

Sunday, July 9, 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements			Rev. Kirby Keller
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	Come, Christians, Join to Sing Robert Thygerson		Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Psalm (Respon		Rev. Kirby Keller Kaye Focht
Opening Hymn	71: Come, Christian Join to Sing		Congregation
Prayer of Adoration			Rev. Kirby Keller
Scripture Readings The First Lesson: The Response: The Gospel Lesson:	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 13:1-6 (Responsive) Rev. Kirl Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30		Rev. Kirby Keller Rev. Kirby Keller /Kaye Focht Rev. Kirby Keller
Worship in Giving	Matthew 6:19-21		Rev. Kirby Keller
Prayer Hymn	379: Nearer My God to Thee (verse 2 only)		Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor			Rev. Kirby Keller
Praise & Worship	Build My Life / Living Hope		Congregation
Sermon	"The Believer's Dark Times" (Psalm 13:1-6)		Christian Lefko
Closing Hymn	237: How Firm a Foundation		Congregation
Benediction			Rev. Kirby Keller
Organ Postlude	Proclaim the Glory of the Lord Arr. Tim Doran		Pat Shroff
Organist Pianist Flutist Trumpeter, Pianist Trumpeter, Pianist Trumpeter Celebrant & Lector Responder Guest Speaker Slide Advancer	Pat Shroff Shelley Miller Shirley Long Sonya Valentino Marcy Garman Melanie Leedom Kirby Keller Kaye Focht Christian Lefko Shawn Garman	Hospital Visitor This Hymn Leader, Vocal Children's Church Greeters Office Administrato Sound Technician Video Technician Visitation Minister Lead Pastor	list Maureen Logan Tracy Farmer & Deb Smith Kaye & Dave Focht

Christian and his wife Bekah both grew up in the Reading area and felt the call to ministry after having an opportunity to speak in college. He graduated with a ThM from Dallas Theological Seminary and currently preaches at various churches in Virginia. Christian and Bekah live in Lynchburg, VA, where Bekah is finishing her nursing degree and plays soccer at Liberty University. Bekah's grandparents, Earl & Mildred Graeff, live at StoneRidge and attend Christ Community Church. Pastor Tim had the honor of performing the Lefko's wedding ceremony last July.



Call to Worship: Psalm 95:1

¹Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

The First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

¹³I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim.

I will rouse your sons, Zion, against your sons, Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword.

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

¹How 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.

⁵ But 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: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶"To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷" 'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance;

we sang a dirge,

and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Worship in Giving: Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.



Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name Jesus, the only One who could ever save Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You. we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder and Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus, the name above every other name Jesus, the only One who could ever save Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You, oh, we live for You Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder and Show me who You are and fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken

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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ, my living hope Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
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Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

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Jesus Christ, my living hope Oh God, You are my living hope

237 How Firm a Foundation

WORDS: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

Traditional American melody; Caldwell's Union Harmonu, 1837



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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, July 16: CHURCH SUMMER SERVICE & PICNIC at Pine Acres.

WORSHIP @ 10:30 a.m. / PICNIC @ 12:15 p.m.

Missionary Speakers: Jim & Janet Stahl

PLEASE NOTE: MEN OF ADVENTURE has been canceled for the month of July.

Sunday, August 6: <u>BAPTISMAL SERVICE</u> 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 who 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 <u>pastortim@christcomm.church</u> or (484) 269-4313.

