

## Sunday, May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter The Lord's Day

Organ Prelude	Just a Closer Walk With Thee - Arr. Stewart Landon	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Philippians 2:9-11 (Responsive)	Rev. Tim Valentino Kirby Keller
Hymn	53: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings The First Lesson: The Response: The New Testament		Kay Focht / Focht/Kirby Keller Kay Focht
Church Family Annou	ncements	Rev. Tim Valentino
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	Luke 21:1-4	Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	79: His Name is Wonderful	Congregation
Prayer		Rev. Tim Valentino
Worship Song	In Christ Alone (with Solid Rock) / Give Thanks	Congregation
Sermon	Strength in Weakness (2 Corinthians 12:1-10)	Rev. Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	356: I Am Weak, But Thou Art Strong	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Organ Postlude	Our Refuge and Strength -Donald F. Callender	Pat Shroff
Organist Pianist Flutist Trumpeter, Pianist Trumpeter, Pianist Hymn Leader, Vocalis Lector Responder	Pat ShroffHospital Visitor This WeShelley MillerChildren's ChurchShirley LongGreetersSonya ValentinoSound TechnicianMarcy GarmanVideo TechnicianMaureen LoganIntern Youth MinisterKay FochtVisitation MinisterKirby KellerLead Pastor	eek: Marlin Bohannon Sonya Valentino Kaye & Dave Focht Bob Long Andrew Valentino Xavier Easy Patricia Strain Rev. Tim Valentino

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#### Call to Worship: Philippians 2:9-11 (Responsive)

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

# 53 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



#### The First Lesson: Acts 11:1-10, 15-18

<sup>1</sup>The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup>I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup>Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

<sup>8</sup> "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

<sup>9</sup> "The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>15</sup> "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

<sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

#### The Response: Psalm 148:1-14 (Responsive)

<sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord.

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

#### <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.

#### <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the skies.

<sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for at his command they were created,

#### <sup>6</sup> and he established them for ever and ever he issued a decree that will never pass away.

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

#### <sup>8</sup> lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding,

<sup>9</sup> you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

#### <sup>10</sup> wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

<sup>11</sup>kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth,

#### <sup>12</sup> young men and women, old men and children.

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

## <sup>14</sup> And he has raised up for his people a horn, the praise of all his faithful servants, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord.

#### The New Testament Lesson: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord.<sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know-God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.<sup>5</sup> I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say,<sup>7</sup> or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.<sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me.9 But he said to me,"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.<sup>10</sup>That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

#### Worship in Giving: Luke 21:1-4

<sup>1</sup>As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup>He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup>"Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup>All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."



## **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless Babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Til on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sins curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

On Christ the solid rock I stand All other ground is sinking sand All other ground is sinking sand

#### **REPEAT CHORUS ONCE**

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From lifes first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell, no scheme of man Could ever pluck me from His hand Til He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I stand

## **Give Thanks**

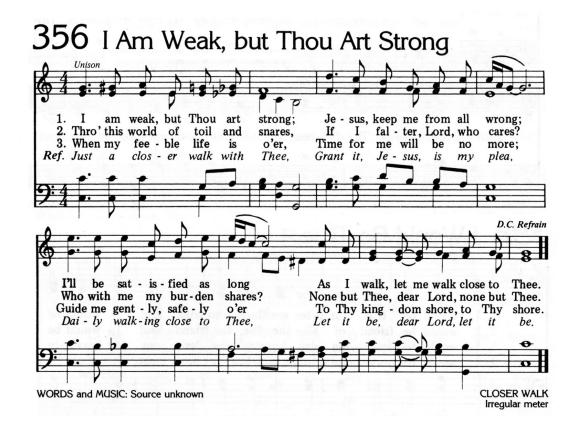
#### VERSE

Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

#### CHORUS

And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us" And now let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us" Give thanks – Give thanks

REPEAT VERSE REPEAT CHORUS



#### **NEW WAYS TO VOLUNTEER**

**MEDICAL RESPONSE TEAM:** Do you have any background or training in medicine, nursing, EMT response, fire police, etc.? Christ Community Church is putting together a small team to respond to possible injuries and/or medical events taking place on site when we gather for worship, Sunday school, and other events. Please see Stacey Marks if you are possibly interested in serving in a such a capacity.

**CARING MEALS:** Recently, Christ Community Church has had opportunities to share God's love and care with those in our church family who could use a meal during family illness or moving. If you would like to help provide meals in the future, there is a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Grace Miller will be the coordinator and will call you when there is a need.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday Bible Study: Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday, May 15: Church Luncheon @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons

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Monday, May 16: VBS Meeting @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons

Tuesday, May 17: Church Family Care Ministry Meeting @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons

Thursday, May 19: Ladies Bible Study @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons

# Vacation Bible School: June 12-16 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Plans have begun for Vacation Bible School in June. The theme is "Rocky Railway." Please start to pray for the staff and the children God will bring to VBS. We could use some more staff, so if you can help, talk to Pat Shroff.

Monday, June 20: Ministry Council Meeting @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + via Zoom

#### REMINDERS

**Local Sharing Cupboard** is currently accepting any and all food donations.

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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 <u>pastortim@christcomm.church</u> or (484) 269-4313.

#### **GIVING TO SUPPORT CHRISTIANS IN UKRAINE**

If you would like to personally contribute to the Ukraine Crisis Fund, you can either give through our church (note amount on church envelope) or make check payable to European Christian Mission and write Ukraine Crisis Fund in the memo section. Send directly to:

European Christian Mission, N.A., PO BOX 1006, PT ROBERTS, WA 98281

# STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS 2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Our weakness is the vessel of God's strength.

### Glory in your weakness to direct people's focus away from yourself.

Paul's goal in life was not to get people to think that he was wonderful. His goal in life was to get people to think that Christ is wonderful.

### Glory in your weakness to distance yourself from your own strengths.

We tend to learn a lot more about God in the thorns of life than we do in our third heaven experiences.

### Glory in your weakness to display the greatness of Jesus Christ.

You have a thorn? Face it—and then let God grace it!