

# Sherwood Episcopal Church

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**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10 am**

**October 17, 2021**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after the service.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

*Prelude and Fugue in G minor - Healey Willan*

Welcome and Announcements

The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

*Please stand as you are able.*

THE OPENING SENTENCES

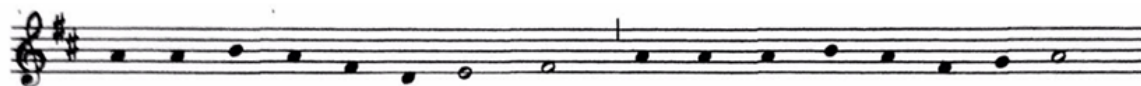
BCP pg. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



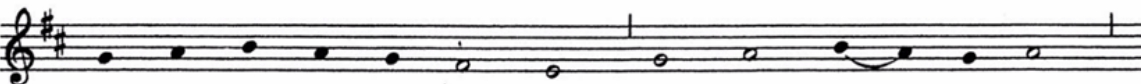
1. Glo- ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



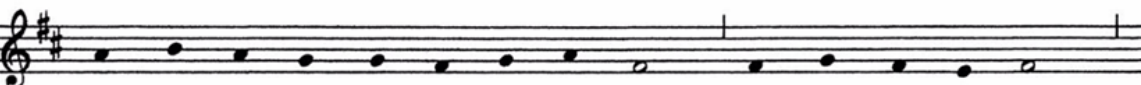
2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



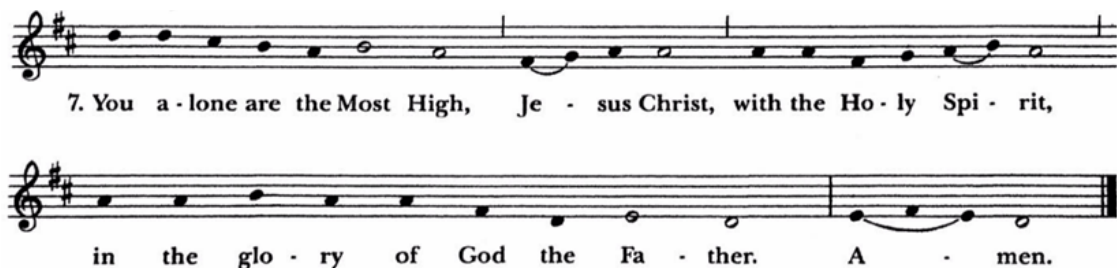
4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## THE FIRST READING

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because

of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:1-9, 25, 37b

*Read responsively by whole verse*

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; \* O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness! you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak \*  
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; \*  
you make the clouds your chariot;  
you ride on the wings of the wind.

**4 You make the winds your messengers \*  
and flames of fire your servants.**

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, \*  
so that it never shall move at any time.

**6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; \*  
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

7 At your rebuke they fled; \*  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, \*  
to the places you had appointed for them.**

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; \*  
they shall not again cover the earth.

**25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

37b Hallelujah!

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.*

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

*Said by all, standing as you are able.*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for those impacted by COVID-19 as well those on our parish prayer list: Sandy & Jack, Virginia, Timothy, Margaret S. & family, Louis, David

D., Caitlyn, Alice, Shannon T., Marisa, Debbie R., Tom T., Bill P., Casey, Ron L., John C., Betsey, Kiernan & Colleen, Lou D., Wayne L., and Nancy C.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We thank you for the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays, especially Sean, Eleanor, and Carey M., as well as anniversaries.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for and give thanks for the life of Joyce D. Hall—mother of Amy Hall Shepherd and grandmother of Camden and Ailyn. We also pray for and give thanks for the life of Rick Aiken, brother-in-law of Ralph Wismer.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence*

*Concluding Collect:*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*



**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.*

***Please be seated.***

*We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. Give online ([sherwoodcokeysville.org/give](http://sherwoodcokeysville.org/give)) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 21030. Thank you!*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please remain seated in your pew and Mother Nancy will come to you during the Eucharist. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms on your chest.*

