

# **Sunday, March 19, 2023**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Tim Valentino

Organ Voluntary Were You There? / Amazing Grace Pat Shroff

& Quiet Reflection Arr. Dick Torrans

Call to Worship Revelation 22:17 Rev. Tim Valentino

Kaye Focht (Responsive)

Congregation

Rev. Tim Valentino

Opening Hymn 67: We Come O Christ to You Congregation

Rev. Tim Valentino **Prayer of Adoration** 

Scripture Readings

Praise & Worship

The Old Testament Lesson: 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Jim Danielson Psalm 23:1-6 Jim Danielson/Kaye Focht The Response: The Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-11, 35-41 Jim Danielson

Worship in Giving Hebrews 13:5 Rev. Tim Valentino

Missions Moment Pat Strain

Prayer Hymn 406: Days Are Filled with Sorrow and Care (verse 2 only) Congregation

Prayer Led by Pastor Rev. Tim Valentino

My Soul Will Wait / We Believe

The Ten Commandments 10: Sermon

When You Speak, Tell the Truth (Exodus 20:16)

Closing Hymn 386: Take My Life and Let it Be Congregation

Benediction Rev. Tim Valentino

Organ Postlude Credo Pat Shroff

Haydn / Blake

**Organist** Pat Shroff **Hospital Visitor This Week:** Ruth Turner **Pianist** Shelley Miller Hymn Leader, Vocalist Maureen Logan **Flutist** Shirley Long Children's Church Jennifer Danielson Trumpeter, Pianist Sonya Valentino Greeters Kaye & Dave Focht Trumpeter, Pianist Marcy Garman Sound Technician Bob Long Trumpeter Melanie Leedom Video Technician Andrew Valentino Lector Jim Danielson **Visitation Minister** Patricia Strain Responder Kaye Focht **Lead Pastor** Rev. Tim Valentino Call to Worship: **Revelation 22:17** (Responsive)

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"

And let the one who hears say, "Come!"

Let the one who is thirsty come:

and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.



121 South College Street, Myerstown, PA 17067-1299 https://christcomm.church • Facebook @cccmverstown The Response: **Psalm 23:1-**6

<sup>1</sup>The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

<sup>2</sup>But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say,'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

<sup>5</sup> Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me."Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

<sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." <sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures,

# he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

# <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

# your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

in the presence of my enemies.

# You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

# and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Worship in Giving: Hebrews 13:5

The Gospel Lesson: John 9:1-11, 35-41

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

<sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

<sup>6</sup>After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

<sup>8</sup> His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some claimed that he was.

Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked.

<sup>11</sup>He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

<sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

<sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

<sup>38</sup>Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

<sup>40</sup> Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"

<sup>41</sup> Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake vou."

# Days Are Filled with Sorrow and Care 406



# **Mv Soul Will Wait**

When the enemy surrounds and my heart grows faint within When the darkness overwhelms and my fears are pressing in I will trust in You, O Lord, in the silence I will wait I will stand upon Your Word

#### [CHORUS]

You're my solid rock and my salvation My steadfast hope that won't be shaken My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You

#### [VERSE 2]

You're my stronghold and my shield, in the midst of every threat Though the wicked never yield, they will vanish like a breath Yes, I know the outcome's sure, Satan's evil plans will fail In Your power I'm secure

### **ICHORUS 21**

You're my solid rock and my salvation My steadfast hope that won't be shaken My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You

You're my comfort when I feel forsaken My refuge and my sure foundation My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You

#### **[VERSE 3]**

This is love I can't explain, this is mercy unreserved Through Your sacrifice so great, I have peace that's undeserved For the battle has been won, and I fear no shame or loss Now the sting of death is gone

#### [TAG]

Pouring out our hearts before You We will trust in You Perfect Savior, strong defender We will trust in You

# House of the Lord

#### [VERSE 1]

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is We worship the God who evermore will be He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea My God, He holds the victory

#### [CHORUS]

There's joy in the house of the Lord There's joy in the house of the Lord today And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise There's joy in the house of the Lord Our God is surely in this place And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

(Oh-oh-oh) We shout out Your praise

[VERSE 2] We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves We sing to the God who always makes a way Now we're running free 'Cause He hung up on that Cross Then He rose up from that grave My God's still rolling stones away

#### [CHORUS]

There's joy in the house of the Lord There's joy in the house of the Lord today And we won't be guiet We shout out Your praise There's joy in the house of the Lord Our God is surely in this place And we won't be guiet We shout out Your praise

#### [BRIDGE]

We were the beggars Now we're royalty We were the prisoners Now we're running free We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace Let the house of the Lord sing praise 'Cause we were the beggars Now we're royalty We were the prisoners

Let the house of the Lord sing praise

We are forgiven, accepted

Redeemed by His grace

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#### REMINDERS

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs:

• Spaghetti Sauce • Cereal • Tomato Products • Cookies • And regular items

**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.

#### CALLING VOICES FOR THE HOLY WEEK CHOIR

Do you enjoy praising the Lord in song? The Music & Worship Ministry is putting together a Holy Week Choir, and they would love for you to consider joining this seasonal vocal ensemble. Brief rehearsals will held each Sunday morning, right after the worship service.

The Holy Week Choir will be sharing their selections on Palm Sunday (April 2) and Easter Sunday (April 9). Thank you for considering this opportunity to bless others with your musical gifts!

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m. Sundays: SUNDAY SCHOOL for All Ages @ 9:00 a.m. MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m. Sunday, March 19: NEW MEMBERS' CLASS @ 9:00 a.m. in room 210-211 CHURCH LUNCHEON @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons CONGREGATIONAL MEETING after the Church Luncheon in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom ..... Thursday, March 23: WOMEN'S LIFE GROUP @ 7 p.m. in Student Lounge March 28: First VBS planning meeting @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons ••••• Saturday, April 1 - No breakfast Sunday, April 2: PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:30 a.m. Worship Service in Dech Chapel and by Livestream ..... Sunday, April 2: CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT @ 12:00 p.m. in Lower Parking Lot Pre-register by calling 717.866.5353 or emailing pastortim@christcomm.church ••••• Thursday, April 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE @ 7:00 p.m. Worship Service in Dech Chapel and by Livestream ..... Friday, April 7: GOOD FRIDAY REMEMBERANCES 4:30 p.m. Showing of THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST Film in Zinn Commons\* 7:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE in Dech Chapel and by Livestream Sunday, April 9: <u>EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS</u> 9:00 a.m. EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST in Zinn Commons (Fellowship Hall) Light Fellowship Breakfast in Lieu of Sunday School Classes 10:30 a.m. RESURRECTION SUNDAY WORSHIP in Dech Chapel and by Livestream Monday, April 10: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom ..... Sunday, April 16 - CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. with ham and potatoes

### **VBS PLANNING: AVALANCE RANCH June 11 thru 15**

Come to **Avalanche Ranch**, a wild ride through God's Word!

Get ready for an exciting celebration of God's love filled with stampeding cattle, yapping cattle dogs, soaring eagles, and a whole herd of friends. **March 28:** First VBS planning meeting @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons

April 23: Second VBS planning meeting after morning worship in Zinn Commons