



Sunday, September 10 2023

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<i>He Is Able / God Will Make a Way</i> -Arr. Doran	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	<i>Psalm 145:3, 21</i> (Responsive)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Pat Strain
Opening Hymn	<i>19: Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above</i>	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson:	<i>Daniel 3:8-20, 24-28</i>	Shirley Long
The Response:	<i>Psalm 149:1-9</i> (Responsive)	Shirley Long/Pat Strain
The New Testament Lesson:	<i>Matthew 18:15-20</i>	Shirley Long
Worship in Giving	<i>Hebrews 13:5</i>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	<i>365: Nearer Still Nearer</i> (verse 2 only)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Praise & Worship	<i>Days of Elijah / Goodness of God</i>	Congregation
Sermon	<i>Excellence in Exile, Part 5: Let's Get Fired Up</i> (Daniel 3:1-30)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	<i>326: O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	<i>To God Be the Glory</i> Doane / DeCou	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	Sonya Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Office Administrator	Maureen Logan
Trumpeter	Melanie Leedom	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Lector	Shirley Long	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Responder	Pat Strain	Visitation Minister	Patricia Strain
		Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino

Call to Worship: **Psalm 145:3, 21**

³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.

²¹ My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.

**Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.**

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above 19

1. Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove And keeps His court be - low;
2. Cel - e - brate th'e - ter - nal God With harp and psal - ter - y,
3. Him, in whom they move and live, Let ev - ery crea - ture sing,

Praise the ho - ly God of love, And all His great - ness show;
Tim - brels soft and cym - bals loud In His high praise a - gree;
Glo - ry to their Mak - er give, And hom - age to their King.

Praise Him for His no - ble deeds, Praise Him for His match - less pow'r;
Praise Him ev - ery tune - ful string; All the reach of heav'n - ly art,
Hallow - ed be His name be - neath, As in heav'n on earth a - dored;

Him from whom all good pro - ceeds Let earth and heav'n a - dore.
All the pow'rs of mu - sic bring, The mu - sic of the heart.
Praise the Lord in ev - ery breath, Let all things praise the Lord. A - men.

The Old Testament Lesson: **Daniel 3:8-20, 24-28**

⁸At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, “May the king live forever! ¹⁰Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, ¹¹and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. ¹²But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”

¹³Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?”

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

²⁵He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!”

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

The Response: **Psalms 149:1-9**

¹Praise the LORD.

Sing to the LORD a new song,

his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

²**Let Israel rejoice in their Maker;
let the people of Zion be glad in their King.**

³Let them praise his name with dancing
and make music to him with timbrel and harp.

⁴**For the LORD takes delight in his people;
he crowns the humble with victory.**

⁵Let his faithful people rejoice in this honor
and sing for joy on their beds.

⁶**May the praise of God be in their mouths
and a double-edged sword in their hands,**

⁷to inflict vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples,

⁸**to bind their kings with fetters,
their nobles with shackles of iron,**

⁹to carry out the sentence written against them—
this is the glory of all his faithful people.

Praise the LORD.

The New Testament Lesson: **Matthew 18:15-20**

¹⁵“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Worship in Giving: **Hebrews 13:5**

⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

365 Nearer, Still Nearer

2. Near-er, still near-er, noth-ing I bring, Naught as an of-f'ring to Je-sus my
 King; On-ly my sin-ful, now con-trite heart, Grant me the cleans-ing Thy
 blood doth im-part, Grant me the cleans-ing Thy blood doth im-part. A-men.

MORRIS

Days of Elijah (with Daniel verse)

These are the days of Elijah, Declaring the word of the Lord
 And these are the days of Your servant Moses, Righteousness being restored.
 And though these are the days of great trial, Of famine and darkness and sword
 Still, we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

[CHORUS]

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
 Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call,
 Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
 Out of Zion's hills salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, The dry bones becoming as flesh,
 And these are the days of Your servant David, Rebuilding the temple of praise
 And these are the days of the harvest, The fields are as white in the world,
 And we are the labourers that are in Your vineyard, Declaring the Word of the Lord!

[REPEAT CHORUS]

There's no God like Jehovah! There's no God like Jehovah!
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[REPEAT CHORUS]

Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,
 Out of Zion's hills salvation comes.

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
 For Your mercy never failed me
 All my days, I've been held in Your hands
 From the moment that I wake up
 Until I lay my head
 Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

[CHORUS]

And all my life You have been faithful
 And all my life You have been so, so good
 With every breath that I am able
 Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
 You have led me through the fire
 And in darkest night You are close like no other
 I've known You as a Father
 I've known You as a Friend
 And I have lived in the goodness of God

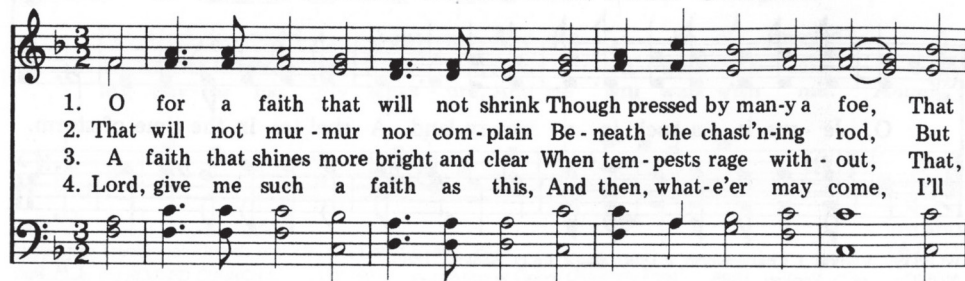
[REPEAT CHORUS]

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
 I give You everything
 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me, oh-oh
 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
 With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
 I give You everything
 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

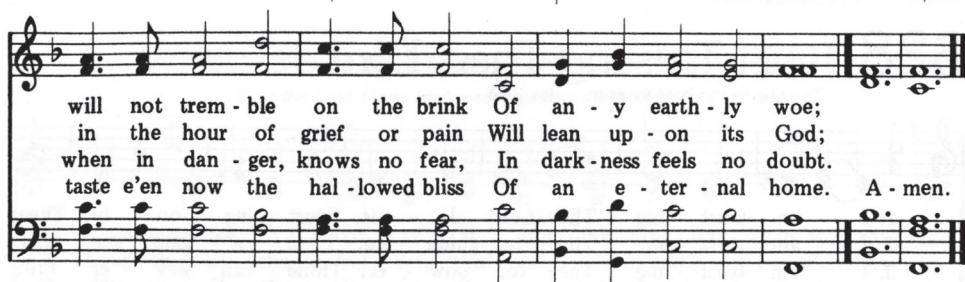
[REPEAT CHORUS]

I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing
 'Cause all my life You have been faithful
 And all my life You have been so, so good
 With every breath that I am able
 Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
 Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

326 O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink



1. O for a faith that will not shrink Though pressed by man-ya foe, That
2. That will not mur-mur nor com-plain Be-neath the chast'n-ing rod, But
3. A faith that shines more bright and clear When tem-pests rage with-out, That,
4. Lord, give me such a faith as this, And then, what-e'er may come, I'll



will not trem-ble on the brink Of an-y earth-ly woe;
in the hour of grief or pain Will lean up-on its God;
when in dan-ger, knows no fear, In dark-ness feels no doubt.
taste e'en now the hal-lowed bliss Of an e-ter-nal home. A-men.

WORDS: William H. Bathurst, 1831
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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 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, October 29: Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 26: Myerstown Holiday Parade

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.