

Sunday, April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter

***** NAME TAG SUNDAY *****

Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Tim Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i> <i>Fischer / Rogers</i>	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 119:89-90</i> <i>(Responsive)</i>	Rev. Tim Valentino aureen Logan
Opening Hymn	239: God Hath Spoken by His Prophets	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The First Lesson:	<i>Acts 2:14a, 22-32</i>	Faye Hipkiss
The Response:	<i>Psalm 118:14-24 (Responsive)</i>	Faye Hipkiss/aureen Logan
The New Testament Lesson:	<i>1 Peter 1:3-9</i>	Faye Hipkiss
The Gospel Lesson:	<i>John 20:24-29</i>	Faye Hipkiss
Worship in Giving	<i>Galatians 6:9-10</i>	Rev. Tim Valentino
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
Prayer Hymn	402: Take Time to Be Holy <i>(verse 1 only)</i>	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise & Worship	<i>Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) / Ancient Words</i>	Congregation
Sermon		Mitch Keath, Gideons International
Closing Hymn	<i>By Faith</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Organ Postlude	<i>Tollite Hostias</i> <i>Saint-Saens / Schreiner</i>	Pat Shroff

Organist	Pat Shroff	Hospital Visitor This Week:	Marlin Bohannon
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	Faye Hipkiss	Visitation Minister	Patricia Strain
Responder	Maureen Logan	Lead Pastor	Rev. Tim Valentino

239 God Hath Spoken by His Prophets



1. God hath spo - ken by His proph-ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
2. God hath spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3. God yet speak - eth by His Spir - it—Speak - ing to the hearts of men,

Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God the One, the right - eous Lord!
Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;
In the age - long word de - clar - ing God's own mes - sage, now as then.

'Mid the world's de - spair and tur - moil One firm an - chor hold - ing fast,
Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God ere time be - gan,
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - eth fast:

God is on His throne e - ter - nal, He a - lone the First and Last.
Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, Man, re - veal - ing God to man.
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing, God a - lone the First and Last. A - men.

WORDS: George W. Briggs, 1952
MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

HYMN TO JOY
8.7.8.7 D.

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Call to Worship: **Psalm 119:89-90**

⁸⁹Your word, LORD, is eternal;
it stands firm in the heavens.

⁹⁰Your faithfulness continues through all generations;
you established the earth, and it endures.

The First Lesson: **Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue
rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,

²⁷because you will not abandon me to the realm
of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³²God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

The Response: **Psalm 118:14-24** (Responsive)

¹⁴**The LORD is my strength and my defense;
he has become my salvation.**

¹⁵Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ **The LORD’s right hand is lifted high;
the LORD’s right hand has done
mighty things!”**

¹⁷I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸**The LORD has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.**

¹⁹Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰**This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.**

²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

²²**The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;**

²³the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴**The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.**

The New Testament Lesson: **1 Peter 1:3-9**

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last

time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Gospel Lesson: **John 20:24-29**

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Worship in Giving: **Galatians 6:9-10**

⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

The moon and stars they wept
The morning sun was dead
The Savior of the world was fallen
His body on the cross
His blood poured out for us
The weight of every curse upon him

One final breath he gave
As heaven looked away
The son of God was laid in darkness
A battle in the grave
The war on death was waged
The power of hell forever broken

The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away
His perfect love could not be overcome
Now death where is your sting?
Our resurrected King
has rendered you defeated

Forever He is glorified
Forever He is lifted high
Forever He is risen
He is alive, He is alive!
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We sing hallelujah
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The Lamb has overcome

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Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

CHORUS

Ancient words ever true
Changing me changing you
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart

Take Time to Be Holy 402

1. Take time to be ho - ly, Speak oft with thy Lord; A - bide in Him
al - ways, And feed on His Word. Make friends of God's chil - dren; Help
those who are weak; For - get - ting in noth - ing His bless - ing to seek.

WORDS: William D. Longstaff, 1882
MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1890

HOLINESS
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By Faith

[VERSE 1]

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

[VERSE 2]

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

[CHORUS]

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

[VERSE 3]

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the power to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

[VERSE 4]

By faith the church was called to go
In the power of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

[CHORUS]

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

[VERSE 5]

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the power of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name
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[CHORUS]

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight
Ohh, we will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

TODAY - CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m.
with ham and potatoes. All are welcome!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.
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Sundays: SUNDAY SCHOOL for All Ages @ 9:00 a.m.
MORNING WORSHIP in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.
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Monday, May 8: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING
7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom
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Sunday, April 23: VBS planning meeting after
morning worship in Zinn Commons
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Thursday, April 27: Women's Bible Study @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons
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The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • Spaghetti Sauce
• Cereal • Canned Fruit • Tomato Products • Cookies • And regular items
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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.
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Groups
**AVALANCHE
RANCH**
A WILD RIDE THROUGH GOD'S WORD

New VBS dates: June 19-22
(Monday thru Thursday)

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.
• **APRIL 23:** VBS planning
meeting after morning
worship in Zinn Commons

