

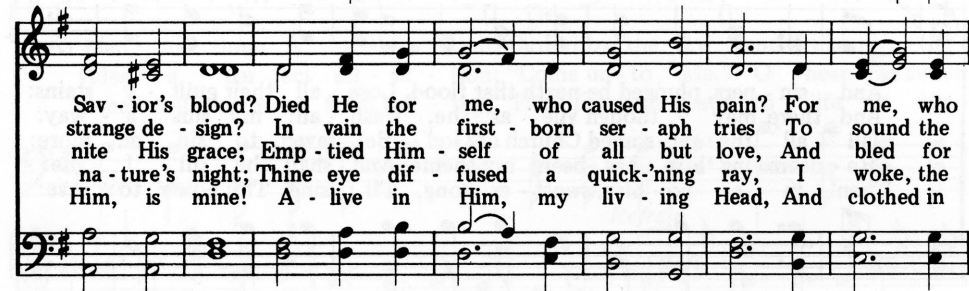
Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i> <small>Glaser / Scott</small>	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	<i>Psalms 86:12-13</i> <small>(Responsive)</small>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Shawn Garman
Opening Hymn	247: And Can It Be That I Should Gain	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson:	<i>Daniel 5:1-11a, 12b, 17a, 23-31</i>	Faye Hipkiss
The Response:	<i>Psalms 145:1-8</i> <small>(Responsive)</small>	Faye Hipkiss / Shawn Garman
The New Testament Lesson:	<i>Philippians 1:20-30</i>	Faye Hipkiss
New Member Reception		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Worship in Giving	<i>1 Chronicles 16:29</i>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	<i>365: Nearer Still Nearer</i> <small>(verse 4 only)</small>	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Praise & Worship	<i>How Great is Our God</i> <small>with How Great Thou Art insertion</small>	Congregation
Sermon	<i>Excellence in Exile, Part 7: When God Crashes the Party</i> <small>(Daniel 5:1-31)</small>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	535: God of Our Life, through All the Circling Years	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	<i>Postlude in A-minor</i> <small>George Calkin</small>	Pat Shroff

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

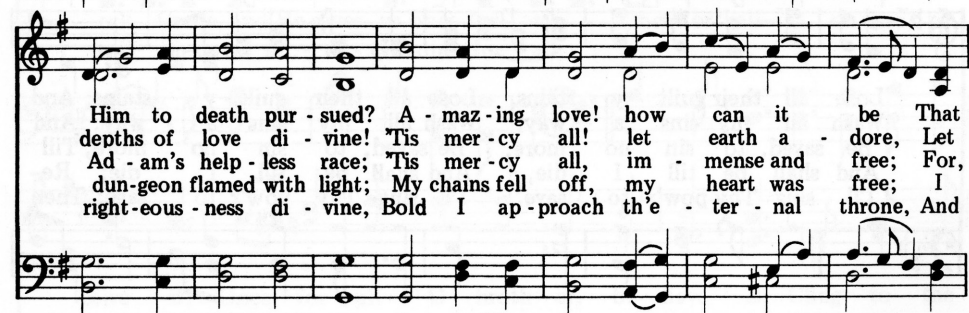
247 And Can It Be That I Should Gain



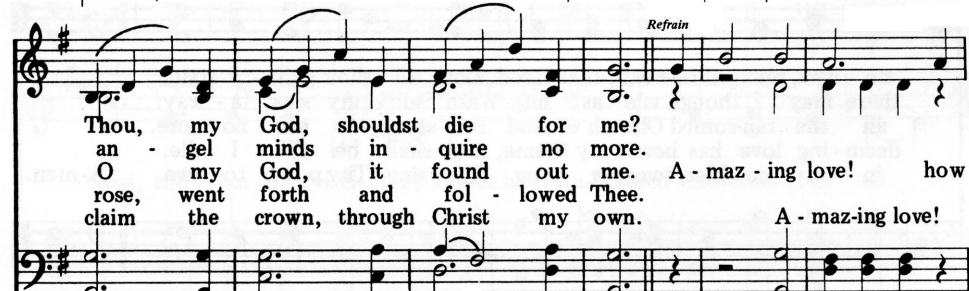
1. And can it be that I should gain An in - t'rest in the
 2. 'Tis mys - tery all! Th' Im - mor - tal dies! Who can ex - plore His
 3. He left His Fa - ther's throne a - bove, So free, so in - fi -
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay Fast bound in sin and
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in



Sav - ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who
 strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph tries To sound the
 nite His grace; Emp - tied Him - self of all but love, And bled for
 na - ture's night; Thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning ray, I woke, the
 Him, is mine! A - live in Him, my liv - ing Head, And clothed in



Him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! how can it be That
 depths of love di - vine! 'Tis mer - cy all! let earth a - dore, Let
 Ad - am's help - less race; 'Tis mer - cy all, im - mense and free; For,
 dun - geon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I
 right - eous - ness di - vine, Bold I ap - proach the - ter - nal throne, And



Refrain
 Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 an - gel minds in - quire no more.
 O my God, it found out me. A - maz - ing love! how
 rose, went forth and fol - lowed Thee.
 claim the crown, through Christ my own. A - maz - ing love!



can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me. A - men.
 How can it be That Thou, my God,

Call to Worship: **Psalm 86:12-13**

¹²I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;
I will glorify your name forever.

¹³For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths

The Old Testament Lesson:

Daniel 5:1-11a, 12b, 17a, 23-31

¹King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. ²While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. ³So they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. ⁴As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone.

⁵Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. ⁶His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

⁷The king summoned the enchanters, astrologers and diviners. Then he said to these wise men of Babylon, "Whoever reads this writing and tells me what it means will be clothed in purple and have a gold chain placed around his neck, and he will be made the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

⁸Then all the king's wise men came in, but they could not read the writing or tell the king what it meant. ⁹So King Belshazzar became even more terrified and his face grew more pale. His nobles were baffled.

¹⁰The queen, hearing the voices of the king and his nobles, came into the banquet hall. "May the king live forever!" she said. "Don't be alarmed!

Don't look so pale! ¹¹There is a man in your kingdom who has the spirit of the holy gods in him.... Call for Daniel, and he will tell you what the writing means."

¹⁷Then Daniel answered the king... ²³"You have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven. You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them. You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand. But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. ²⁴Therefore he sent the hand that wrote the inscription.

²⁵"This is the inscription that was written:

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, PARSIN

²⁶"Here is what these words mean:

Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end.

²⁷*Tekel:* You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.

²⁸*Peres:* Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."

²⁹Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck, and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, ³¹and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two.

The Response: **Psalm 145:1-8**

¹I will exalt you, my God the King;

I will praise your name for ever and ever.

²**Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.**

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

⁴**One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.**

⁵They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty— and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

‘They tell of the power of your awesome works— and I will proclaim your great deeds.

⁷They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

‘The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

The New Testament Lesson: **Philippians 1:20-30**

²⁰I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

²⁷Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Worship in Giving: **1 Chronicles 16:29**

²⁹Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him.

365 Nearer, Still Nearer

4. Near-er, still near-er, while life shall last, Till safe in glo-ry my an-chor is cast; Thro' end-less a-ges, ev-er to be Near-er, my Sav-ior, still near-er to Thee, Near-er, my Sav-ior, still near-er to Thee. A-men.

WORDS and MUSIC: Lelia N. Morris, 1898 MORRIS 9.10.9.10

How Great Is Our God / How Great Thou Art

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

[CHORUS]

*How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God*

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

You are the name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

You are the name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

535 God of Our Life, through All the Circling

1. God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, We trust in Thee;
2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us a-bide.
3. God of the com-ing years, through paths un-known We fol-low Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land; Be Thou our guide.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a-lone; Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the veil,
With Thee to bless, the dark-ness shines as light,
Be Thou for us in life our dai-ly bread,

We own Thy mer-cies, Lord, which nev-er fail.
And faith's fair vi-sion chang-es in-to sight.
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped. A-men.

WORDS: Hugh T. Kerr, 1916; alt. 1928
MUSIC: Charles H. Purday, 1860

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The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs: • canned vegetables • canned fruits
• crackers (Saltines and other types of boxed crackers) • cookies
• cereal • regular items—basically anything will help fill their shelves.

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

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.

TODAY: ANNUAL FALL PICNIC following morning worship
at the Myerstown Rod & Gun Club.

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.

Thursday, September 28: WOMEN OF FAITH

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

Monday, October 9: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Thursday, October 12: MEN OF ADVENTURE

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, October 28: Trunk or Treat

Saturday, November 26: Myerstown Holiday Parade

Ladies: Do you feel unprepared to be a difference maker in the world?

Take heart---Jeremiah asserts that God equips all believers with everything they need! Join our Women of Faith Bible study on September 27 @ 7 pm to begin studying Dr. David Jeremiah's video and book called EVERYTHING YOU NEED. Drawing from 2 Peter 1:3--11, he explores eight critical tools the Lord provides---diligence, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, kindness, and love---to help you live boldly and confidently.