

Sunday, April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements			Rev. Tim Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	I Will Praise Him Harris / Doran / Martin		Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	1 Peter 1:3 (Responsive)		Rev. Tim Valentino Shawn Garman
Opening Hymn	149: I Serve a F	149: I Serve a Risen Savior	
Prayer of Adoration			Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings The First Lesson: The Response: The New Testament Lesso The Gospel Lesson:	Acts 2:14, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 _(Responsive) 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35		Pat Strain Pat Strain/Shawn Garman Pat Strain Pat Strain Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	Hebrews 13:16		Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	402: Take Time to Be Holy (verse 2 on		nly) Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor			Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise & Worship	House of the Lord / In Christ Alone		Congregation
Sermon	The Incredible Christ 1: The Signs of Life (John 20:30-31 and Various)		Rev. Tim Valentino
Closing Hymn	342: I Will Sing of My Redeemer		Congregation
Benediction			Rev. Tim Valentino
Organ Postlude	Fantasia on "Forest Green" Lani Smith		Pat Shroff
Organist Pianist Flutist Trumpeter, Pianist Trumpeter, Pianist Trumpeter Lector Responder	Pat Shroff Shelley Miller Shirley Long Sonya Valentino Marcy Garman Melanie Leedom Pat Strain Shawn Garman	Hospital Visitor Thi Hymn Leader, Voca Children's Church Greeters Sound Technician Video Technician Visitation Minister Lead Pastor	



Call to Worship: 1 Peter 1:3

³ Praise 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.

The First Lesson: Acts 2:14, 36-41

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

³⁶ "Let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah."

³⁷When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

The Response: Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 (Responsive)

¹I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy.

² Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

³The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came over me; I was overcome by distress and sorrow.

¹⁰ I trusted in the LORD when I said,

" I am greatly afflicted";

¹¹ in my alarm I said,
"Everyone is a liar."
¹² What shall I return to the Lord

for all his goodness to me?

¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.

¹⁶Truly I am your servant, LORD; I serve you just as my mother did; you have freed me from my chains.

¹⁷ I will sacrifice a thank offering to you and call on the name of the LORD.

The New Testament Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶ but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only

one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

Worship in Giving: Hebrews 13:16

¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.



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 '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 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

[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 Now we're running free We are forgiven, accepted Redeemed by His grace Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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

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The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • Spaghetti Sauce • Cereal • Canned Fruit • 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday: MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY Online via Zoom @ 7:00 p.m.

Sundays: <u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> for all ages @ 9:00 a.m. <u>MORNING WORSHIP</u> in Dech Chapel @ 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 23: <u>VBS PLANNING MEETING</u> after morning worship in Zinn Commons

Thursday, April 27: <u>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons

Saturday, May 6: <u>CHURCH BREAKFAST</u> @ 8:30 a.m. in Zinn Commons

> Following church breakfast: OUTSIDE CLEAN-UP DAY. More details to follow.

Please sign-up to join us for our May 6 Church Breakfast using the sheet in the Narthex.

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Monday, May 8: <u>MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING</u> 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Thursday, May 11: <u>WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> @ 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons <u>MEN OF ADVENTURE</u> @ 7 p.m. at the home of Kirby Keller

Sunday, May 14: <u>MOTHER'S DAY RECOGNITION</u> @ 10:30 in Dech Chapel <u>MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING</u> (goes to StoneRidge)

Sunday, May 21: CHURCH LUNCHEON @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons

