



How Great Thou Art 1

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Psa. 48:1

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When thro' the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -

Refrain
 thun - der, Thy pow'r thro' - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. Then sings my
 bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art.

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my
 soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

WORDS: Carl Boberg, c.1885; tr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949
 MUSIC: Swedish folk melody; arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

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Sunday, October 1, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost • Holy Communion

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection Prelude on "Bread of Life" Pat Shroff
 - Sherwin / Parks

Call to Worship Psalm 86:9-10 Pastor Tim Valentino/
 (Responsive) Maureen Logan

⁹All the nations you have made
 will come and worship before you, Lord;
 they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
 you alone are God.

Opening Hymn 1: How Great Thou Art Congregation

Prayer of Adoration Pastor Tim Valentino

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|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Organist | Pat Shroff | Hospital Visitor This Week: | Marlin Bohannon |
| Pianist | Shelley Miller | Hymn Leader, Vocalist | Maureen Logan |
| Flutist | Shirley Long | Children's Church | Maureen Logan |
| Trumpeter, Pianist | Sonya Valentino | Greeters | Francy & Bob Lindenmuth |
| Trumpeter, Pianist | Marcy Garman | Office Administrator | Maureen Logan |
| Trumpeter | Melanie Leedom | Sound Technician | Bob Long |
| Lector | Shelley Miller | Video Technician | Andrew Valentino |
| Responder | Maureen Logan | Visitation Minister | Patricia Strain |
| | | Lead Pastor | Rev. Tim Valentino |

Communion Assistants:

Rev. Tim Valentino (Bread, Center) • Rev. Kirby Keller (Cup, Organ Side) • Pat Strain (Cup, Piano Side)

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¹It pleased Darius to appoint 120 satraps to rule throughout the kingdom, ²with three administrators over them, one of whom was Daniel. The satraps were made accountable to them so that the king might not suffer loss. ³Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. ⁴At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. ⁵Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.”

⁶So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! ⁷The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. ⁸Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” ⁹So King Darius put the decree in writing.

¹⁰Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹²So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

¹³Then they said to the king, “Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day.” ¹⁴When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

¹⁵Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, “Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed.”

¹⁶So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. ¹⁸Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²²My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

²³The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

The Response:

Psalm 25:1-8 Shelley Miller/Maureen Logan

¹In you, LORD my God,
I put my trust.

²**I trust in you;
do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

⁴**Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.**

⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶**Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.

⁸**Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

The New Testament Lesson: Philippians 2:5-11

Shelley Miller

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Worship in Giving: **Psalm 23:5** **Tim Valentino**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

The Apostles Creed **Congregation**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Doxology 556 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow **Congregation**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.**

Praise & Worship **He Will Keep You** **Congregation**

He Will Keep You

I lift my eyes and see, I need not be afraid
All my help comes from the Lord
Who the earth and sky has made

(CHORUS)

*He will keep you from all evils, behind you and before
He will sustain you, through this journey
From now and evermore*

The Lord will never sleep
My steps He has ordained
For the One who holds the night
Is the Sovereign of my days

(REPEAT CHORUS 2X)

Sermon **Excellence in Exile 8: Keep Calm and
Pet the Kitty** (Daniel 6:1-28) **Pastor Tim Valentino**

Prayer led by Pastor **Pastor Tim Valentino**

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE **Pastor Tim Valentino**

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise,

Pastor: For he has given us his Son. Hallelujah!

Sanctus (sung)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory!
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Memorial Acclamation

VERSE
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth are filled with Your glo - ry! Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na
in the high - est. Ho -

REPEAT to Verse to Chorus
1 - REPEAT to Chorus

Memorial Acclamation

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Words of Institution, Fraction, and Pouring

Pastor: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread, and he gave thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth."

And when Jesus had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Pastor: And after the supper, Jesus took the cup, and he gave thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine."

