

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany ~ January 29, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Arr. Brian Matthias

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

What does the Lord require of us?

*That we do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.*

Come, God's beloved. Let us walk with the Lord!
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets
PLEADING SAVIOR

Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's goodness and faithfulness,
let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in
blessing those who seek to walk with God.

Prayer of Confession (Responsive)

For failing to love others as you have loved us...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

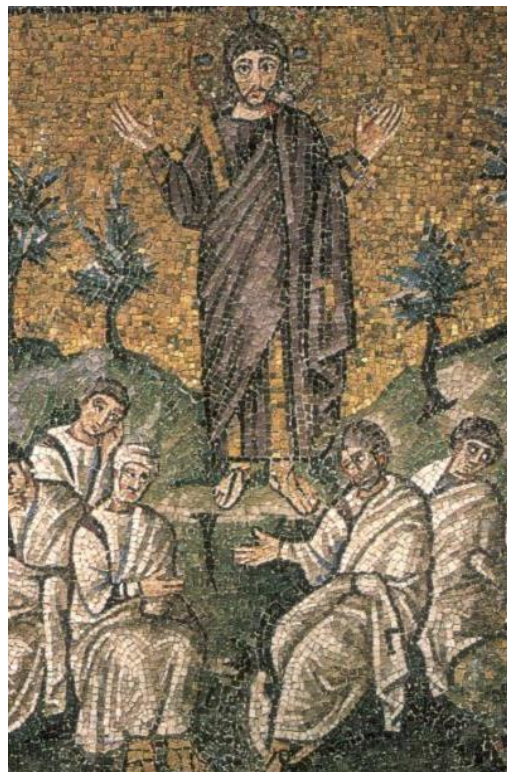
For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

For fearing those who are strange to us and ignore those in need...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

For losing heart and abandoning hope...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

For all the ways that we turn from you...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.



*Please stand in body or in spirit

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon (Responsive)

Hear the good news!

"Do not fear," says the Lord, "for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name; you are mine."

God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

In Christ, all things have become new.

Thanks be to God!

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

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*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.

Presentation to Always Reading

Nancy Henderson, *on behalf of the Dismantling Racism Committee*

Ramona Johnson, *Always Reading Founder and Executive Director*

Valerie Watkins, *Always Reading Board Member*

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination (Together)

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. God of abundant life, your grace is our daily bread. Nourish us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may grow in faith and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Micah 6:1-8

***Hymn 172** *Blest Are They*

BLEST ARE THEY

Scripture Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon "Are You Flourishing?"

Call to Offering

With what shall we come before the Lord this day?

We come with a love of justice and a passion for sharing Christ's love.

Let us walk in humble gratitude, offering to God a portion of the gifts that God freely shares with us, gifts for the healing of the world.



Give online

Offertory

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?

To do justice; love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?

Will God your pleading hear while crime and cruelty grow?

Then do justice; love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?

Let Christ endue our will with grace.

What does the Lord require?

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?

To do justice; love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

***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)

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. May this offering of our life and labor reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (Together)

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.

*Please stand in body or in spirit

*For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever. Amen.*

* **Hymn 757** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

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* **Benediction**

Postlude

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Arr. James Kasen

Participants

- Keith & Kathy Glennan, *Ruling Elders, video production*
- Wendy Johnston, *Organist and Assistant Director of Music*
- Greg Knauf, *Director of Music*
- Kenneth E. Kovacs, *Pastor*
- Vickie Lord, *social media support*
- Dottie Marshall, *Ruling Elder, sanctuary set up*
- Stephanie Stevens, *Ruling Elder, liturgist*

Sources

- *Book of Common Worship* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2018).
- *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

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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.

GROWING IN GRACE: ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

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

Mission Update: Jennifer Bentzel (Sunday, February 5)

We welcome back Jennifer Bentzel, Foundations and Partner Relations Manager with Corus International/IMA World Health. Jennifer will talk about the merger of IMA and Lutheran World Relief and their new integrated programming. She will also provide a presentation and update on the Yemen Mobile Health Clinics project, which received a \$42,000 Envision grant in 2022. This project is providing critical primary health care services to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) who were forced from their homes due to the ongoing conflict in Yemen and are now living in camps in Marib. Yemen continues to suffer through one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world, due to widespread hunger, disease, and attacks on civilians. And Jennifer will provide an update on how CPC's mission giving continues to have a positive impact, particularly in Nepal and Tanzania.

