, peace and love of God -
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer -
be with us now and always.
Amen.

Postlude *Prelude in A Minor*, BWV 543

Johann Sebastian Bach



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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*
- Mokube Ewane, *ruling elder, liturgist*
- Greg Knauf, *director of music*
- Kenneth Kovacs, *pastor*
- Vickie Lord, *social media support*
- Dottie Marshall, *ruling elder, sanctuary set-up*

Image: Luke writing his gospel, from *Codex Aureus* of Lorsch, an illuminated book of gospels written in Latin between 778-820.

Sources

- *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).
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Growing in Grace: Adult Education Opportunities

Join us in person at 9:00 a.m. in the library. Second & Fourth Sundays.

September 25: Whole, Not Perfect

Many people struggle with perfectionism. “Perfectionism,” Brené Brown explains, “is not the same thing as striving to be your best. Perfectionism is the belief that if we live perfect, look perfect, and act perfect, we can minimize or avoid the pain of blame, judgment, and shame. It’s a shield. It’s a twenty-ton shield that we lug around thinking it will protect us when, in fact, it’s the thing that’s really preventing us from flight.” It doesn’t help that we find Jesus saying, “Be perfect even as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt. 5:48). As we’ll see, this is a poor translation. Jesus is calling us to something other than perfection, calling us to a better way. *Led by Ken Kovacs.*

Dorothy Boulton’s Twentieth Anniversary Celebration

You're invited to a special event at the Church Pavilion after worship on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

It's our joy to celebrate Dorothy Boulton’s TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY at Catonsville Presbyterian Church. Join us for a catered lunch on the grounds, music, and an appreciation program for Dorothy's love and service to our congregation over the last two decades. All ages are welcome!

No RSVP is required, but seating at the Pavilion will be limited, so bring chairs and a lawn blanket for your family! For more information, please contact our event coordinator Megan Long at (410) 952-9407 or mhutton1@yahoo.com.

Looking Ahead

September 18: Worship at 10:30 a.m.

September 19: Contemplative Prayer Group, 7:00 p.m. (Online)

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

September 25: Adult Education (Library), 9:00 a.m.

Worship, 10:30 a.m.

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

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

September 28: Deacons, 7 p.m.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.