## OFFERTORY

*Gaelic Blessing* - John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C – BCP pg. 370

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 him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.  
**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.  
**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.  
**By his blood, he reconciled us.**  
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS - S124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.*

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*The Celebrant says*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

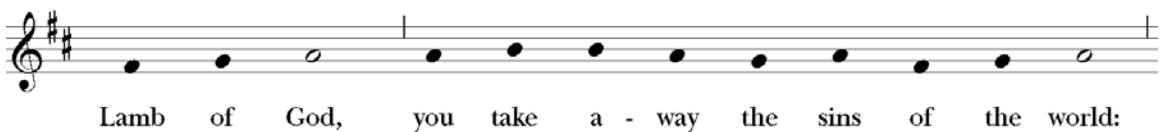
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

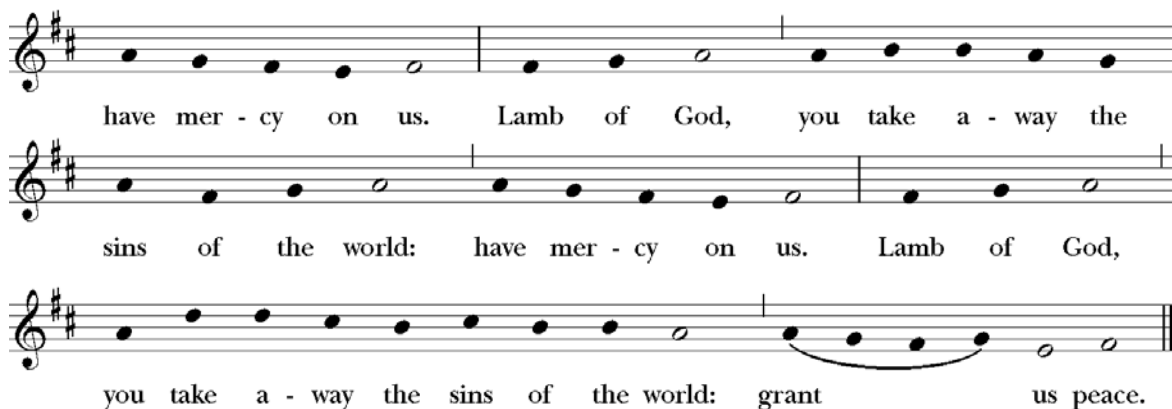
*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## AGNUS DEI - S161





*For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while Mother Nancy distributes communion to those present.*

## A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP pg. 365

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.***

**RECESSIONAL HYMN - 602**

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love*

*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors  
we have from you.*

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

*Chorus*

2 Neighbors are rich and poor,  
neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are nearby and far away.

*Chorus*

3 These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you.

*Chorus*

4 Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we were slaves;  
this is the way we should live with you.

*Chorus*

**THE DISMISSAL**

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

**God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.**

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Postlude on *Wareham* - Henry Coleman

**Worship Participants**

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Seminarian: Karen Mercer

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong

Acolyte: Dylan Strong

Usher: Kevin Hennessey

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

Hospitality: Sheila Fitzgerald

**Lay Participants for Sunday, October 24**

Lector: Greg Szymaszek

Acolyte: Greg Szymaszek

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Anne Wismer

Hospitality: Greg Davis

***Please keep those with ongoing needs in your prayers: Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Danny, Joe C., Marisa, Bill P., and Dante.***

*Thank you for joining us for worship. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and also remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel. If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, please contact Carey Mednick at [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com).*

## *This Week @ Sherwood*

### **Monday**

Mother Nancy's day off  
Office closed

### **Wednesday**

Office hours 10 am-3 pm  
Bible Study @ Broadmead @ 2 pm

### **Thursday**

Book of Esther Bible Study via Zoom @ 11 am  
*Waking Up White* Book Study via Zoom @ 6:30 pm

### **COVID-19 Update – The Masked Singers:**

The Bishop/Clergy update this week reports that the positivity rates have decreased in almost every county in Maryland. Currently all counties are in the orange phase with exception to Howard County (yellow phase) whose case rate is below 10. Baltimore County is at 14.8.