And when Jesus had given thanks, he poured the cup, and gave it to his disciples, saying. "Take and drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the remission of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Pastor: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer Led by Pastor Pastor Tim Valentino

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Commune

- The Bread of Holy Communion
- The Cup of Holy Communion

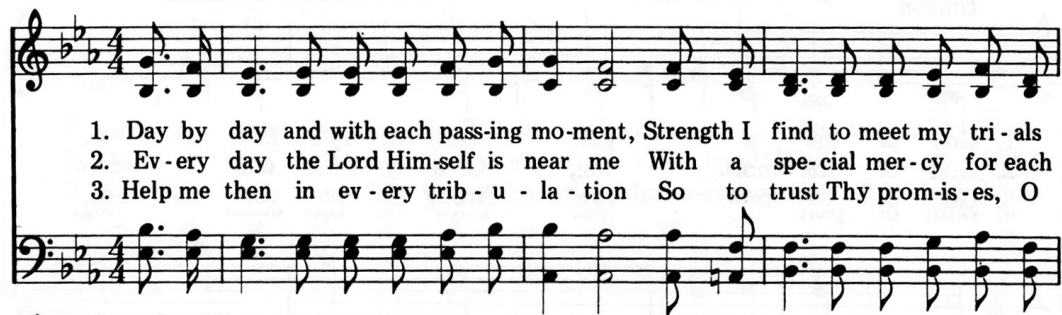
Prayer Led by Pastor Pastor Tim Valentino

Closing Hymn 537: Day by Day and w/ Each Passing Moment Congregation

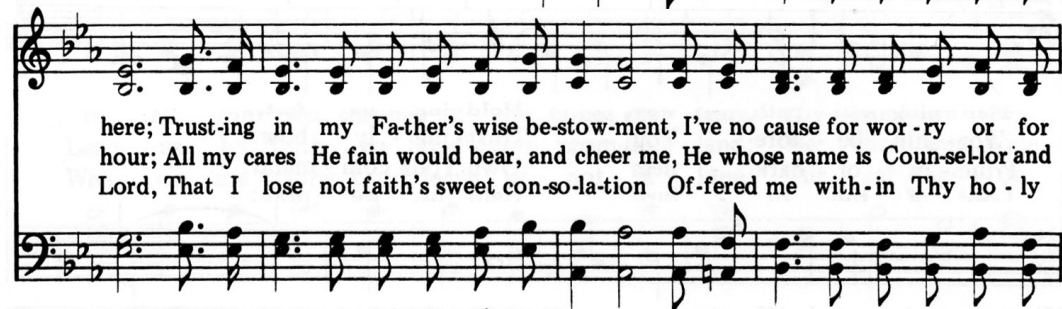
Benediction Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Postlude **Fantasia on "Salvation"** Pat Shroff
-David Paxton

