

# Sunday, October 22, 2023

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost The Lord's Day

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Closing Hymn	258: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy		Congregation
Benediction			Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	A Song of Rejoicing John M. Rasley Pat Shroff		
Organist Pianist Flutist Trumpeter, Pianist Trumpeter, Pianist Trumpeter Lector Responder	Pat Shroff Shelley Miller Shirley Long Sonya Valentino Marcy Garman Melanie Leedom Maureen Logan Shirley Long	Hospital Visitor This Hymn Leader, Vocal Children's Church Greeters Office Administrator Sound Technician Video Technician Visitation Minister Lead Pastor	Tracy Farmer & Deb Smith Francy & Bob Lindenmuth



#### Call to Worship: Psalm 47:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises;

sing praises to our King, sing praises.
<sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

#### The Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 9:1-12, 17-23a

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom—<sup>2</sup> in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. <sup>3</sup> So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup>I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed:

"Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. <sup>6</sup>We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

<sup>7</sup> "Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. <sup>8</sup>We and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, LORD, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup>The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; <sup>10</sup> we have not obeyed the LORD our God or kept the laws he gave us through his servants the prophets. <sup>11</sup>All Israel has transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.

"Therefore the curses and sworn judgments written in the Law of Moses, the servant of God, have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against you. <sup>12</sup>You have fulfilled the words spoken against us and against our rulers by bringing on us great disaster. Under the whole heaven nothing has ever been done like what has been done to Jerusalem....

<sup>17</sup> "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. <sup>18</sup> Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. <sup>19</sup> Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

<sup>20</sup>While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel and making my request to the LORD my God for his holy hill—<sup>21</sup> while I was still in prayer, Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision, came to me in swift flight about the time of the evening sacrifice. <sup>22</sup> He instructed me and said to me, "Daniel, I have now come to give you insight and understanding. <sup>23</sup>As soon as you began to pray, a word went out, which I have come to tell you, for you are highly esteemed."

#### The Response: Psalm 96:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth.

#### <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

<sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

# <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

<sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

#### <sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

#### <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

#### The New Testament Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you.

<sup>2</sup>We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup>We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup>And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. <sup>8</sup>The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaiayour faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, <sup>9</sup> for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

#### Worship in Giving: Matthew 10:8b

<sup>8b</sup> Freely you have received; freely give.



## **His Mercy Is More**

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done Omniscient all-knowing, He counts not their sum Thrown into a sea, without bottom or shore Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

#### [CHORUS]

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more (stronger) Stronger than darkness, new every morn Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What Father so tender is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

#### [REPEAT CHORUS]

What riches of kindness He lavished on us His blood was the payment, His life was the cost

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (Praise the Lord)

[REPEAT CHORUS]

# Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect Plea A great High Priest whose name is Love Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in Heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upwards I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin

Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free For God the Just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me Behold Him there, the risen Lamb My perfect spotless Righteousness The great unchangeable I Am The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself, I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ, my Savior and my God With Christ, my Savior and my God

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wednesday: <u>MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY</u> 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.

Thursday, October 26 & November 9: WOMEN OF FAITH @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons

Saturday, October 28: <u>TRUNK OR TREAT</u> • WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO DECORATE THEIR TRUNKS! • 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 your 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.

Thursday, November 9: MEN OF ADVENTURE@ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home.

Saturday, November 4: CHURCH FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

@ 8:30 a.m. in Zinn Commons

Monday, November 13: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Sunday, November 19: <u>CHURCH DINNER</u> @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons. Please sign up to bring food.

Saturday, November 26: <u>MYERSTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE</u>

Forming at 2:30 p.m. / Moving at 4 p.m.

### PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH! October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please take

the time to give or send a card or note to Pastor Tim and Sonya, thanking them for all they do throughout the year. There is an envelope in your box of offering envelopes if you wish to make a monetary contribution. Let's show our pastor and his wife how much we appreciate their leadership and shepherding here at Christ Community Church.

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 <u>pastortim@christcomm.church</u> or (484) 269-4313.