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Organist	Pat Shroff	Hospital Visitor This Week:	Ruth Turner
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan
Flutist	Shirley Long	Children's Church	Maureen Logan
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Office Administrator	Maureen Logan
Trumpeter	Melanie Leedom	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Lector	Jim Danielson	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Responder	Shawn Garman	Visitation Minister	Patricia Strain
		Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino

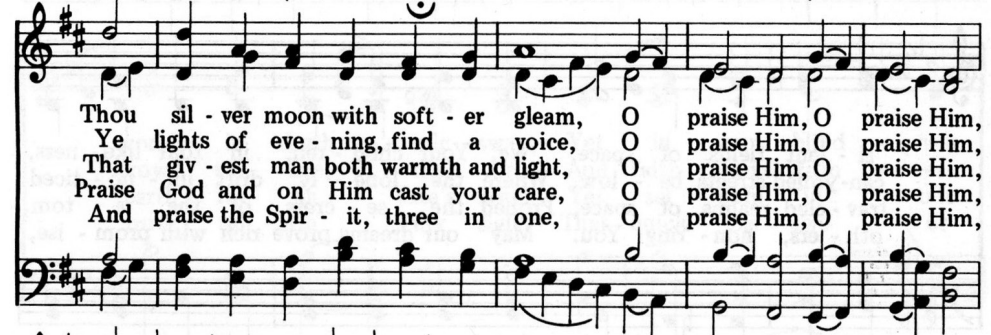
All Creatures of Our God and King 43



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heav'n a - long,
3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for thy Lord to hear,
4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, For-giv-ing oth-ers, take your part,
5. Let all things their Cre-a - tor bless, And wor-ship Him in hum-ble - ness,



Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou burn-ing sun with gold - en beam,
O praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing morn in praise re - joice,
Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu - ia! Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright,
O sing ye, Al-le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row bear,
O praise Him, Al-le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son,



Thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, O praise Him, O praise Him,
Ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him,
That giv - est man both warmth and light, O praise Him, O praise Him,
Praise God and on Him cast your care, O praise Him, O praise Him,
And praise the Spir - it, three in one, O praise Him, O praise Him,



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

WORDS: St. Francis of Assisi, 1225; tr. William H. Draper, 1926
MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1623

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L.M. Alleluias

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Call to Worship: **Psalm 150:1-2, 6a**

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

² **Praise him for his acts of power;**
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

⁶ **Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.**

The Old Testament Lesson: **Daniel 2:31-40, 45b-49**

³¹ “Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. ³² The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay. ³⁴ While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶ “This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king. ³⁷ Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; ³⁸ in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold.

³⁹ “After you, another kingdom will arise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth. ⁴⁰ Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.

^{45b} “The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. ⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, “Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.”

⁴⁸ Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. ⁴⁹ Moreover, at Daniel’s request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

The Response: **Psalm 105:1-9, 45c**

¹ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

² **Sing to him, sing praise to him;**
tell of all his wonderful acts.

³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ **Look to the LORD and his strength;**
seek his face always.

⁵ Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

⁶ **you his servants, the descendants of Abraham,**
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

⁷ He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

⁸ **He remembers his covenant forever,**
the promise he made, for a thousand generations,

⁹ the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.

^{45c} **Praise the LORD.**

The New Testament Lesson: **Romans 12:9-13**

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Worship in Giving: **Acts 20:35**

³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

365 Nearer, Still Nearer

1. Near-er, still near-er, close to Thy heart, Draw me, my Sav-ior, so pre-cious Thou
art; Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast, Shel-ter me safe in that
“Ha-ven of Rest,” Shel-ter me safe in that “Ha-ven of Rest.” A-men.

WORDS and MUSIC: Lelia N. Morris, 1898

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Build Your Kingdom Here

Come, set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captive hearts released
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray: revive this earth

We All Bow Down

Princes and paupers
Sons and daughters
Kneel at the throne of grace
Losers and winners
Saints and sinners
One day will see His face

[CHORUS]

*And we all bow down
Kings will surrender their crowns
And worship Jesus
For He is the love
Unfailing love
He is the love of God*

Summer and winter
The mountains and rivers
Whisper our Savior's name
Awesome and holy
A friend to the lonely
Forever His love will reign

He's the light of the world
And Lord of the cross

[REPEAT CHORUS]

[CHORUS]

*Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here
We pray*

Unleash Your kingdoms power
Reaching the near and far
No force of Hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more
than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and
love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

Children of the Heavenly Father 37

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His chil - dren sev - er;
 4. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

Nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things He spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

WORDS: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1858; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1925
 MUSIC: Traditional Swedish melody

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Christmas in September

Supporting our Missionaries Sunday, September 10, 17, 24

Christmas balls are now available in the narthex. Put cash or a check made out to Christ Community Church inside, then bring it back to hang on the tree. The money is used for Christmas gifts to the missionaries we support.



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, September 3: PROMOTION SUNDAY for Sunday School students

Saturday, September 9: CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

@ 8:30 a.m. in Zinn Commons

Sunday, September 10, 17, 24: CHRISTMAS IN SEPTEMBER

Christmas balls are now available in the narthex. Put cash or a check made out to Christ Community Church inside, then bring it back to hang on the tree.

The money is used for Christmas gifts to the missionaries we support.

Monday, September 11: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Thursday, September 14: MEN OF ADVENTURE

@ 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kirby Keller

Thursday, September 14: WOMEN OF FAITH

@ 7:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge

Monday, September 18: FAMILY CARE MEETING

7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Sunday, September 24: ANNUAL FALL PICNIC following morning worship at the Myerstown Rod & Gun Club. Please sign up to bring food.

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • canned vegetables • canned fruits • crackers (Saltines and other types of boxed crackers) • regular items—basically anything will help fill their shelves. They are serving 47 to 53 families.

Prayer Requests: If you have any prayer requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at pastortim@christcomm.church or (484) 269-4313.

DENOMINATION WIDE **PRAYER SUMMIT**

 Evangelical Congregational Church

Saturday, September 16, 2023

9AM to 3PM • \$15 (includes lunch)

**Friday night accommodations available in
Aspen Lodge. Cost for accommodations*:**

\$75 per person for double occupancy

\$105 per person for single occupancy

**includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday*

To register, go to Twinpines.org.

[Registration Deadline is Sept. 11th.]

Questions? Contact Jonah at Twin Pines:

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Annual Fall Church Picnic

- Following morning worship
- Sign up sheet found in the narthex
- Please bring a lawn chair
- Bring your A-game for Corn Hole!

Sunday • September 24 • 12:15 pm
Myerstown Rod & Gun Club