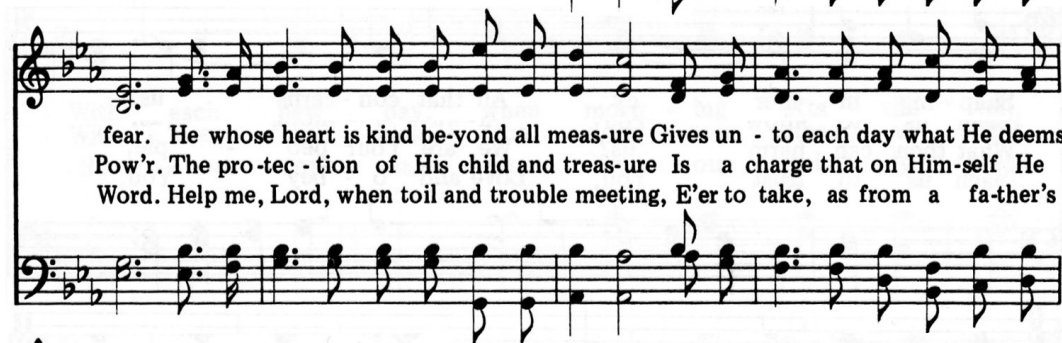
537 Day by Day and with Each Passing



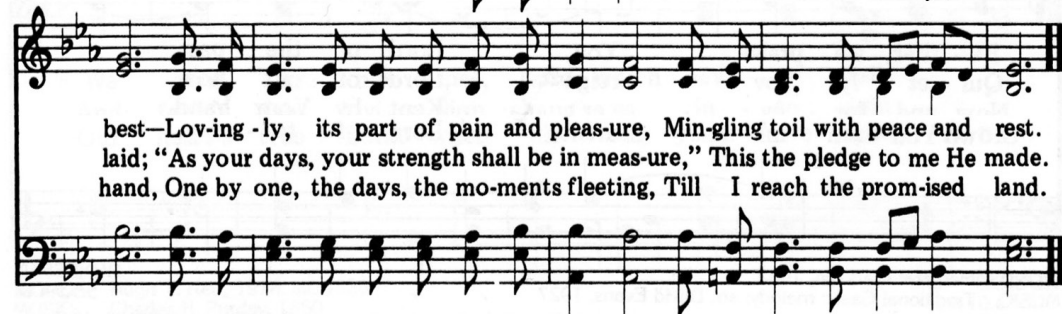
1. Day by day and with each pass-ing mo-ment, Strength I find to meet my tri - als
2. Ev - ery day the Lord Him-self is near me With a spe-cial mer-cy for each
3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion So to trust Thy prom-is - es, O



here; Trust-ing in my Fa-ther's wise be-stow-ment, I've no cause for wor - ry or for
hour; All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me, He whose name is Coun-sel-lor and
Lord, That I lose not faith's sweet con-so-la-tion Of-fered me with-in Thy ho - ly



fear. He whose heart is kind be-yond all meas-ure Gives un - to each day what He deems
Pow'r. The pro-tec - tion of His child and treas-ure Is a charge that on Him-self He
Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, E'er to take, as from a fa-ther's



best-Lov-ing - ly, its part of pain and pleas-ure, Min-gling toil with peace and rest.
laid; "As your days, your strength shall be in meas-ure," This the pledge to me He made.
hand, One by one, the days, the mo-ments fleeting, Till I reach the prom-ised land.

WORDS: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1865; tr. A. L. Skoog, 1931
MUSIC: Oscar Ahnfelt, 1872

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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.

Saturday, October 7: MONTHLY CHURCH BREAKFAST @ 8:30 a.m.
in Zinn Commons. Please sign up to bring food.

Monday, October 9: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING
7 p.m. in Zinn Commons + Online via Zoom

Thursday, October 12 & 26: WOMEN OF FAITH
@ 7:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge

UPDATE: MEN OF ADVENTURE will not meet on October 12,
but will meet on **Thursday, November 9** @ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home.

Sunday, October 15: CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.
Please sign up to bring food.

Saturday, October 28: TRUNK OR TREAT • Candy donations are greatly appreciated to help out those who are decorating their cars for Trunk or Treat. There is a box in the lobby for you donations. All candy must be wrapped. Sugar free, peanut free and gluten free items are also needed. • Let us know if you will be decorating a car by signing the sheet in the narthex.

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) • 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Ruth Turner's new (and only)
phone number is 717-926-1543

Zion UM Church & Christ Community Church

INVITING KIDS UP TO AGE 12



TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 29 from 3-5 pm

In the parking lot behind
Evangelical Seminary
121 South College Street
(Enter on Park Avenue)

Car trunks full of goodies and little prizes.
Funny and cute costumes are welcome.

This event is like God's love:
FREE TO EVERYONE!

For children with food concerns, there will be gluten-free, dye-free, peanut-free, and sugar-free options, in addition to the regular candy.

COVID friendly—you can drive through.
Rain or shine.