

Sunday, January 9, 2022

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Organ Prelude	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah - Hughes / Dickens	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	1 Timothy 1:15-17 (Responsive)	Rev. Tim Valentino Shirley Long
Hymn	30: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings The Old Testament The Response: The Gospel Lesson	Psalm 29:1-5, 7-11 Amber	Amber Leedom Leedom/Shirley Long Amber Leedom
Church Family Announcements		Rev. Tim Valentino
Worship in Giving	Malachi 3:10	Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	418: Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us (v. 1 only	() Congregation
Prayer		Rev. Tim Valentino
Worship Song	All I Have Is Christ / King of Kings	Congregation
Sermon	Good News, Bad News Live now. Live forever. (Ecclesiastes 1:1-4; 12:13-14)	Rev. Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	321: When We Walk with the Lord	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Organ Postlude	Life Everlasting - David Paxton	Pat Shroff
Organist Pianist Flutist Trumpeter, Pianist Hymn Leader, Vocali Lector Responder	Pat ShroffHospital Visitor ThisShelley MillerChildren's ChurchShirley LongSound TechnicianSonya ValentinoVideo TechnicianstMaureen LoganIntern Youth MinisterAmber LeedomVisitation MinisterShirley LongLead Pastor	Jennifer & Lori Danielson Bob Long Andrew Valentino

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Call to Worship: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 (Responsive)

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners,

Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,

be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

There is a time for everything,

and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- ² a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- ³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
 a time to tear down and a time to build,
- ⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- ⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- ⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
 a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
 a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,

a time for war and a time for peace.

⁹What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

The Response: Psalm 29:1-5, 7-11 (Responsive)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

⁷The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightning.

⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

¹¹The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Worship in Giving: Malachi 3:10

⁹Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

Gentle Shepherd, Come and Lead Us

Gentle Shepherd come and lead us, For we need you to help us find our way Gentle Shepherd come and feed us, For we need your strength from day to day There's no other we can turn to, Who can help us face another day Gentle Shepherd come and lead us, For we need to you to help us find our way

All I Have is Christ

VERSE 1

I once was lost, in darkest night Yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave I had no hope, that You would own, a rebel to Your will And if You had, not loved me first, I would refuse You still VERSE 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross And I beheld, God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath, reserved for me Now all I know is grace **CHORUS** Hallelujah, all I have is Christ Hallelujah, Jesus is my life

VERSE 3

Now Lord I would be Yours alone And live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me O Father use my ransomed life in any way You choose And let my song forever be my only boast is You

King Of Kings

In the darkness We were waiting Without hope Without light Till from heaven You came running There was mercy in Your eyes To fulfill the law and prophets To a virgin came the Word From a throne of endless glory To a cradle in the dirt

Praise the Father, Praise the Son Praise the Spirit, Three in one God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross For even in your suffering You saw to the other side Knowing this was our salvation Jesus for our sake you died

Praise the Father, Praise the Son Praise the Spirit, Three in one God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath Till that stone was moved for good For the Lamb had conquered death And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored

And the church of Christ was born Then the Spirit lit the flame Now this gospel truth of old Shall not kneel Shall not faint By His blood and in His name In His freedom I am free For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me

Praise the Father, praise the Son Praise the Spirit, Three in One God of glory, Majesty Praise forever to the King of Kings Praise forever to the King of Kings

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, January 10: Ministry Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. (always on the 2nd Monday of the month)

Sunday, January 16: Lector Workshop at 9:00 a.m. in room 110. All lectors should plan to attend as well as anyone interested in becoming a lector at CCC.

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Sunday, January 16: Church Luncheon in Zinn Commons @ 12 noon

Tuesday, January 18: Church Family Care Ministry meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 12: Church Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 20: Church Luncheon in Zinn Commons at 12 noon

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Monthly Church Breakfasts: Our Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry is seeking volunteers to organizers each of our monthly breakfasts. Additionally, they are asking for volunteers to make and bring food for each breakfast. Please use the sign up sheet in the narthex to relay this information to them or talk to Grace Miller.

Local Sharing Cupboard: Thank you for placing non-perishable food items in grocery cart in the narthex. The food bank currently needs a supply of <u>SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CORN, SOUP & CANNED MEAT</u>.

Assistive Listening Devices: CCC has four assistive listening devices for those who need them during the worship service. See Pastor Tim or Bob Long if you need a unit.

Prayer Requests: If you any have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.