Mission Update: Bonnie Harry (February 19)

We welcome back Bonnie Harry, RN, Director of Catonsville Emergency Assistance (CEA). It's been a busy and challenging year for CEA, with new challenges, as well as exciting new possibilities, on the horizon in 2023. Bonnie will offer an overview of the many ways CEA has provided a ministry of compassion and care in the Catonsville community. She'll share how a recent Envision Grant allowed

CEA to purchase a van that has substantially expanded its capacity to provide food for those with transportation challenges. CPC's faithful and generous support of CEA is making a positive difference in the community. We are grateful to be partners in ministry.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Envision Grant Application Deadline

The Envision Grants Board would like to remind the congregation and the community of the upcoming Envision Grant application deadline of Wednesday, March 1, 2023. The Board awards grants for development, service in community, and social justice advocacy. For any questions and/or to be connected to a committee who may provide appropriate sponsorship, please contact EnvisionGrants@catonsville.org.

Souper Bowl of Caring

CPC middle and high school youth are delighted to invite you to a delicious lunch of soup and sandwiches in fellowship hall right after worship on Sunday, Feb 12th. Donations fund CPC's monthly food ministry at the West Side Shelter in Catonsville. Since this is also Scout Sunday, we are grateful for our Scouts who are providing desserts. We're looking forward to gathering to share a meal for a good cause. Youth are encouraged to sign up to serve by going to tinyurl.com/cpc-souper-bowl. Contact Jen Hutton (jenhutton2010@gmail.com) with questions.

Pastors' Schedules

Dorothy Boulton will out of office from January 23 to February 4. She is attending the Association of Partners in Christian Education conference in Birmingham, Alabama, followed by a week of vacation in Orlando, Florida. Ken Kovacs will be out of office from February 3 to February 18 in order to attend lectures and seminars at the C.G. Jung Institute in Zürich, Switzerland. The church office will remain open Tuesdays to Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Our weekly Bible study has resumed! Join us – in person in the library or online – at 10:30 a.m. We finish up at noon. For the past several months, we've been studying the weekly lectionary texts for the upcoming Sunday. However, we've recently returned to an in-depth study of a single book: the Epistle to the Philippians. We've been meeting since 1999, believe it or not, and we've covered a good portion of the Bible over this time.

Deacons' Clothing Drive

The deacons are again collecting new or gently used winter clothing for the West Side Men's Shelter. They are in great need of coats, especially very large sizes. Hats, gloves, boots, and long underwear are also appreciated. Bins are available in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and outside the Church House through the end of January.

Per Capita Giving

As a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Presbytery of Baltimore, Catonsville Presbyterian Church is required to pay a per capita assessment for “the ecclesiastical infrastructure that binds our ministry” to the PC(USA). Per capita funds support the operating budgets of the Presbytery of Baltimore, the Synod of the Mid Atlantic, and the General Assembly of the PC(USA). 2023 per capita is set at \$40 per member, which totals \$16,280 for our congregation this year. Though this is not an obligation for members, some people feel that this is an important affirmation of their Presbyterian connection. We welcome these generous gifts, which can be made either online or via a check marked “per capita.” We gladly use these individual contributions to free up budget resources for other ministry needs.

2023 Pledge Update

As of January 11, we have received 88 pledges totaling \$365,204. This total is 94% of the prior year pledge total. If you already submitted a pledge, thank you! You may leave your pledge in the offering plate on Sundays or mail it to the church office. You may also use our online pledge form at catonsvillepres.org. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry! *Jadie Mayes, Pledge Secretary*

Calendar

Monday, Jan. 16	5:00 p.m.	Contemplative prayer group (Zoom). See Brenda Logue (naylogue@aol.com) for the Zoom link.
Tuesday, Jan. 31	10:30 a.m.	Needlework group (Zoom)
Wednesday, Feb. 1	7:00 p.m.	Session meeting (Library)
Thursday, Feb. 2	10:30 a.m.	Morning Bible study (Library and Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

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 01/21/23.....	\$ 54,479
Actual Expense as of 01/21/23	\$ - 21,581
Total	\$ 32,898



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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God, You Spin the Whirling Planets 23

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b




1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)
 E^b B^b E^b Cm A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b




spread the plain, mold the moun - tains, fash - ion blos - soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate - ful wor - ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)
 A^b E^b B^b E^b A^b E^b B^b




sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm) (F#m) (G) (A) (D) (G)
 E^b Cm Gm A^b B^b E^b A^b



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)
 E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b Fm E^b B^b E^b



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.