We have been given permission to resume congregational singing with masks. I have spoken with Greg Seseek and we are in agreement that beginning this Sunday we will return to congregational singing with masks. Let us sing!

### **We Are Thinking About Christmas!**

Depending on the COVID numbers for our region come December we may be able to gather at Sherwood on Christmas Eve to celebrate the birth of Jesus. In preparation, our music director, Greg Seseek, is interested in exploring the possibility of having a small choir for the Advent and Christmas season with members both current and new. If you are interested and willing to sing with a mask contact Greg. Our soloist Cassidy can provide guidance on what is the best mask to use and techniques for singing with masks. We will help our choir members acquire special masks designed for singing. Speak to Greg after the service or email him at [gregseseek@gmail.com](mailto:gregseseek@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to participate.



### **Stewardship 2021:**

Next week keep a lookout for your stewardship letter and pledge form from Mother Nancy. Your pledge will help to set the budget for FY 2022. The vestry thanks you for your continued generosity!

### **Missed Out on Esther?**

You can still catch the discussion! Recordings of the Zoom sessions on the Book of Esther hosted by Seminarian Karen Mercer are available now on the Sherwood YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIqlqHnR5JY5TtayYer7njw>

### ***The New Forward Day-by-Day is Here:***

The Nov-Dec-Jan issue has arrived. Please be sure to pick up your copy at the church or contact Carey at [sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com)/410-666-2180 if you'd like one mailed to you. Please specify regular or large print. Additional copies will be available in the blue bin on the parish office porch.

## **Protecting God's Creation, Part 8**

*A Series About Sherwood's Water Management Initiative  
by Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong, Sherwood Hill Green Team Leader*

Last week we started to look at watershed health by looking at water quality. Now we are going to walk upstream a bit and find out the cause of the sickness. One of the number-one predictors of our own health is diet and exercise. For watersheds, it is impervious surfaces.

Impervious means not allowing entrance or passage: impenetrable. Superman is impervious to bullets, as concrete is impervious to water. In fact, all the building blocks of the human habitat are impervious surfaces. As populations have increased and modernized, so too has the percentage of land covered by impervious surfaces.

Imagine a forested landscape. Rain falls, its velocity is lowered as it comes in contact with the trees. Water drops onto the land covered in a spongy mat of

leaves. It seeps into the ground. If the rainstorm is more severe, the spongy land may get saturated, the excess water flows downhill towards a stream. And if a really, really bad storm occurs, the stream could overflow and flood. However, in a natural scenario, there is a natural flood plain, an extra layer of protection to absorb the excess.

Imagine now that the trees have been removed. The rain falls fast to the ground without any trees or leaves to break the fall. The leafy spongy floor is now grass. Some of the water still seeps into the ground, but more runs off into the nearest stream—picking up any and all pollutants. Since the area around the stream, the floodplain, has been cleared, the stream overtops more frequently and the water floods a larger area.

Now the grass is replaced with concrete. When it rains, no water is absorbed by the ground. The full volume flows into the stream—fast and furious, unbuffered. It is more than the stream can handle. Flooding events happen with even more regularity and are more severe as the waters are impacting the human communities.

To “manage” the new normal, streams are straightened and hardened to handle a greater volume of water with all of the natural habitat stripped clean. Sometimes, the streams or rivers are covered over. As it flows into the city, the Jones Falls goes from a natural feature to a concrete tube flowing underground. Out of sight, out of mind until the volume of water outgrows even the manmade adjustments—compromising pipes, and dams, and levees.

This is not what David was writing about when he said, “my cup runneth over”.

The Impervious Cover Model developed in Maryland finds that streams are healthy when the percentage of impervious cover in a watershed is below 10%; they become adversely impacted between 10 and 25% and are non-supporting or completely depleted with over 25% impervious cover.

With the world's population continuing to grow, the amount of impervious surface will also grow. This means watersheds will continue to become imperiled, and with them us, too. We can't all go live in a cave, so what can we do?

As Paul wrote to the Romans, Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

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