

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements			Rev. Tim Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	Battle Humn of the Republic Howe / Ringwald		Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Psalm 46:1, 7 (Responsive)		Rev. Tim Valentino Pat Strain
Opening Hymn	547: God of our Fathers		Congregation
Prayer of Adoration			Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings The First Lesson: The Response: The Gospel Lesson:	Genesis 2 Psalm 1 John 8:3	3:1-6 (Responsive)	Shirley Long Shirley Long /Pat Strain Shirley Long
Worship in Giving	Proverbs 11:25		Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	379: Nearer My God to Thee (verse 1 only)		Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor			Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise & Worship	Battle Belongs / Who You Say I Am		Congregation
Sermon	Let Freedom Reign (John 8:31-36)		Rev. Tim Valentino
Closing Hymn	548: O Beautiful For Spacious Skies		Congregation
Benediction			Rev. Tim Valentino
Organ Postlude	Sortie on "National Hymn" Warren / L. 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 Shirley Long Pat Strain	Hospital Visitor This We Hymn Leader, Vocalist Children's Church Greeters Office Administrator Sound Technician Video Technician Visitation Minister Lead Pastor	Maureen Logan Maureen Logan Maureen Logan Kaye & Dave Focht Maureen Logan Bob Long Andrew Valentino Patricia Strain Rev. Tim Valentino

547 God of Our Fathers



Call to Worship: **Psalm 46:1, 7**

¹God is our refuge and strength,

an ever-present help in trouble.

⁷The Lord Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

The First Lesson: **Genesis 22:1-14**

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

²Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife.As the two of them went on together, ⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

The Response: **Psalm 13:1-6** (Responsive)

- ¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?
- ³Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,

- ⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
- ⁵But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

The Gospel Lesson: John 8:31-36

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Worship in Giving: **Proverbs 11:25**

²⁵A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.



Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle, You see my victory When all I see is the mountain, You see a mountain moved And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me There's nothing to fear now, for I am safe with You

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high Oh God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night Oh God, the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me, who can be against me? Yeah For Jesus, there's nothing impossible for You When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty, thank You, God When all I see is a cross, God, You see the empty tomb

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Almighty Fortress, You go before us
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadow, You win every battle
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Who You Say I Am

VERSE 1

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

CHORUS

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am

VERSE 2

Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me Yes He died for me

CHORUS

Who the Son sets free Oh is free indeed I'm a child of God Yes I am In my Father's house There's a place for me I'm a child of God Yes I am

BRIDGE

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
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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, July 16: CHURCH SUMMER SERVICE & PICNIC at Pine Acres. WORSHIP @ 10:30 a.m. / PICNIC @ 12:15 p.m. Missionary Speakers: Jim & Janet Stahl **Sunday, August 6:** BAPTISMAL SERVICE at Stone Ridge Poplar Run. The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • Chunky Soup • Ketchup • Spaghetti Sauce • Cereal • Canned Fruit • Tomato Products Cookies
 And regular items Thanks to all we supported **Align Life Ministries** through giving. We still owe them 3 Baby Bottles so please return them to Pat Strain, even if they are empty. Prayer Requests: If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

The Church Summer Service & Picnic @ Pine Acres

Sunday, July 16: Service begins at 10:30 a.m. at Pine Acres. Guest Missionary Speakers: Jim & Janet Stahl

Picnic begins at 12:15 p.m.
There will be no Sunday School that morning.

- Food and drinks will be provided. Please bring a lawn chair.
- \bullet Sign up sheet and directions will be available in the narthex.
 - Also a reminder to bring your A-game for Corn Hole!