This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

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 MUSIC: American melody, 1830; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986
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 8.7.8.7.D
 (alternate harmonization, 717)
 (alternate tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN)


582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b 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^b E^b B^b 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

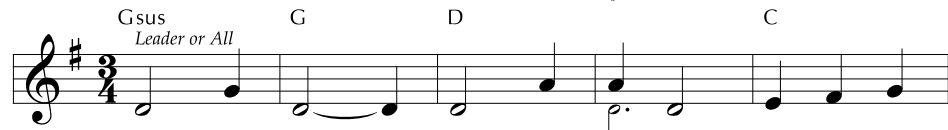


As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Blest Are They

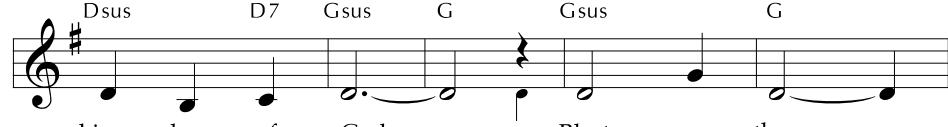
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Gsus Leader or All *G* *D* *C*




1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus *D7* *Gsus* *G* *Gsus* *G*



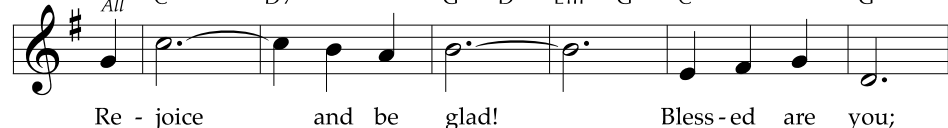
king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they who
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D *C* *Dsus* *D* *Gsus* *G*




full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
pure of heart; they shall see God.
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain *All* *C* *D7* *G* *D* *Em* *G* *C* *G*




Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am *A* *D* *C* *D7* *Em* *Em7*



ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C *Dsus* *D* *C* *G*



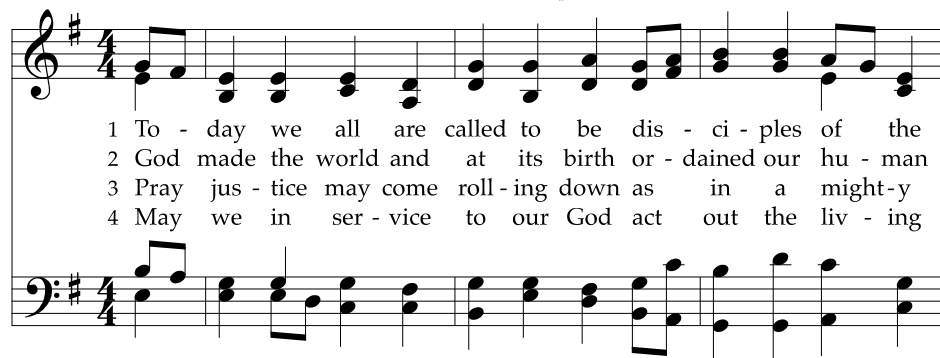
Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

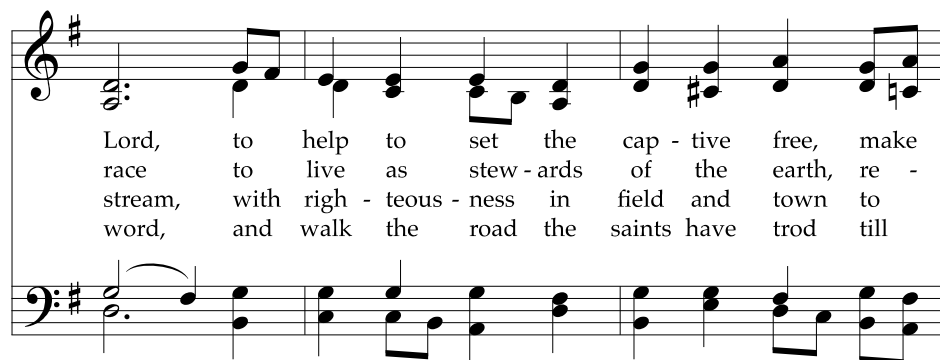
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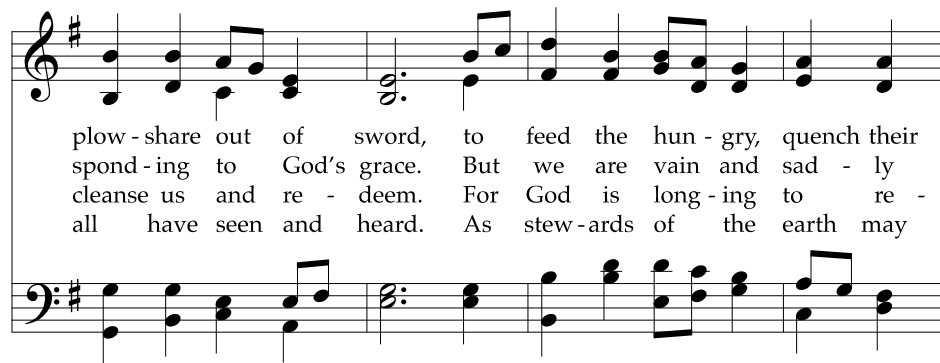
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985
MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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