

# CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 5, 2023

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Prelude

*A Romp*, Arr. Thomas Keesecker

### \*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Based on Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in,  
from this time on and forevermore.

**Let us worship God.**

### \*Hymn 3

*Womb of Life and Source of Being*

RAQUEL

### Prayer of Adoration

#### Call to Confession

Our God does not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper and  
your shade at your right hand. Let us confess to our ever  
vigilant and ever faithful God.

#### Prayer of Confession (Together)

*Gracious God, we are selfish and arrogant.*

*We have overlooked human dignity;*

*we ignore the needs of minorities, migrants and immigrants.*

*We hear the cries of the land, women, children, and young people,*

*but we have not done enough to respond to the grace that we have received.*

*These actions have caused some people to suffer and experience oppression.*

*Have mercy on us and forgive us.*

### Kyrie

Dinah Reindorf

*Sung once in Greek.*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.  
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit



## Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Pardon (Together)

*O God, you are faithful and righteous. May you forgive us, cleanse away our sins, and help us live in the light. May you provide us with a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know you and be filled with love and faith. May you reveal yourself to us so that we may know the immeasurable greatness of your power. Amen.*

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

VASILE

### \*Passing of 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)

*O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread,  
and may the leading of your Spirit become our way,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.*

Scripture Ephesians 1:15-19

Message "Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action"

#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Responsive)

Today, we are called by Christian women throughout the world on this World Day of Prayer into informed prayer and prayerful action. We pray today "with, rather than for, our sisters of other races and nations [to enrich] our experience and release the power which must be ours if we are to accomplish [what we must do]" for peace and justice in our world.

Today, we are bold enough to pray with this community of women:

- ... For those we call and treat as enemies. May we look for your face in their lives and their story. Center their humanity once again in our hearts, even while we do not forsake accountability for those actions that may diminish your goodness.
- ... *For those we call friends and those whose lives we revere. May we never take for granted the gift they are as a gift from you. We pray that we may be such a gift to the friendless and the lonely. May we give from that which we have experienced with such joy and delight for ourselves.*
- ... For our chosen families. Amidst the diverse configurations of family among us, may we appreciate the gift of our family and the gift of others' families regardless of their structure and gender configuration.
- ... For ourselves and our bodies, where too seldom we see your image woven in us. May we value these vessels, caring for them at their best and as they ultimately falter and decline over time.

... For our minds, which bring creativity, ingenuity, and collaboration to the human community and to creation itself. We pray with thanks and with a continued calling. May we use our minds for the good you intend and never to harm nations, neighbors, or nature.

... *For your world. May we confirm the rights within every people and nation, having the same divine image and righteous potential as our own. We pray for our ailing planet, that we may care for her as the beautiful and only home she is for all.*

... For those who labor, that they may find flourishing and just compensation for their work. May we not look to grant the minimum compensation for those who work for us, but rather to grant that which gives them life, home, and health for themselves and those in their care. We pray for a country where living wages rather than minimum wages are the standard, and where family leave is viewed as an investment in better work and better collegiality in the workplace.

... *For the Church. May the body of Christ be renewed in her strength and purpose. May we, as the body of Christ in this place, look not to fill empty seats so much as empty hearts. May we be reminded that only after your children no longer struggle for food, clothing, and shelter, can they turn toward nurturing a relationship with you and a love for the world. May we do our part to help people find their basic needs through community in all its forms.*

Now hear us as we pray by name and circumstance for those closest to us...

Just as you have wrapped your arms around each circumstance spoken aloud, you have also embraced the unspoken and unknown needs among us and in the world. We acknowledge those private prayers known only in individual hearts and those perhaps beyond the reach of our knowledge in this moment. We pray for all these things in the name of our gracious Savior, joining our voices and praying the prayer Christ taught us, saying:

*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.*

## Call to Offering

**Offertory**    *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Arr. Thomas Keesecker

**\*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.*



\*Please stand in body or in spirit

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (Together)

*We return these gifts to you and relinquish our control over them, O God,  
that you may use them beyond us, beyond this place, and beyond self-interest  
that your love may abound in the flourishing of every living thing you have entrusted to us.  
Amen.*

**\*Hymn 504** *We Come as Guests Invited*

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**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer** (Together)

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Gracious and Holy God, you created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.

*We praise you for you are our maker!*

We praise you for taking pleasure in your people and lifting up the humble.

In all ages, you have been faithful to us even when we were not faithful to you.

*You have sent prophets and witnesses to call us back to you when we ourselves grew weary,  
stumbled, or fell from your way.*

Out of your great love, you sent One who was more than witness:

Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Savior.

Born of Mary, he lived among us sharing our joys and our sorrows,  
even suffering the pains of death.

By your power at work in Christ, he was raised from the dead  
and is now seated at your right hand in the heavenly places,  
above every name that is named,  
not only in this age but also in the age to come.

*Gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
help us to set our hope on Christ and live for the praise of his glory.*

*Pour out your Spirit upon us, as you have poured out your Spirit on generations past,  
so that our love for all the saints might increase,  
and also our love for the world you love.*

May the bread we break and the cup we bless be for us the communion of the body and blood of  
Christ, until that day, until that great and promised day, when we will feast in unity with all the  
saints in your eternal realm.

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\*Please stand in body or in spirit

*Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, one God forever and ever. Amen.*

**Communion of God's People**

*Water Lily, Matt Riley*

**Prayer of Gratitude (Together)**

*Gracious God, you have fed us at your table,  
a table that unites us in the love and fellowship of Christ.  
Send us out now, in hope and faith,  
that we may see and share your justice and your peace.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

**\*Hymn 765** *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Arr. Mark Patterson

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- Dorothy Boulton, Associate Pastor
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- Kenneth Kovacs, Pastor
- Vickie Lord, social media support
- Dottie Marshall, Ruling Elder, sanctuary set up
- David Hutton, Ruling Elder, liturgist

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- *Presbyterian Outlook*, 2022, Kyle Walker
- Children's Message materials adapted from "Walking through Lent Towards Easter," by Kathryn "Kat" Green, Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lent 2023
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## LIFE IN COMMUNITY

### 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 childcare 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, [catonsvillepres.org](http://catonsvillepres.org).

### GROWING IN GRACE: ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Join us in person at 9:00 a.m. in the library for adult education.

#### **Ukraine Support: Susan Krehbiel (Sunday, March 5)**

When Russia invaded Ukraine almost a year ago, the Presbyterian Church (USA) wasted no time in reaching out to our international sibling churches and colleagues to see how we could help. Susan Krehbiel—a ruling elder and member at Catonsville Presbyterian—coordinates a cross-ministry response team that provides financial support for this humanitarian assistance. As the Associate for Migration Accompaniment Ministries for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), Susan will share about our national and international partners who are providing assistance to Ukrainians displaced internally and who live as refugees in neighboring countries. She will also share what she saw and learned during a recent visit to Hungary, Czech Republic, Ukraine, and Poland and how this informs her work and ministry. In the years to come—during this war and afterwards—Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be supporting Ukrainians as they seek safety, wholeness, and when the time comes, a rebuilt homeland.

#### **Pathos, Empathy, and the Cross: Ken Kovacs (Sunday, March 19)**

Isaiah spoke of a "suffering servant" (Is. 53) by whose "bruises we are healed." Jesus, talking about himself, said, "the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mk. 8:31). The suffering that Jesus endured, the early Church believed, brought about something new. The first Christians

believed that they could share in Christ's suffering and, therefore, found meaning in their individual and collective experiences of suffering. What do these beliefs mean for us today? Do they still resonate with us and carry the same meaning? How do we relate to Christ's suffering on the cross? Did he have to suffer? And what exactly did he suffer?

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Daylight Savings Time Begins**

Note that Daylight Savings Time will begin next Sunday, March 12. Be sure to set your clocks ahead!

### **Calling all Children and Youth!**

We will be singing a song in Tanzanian, *Hallelujah, Mungu wa Israeli*, composed for children and youth choir, soloist, caller, SATB, piano, and percussion on Palm Sunday, April 2. It is going to be a lot of fun to sing and a lot of fun putting the pieces together! Rehearsals are after worship on March 12, 19, and 26 from 11:40 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the choir room. Please note that we will also rehearse with the chancel choir on Sunday, April 2 at 9:45 a.m. For more information, please contact Wendy Johnston, [wjohnston@catonsvillepres.org](mailto:wjohnston@catonsvillepres.org).

### **Youth Lock In**

All middle school and high school youth are invited for a fun-filled overnight lock in on St. Patrick's Day, March 17-18 from 6:30PM to 9:00 a.m. A nutritious dinner of pizza and soda will be served. Youth can expect games, conversation, and a late night movie. A continental breakfast of cold pizza, bananas, fruit bars, and OJ will be offered in the morning. Youth who do not wish to spend the night are welcome and can plan on departing at 10:30 p.m. RSVP to Mark and Debbie Davis ([ddavis1069@yahoo.com](mailto:ddavis1069@yahoo.com)).

### **The March Edition of the Messenger is Available**

The March edition of the Messenger was emailed earlier this week, but you can also pick up a printed copy in the front or back of the church sanctuary. The Messenger includes session highlights, introductions to our youth, and in-depth looks at upcoming events and announcements.

### **Iftar Dinner**

Please plan to join us for dinner in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 25th at 6:45 p.m. A breaking of the fast meal (Iftar), celebrating Ramadan, will be shared with our Muslim friends from MARTI (Maryland Turkish American Inhabitants). Dinner will be served at sundown, preceded and followed by a shared program lead by MARTI and CPC. Reservations are required, and our congregation will each have 50 seats available. Please RSVP on Eventbrite at [tinyurl.com/iftar-23](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/iftar-23).

### **Presbyterian Women Forming New Circle**

It's not too late to join a circle. If you're not sure what a Presbyterian Women circle is or just feel a little reluctant to join, please feel free to contact Laurie White at 410-747-0317 or [thewhites@brickhouse112.com](mailto:thewhites@brickhouse112.com). All questions are happily answered. We hope to have a new circle up and running soon. Circles meet just once a month for a couple of hours so it's a minimal time commitment and the return is one of fellowship, study, friendship and fun. Please consider joining!

## Bridges to Housing Stability's ChiliFest

This annual event brings together congregations to enjoy excellent chili and a friendly cornhole tournament. ChiliFest also includes an in-person auction, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle and live music. Join the fun at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County on Sunday, March 19, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chili tickets and cornhole registration are required in advance by visiting [tinyurl.com/chilifest-2023](http://tinyurl.com/chilifest-2023).

### Calendar

Monday, March 6	9:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women circle (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday, March 7	10:30 a.m.	Needlework Group (Zoom)
Thursday, March 9	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study (Library and Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice (Choir room)
Friday, March 10	4:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women: Bridges Circle (Brightview Rolling Hills, 848 S. Rolling Rd)

### Giving Update

We rely on everyone to support what God is doing through this congregation. The vitality of this ministry is secured by God's grace and funded by the faithfulness and commitment of God's people. We are counting on the ongoing generosity of our members and friends.

*Keith Glennan, Finance Committee*

Actual Income as of 03/04/23 .....	\$ 153,201
Actual Expense as of 03/04/23 .....	\$-120,998
Total .....	\$ 32,203
Per capita contributions .....	\$ 1,250



Welcome!

### Welcome to Our Visitors and Guests

We welcome you with open minds and hearts. Come in your faith and in your doubt. If you are joining us for the first time, we invite you to share your information by scanning the QR code. We would love to connect.



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# Womb of Life and Source of Being 3

Capo 1: (G) (Am) (C) (G) (Em)  
 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm



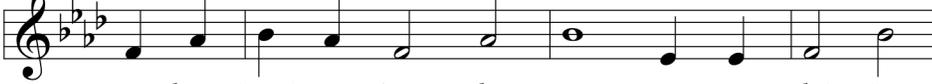
1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - ery  
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us  
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner,  
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it,

(C) (Dsus)(D) (G) (G7) (C)  
 D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>sus E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>7 D<sup>b</sup>



rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened;  
 sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be - side us,  
 be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re - mind us  
 On - ly Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er,

(Am) (Dsus)(D) (Am)  
 B<sup>b</sup>m E<sup>b</sup>sus E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m



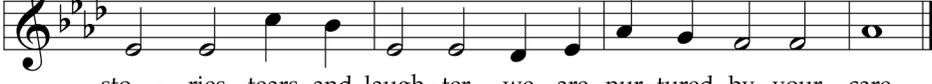
you have loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren,  
 know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our  
 whose we are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us;  
 one - in - three and three - in - one. We would share your

(C) (G) (Am) (G) (D) (Em)  
 D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Fm



gath - er 'round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing  
 hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life and Death of Death, ris - en  
 aid the birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of  
 life, your pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er

(Bm) (D) (G) (G7) (C) (D7) (G)  
 Cm E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>7 D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.  
 Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.  
 ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.  
 sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Old and new metaphors drawn from Psalm 23; John 1:14, 14:26, 20:19-23; Hebrews 5:1-10; and Genesis 1:1-2 combine here to express faith in and praise to the Triune God, identified as Source, Word, and Spirit. The second line of stanza two is adapted from Charles Wesley (see no. 119).

# 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

## 504 We Come as Guests Invited

1 We come as guests in - vit - ed when Je - sus bids us dine,  
 2 We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing from Christ the grace we need,  
 3 One bread is ours for shar - ing, one sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

his friends on earth u - nit - ed to share the bread and wine;  
 and in our hearts be - liev - ing on him by faith we feed;  
 our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing re - newed in bread and wine:

the bread of life is bro - ken; the wine is free - ly poured  
 with won - der and thanks-giv - ing for love that knows no end,  
 re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en by to - ken, sign, and word,

for us, in sol - emn to - ken of Christ our dy - ing Lord.  
 we find in Je - sus liv - ing our ev - er - pres - ent friend.  
 the pledge and seal of heav - en, the love of Christ our Lord.

Without attempting to unravel the mystery of Christ's presence in the bread and wine, the central stanza of this text affirms that we are nourished by faith rather than by understanding. This hopeful text is reinforced by a gentle 16th-century tune created for a secular text.

# May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

## Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en*



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
*cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -*



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
*nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.*



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;  
*O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.*



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.  
*Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.*

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984  
MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA  
11.11.11.11 with refrain