

CATONSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

Prelude: Sonata II: Movement 2

Paul Hindemith

Call to Worship Based on Psalm 65:1-13
God's creation delights and astonishes.

Let the people pause and wonder!
God, the Creator, has made it all.
Let all creation shout and sing!
Alleluia!
Come, let us worship God!

Hymn 32 – See page 5.

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
ELLACOMBE

Opening Prayer

Saving One, we pray for your presence
and your blessing on your church
today, scattered and apart, yet united
in the power of love.

Author of Life, Living Word, Holy
Breath, we have stumbled through the
week and now find ourselves here,
back to this place, to this time—to you.
Come, Holy Spirit. Come.

May we rest in your presence.
May we know again the joy of your salvation.
Generous God, make us generous people.
May we find our lives renewed to serve you
and one another in the living of these days.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

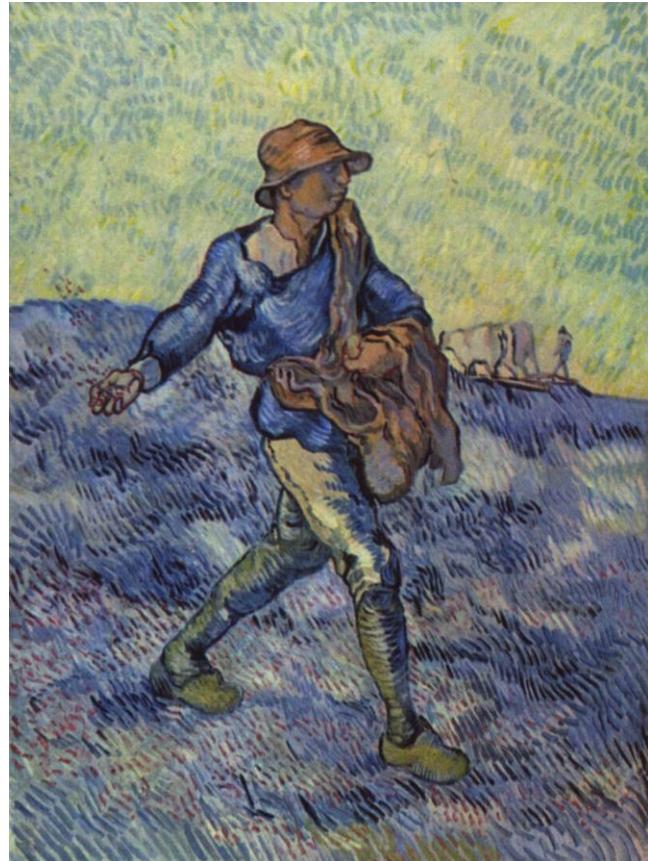
Life in Community

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 451 – See page 6. "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES



Prayer for Illumination

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now.
 Plow our hearts with your living Word
 until we who are broken become fertile with your love,
 for we long to bear fruit in our lives and the world,
 fruit that honors you in all that we do.
 In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon: *Flinging Grace*

Offering

We are to sow gospel seeds, scattering them lavishly everywhere we go, trusting that God will give them growth and bring forth an abundant harvest. Knowing that God is generous, loving and faithful, we seek to be so as well. Anticipating the joy of God's over-the-top grace, we give our gifts of God's tithes and our offerings.

While we can't take a collection in the sanctuary this morning,
 we can still remember all that God has given and gives us and offer our thanks.

There are ways you can give online through our website—and here I'm talking specifically to CPC members and friends.

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, we invite you to take a moment to offer thanks for God's gifts to you this week: time, talent, money, family, friends, life itself.

And 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?

Let us pray: Gracious God, we present to you a portion of the resources you entrust us to steward. We give them rejoicing in the promise that you will take them, bless them, multiply them and use them to do your will on earth as it is done in heaven. May all that we do be done with exuberant generosity in response to your overflowing goodness to us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Musical Offering: "Thy Word Is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

Michael W. Smith,
 arr. Mark Hayes

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

God calls us to offer up the world's concerns in petition for others.
 Let us therefore pray for the church,
 the world, and those in need, saying,
 Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Blessed are you, sovereign God:
 you do not abandon what you have created
 but continue to make your grace known among us.

We thank you for those who have chosen
 to speak your reconciling word in this age,
 and we pray for the faith to receive it.

Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, caring God:
 you hear the cries of the poor,
 you see the tears in the eyes of all who mourn,
 you know the pain of those in anguish,
 and you come to the side of the lonely.

Call your church to compassion and service.

Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, God of peace:
 You call us to heal divisions
 and be agents of peace and to place our trust in the One who bears us up.
 May we work to remove the walls that divide us.
 Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Give comfort and courage to those who need it most today:
 all those in harm's way;
 doctors, nurses, healthcare providers;
 public health officers;
 communities and regions of the country
 where COVID-19 is spreading out of control.
 Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Blessed are you, God of justice: you desire that all be one.
 Erase prejudice and class inequities
 dismantle the structure of racism,
 bring strength to those who are persecuted,
 and heal those who believe that destruction is the path of righteousness.
 Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Blessed One, turn us to your ways.
 Increase our passion for what is good.
 Make us bold to serve you.
 Inspire us with the witness of those who have gone before us,
 whose faith shines through the ages.
 Hear us, O God; **your mercy is great.**

Into your hands we place the welfare of all for whom we pray.
 We trust in your mercy and your endless generosity.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
And hear us as we pray, **Our Father** ...

Hymn 749 – See page 7. “Come! Live in the Light!”

WE ARE CALLED

Charge and Blessing

Siblings in Christ,

sow the gospel wherever you go—
not judging the soil on which you stand—
for God brings forth fruit from unexpected places.

May God, whose forgiveness is boundless,
the Christ, whose charge is freedom,
the Spirit, which grants us life and peace,
keep our minds and hearts in grateful communion as we seek to serve.

Amen.

Postlude: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Aaron David Miller

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Participants

- Dorothy Boulton, *associate pastor*
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- Kathy and Keith Glennan, *video production*
- Douglas Heist, *organ/piano*
- Greg Knauf, *soloist*
- Kenneth E. Kovacs, *pastor*

Sources

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32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem - pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur -vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.



Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren



set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy



will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king-dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.



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