

Sunday, January 7, 2024

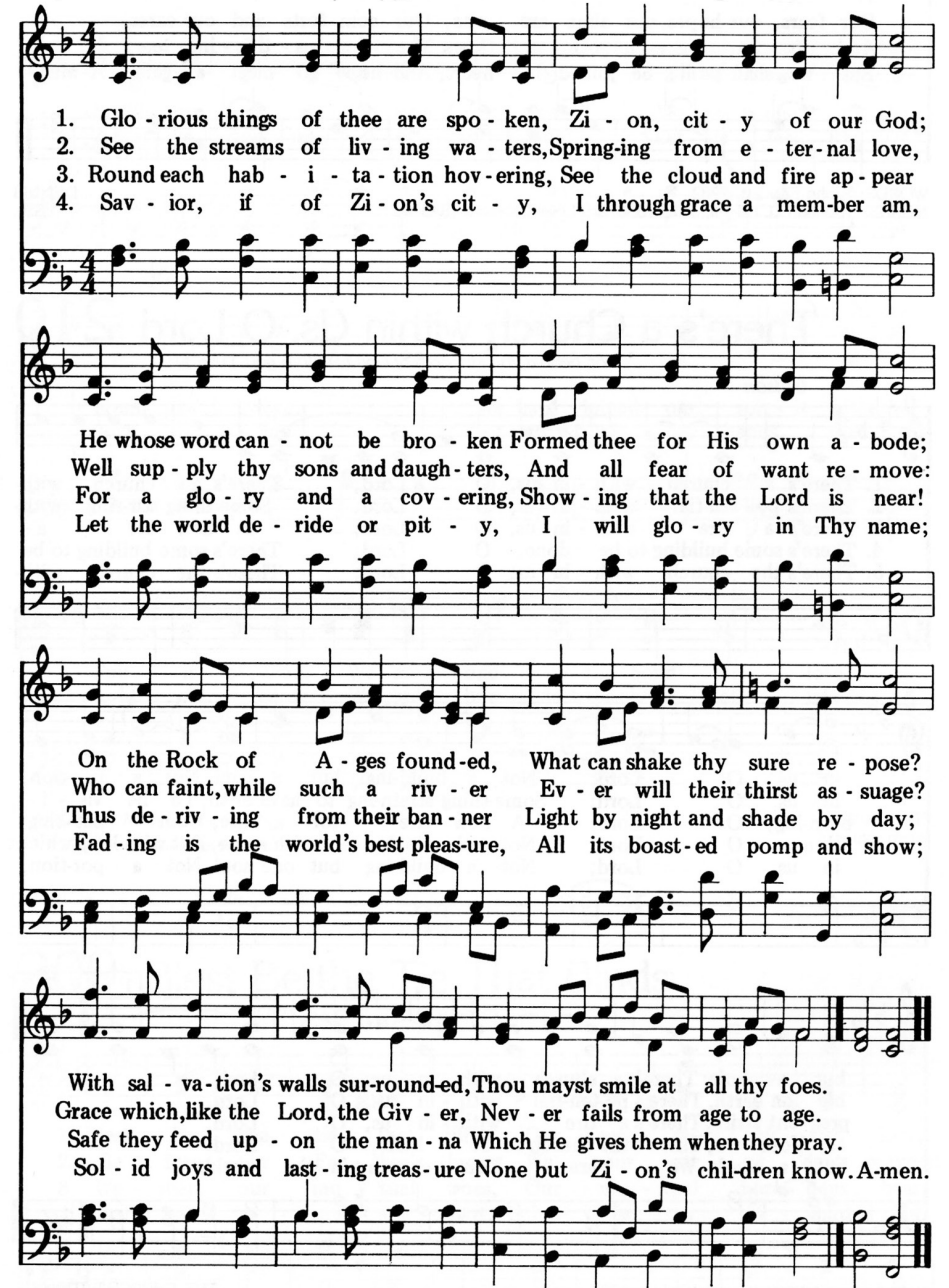
First Sunday after The Epiphany
The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<i>Be Exalted, O God</i> - Arr. Doran <i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> - Croft / Parks	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	<i>Psalms 48:1, 10a</i> (Responsive)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Lisa Dreibelbis
Opening Hymn	<i>211: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken</i>	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson:	<i>Genesis 1:1-5</i>	Pat Strain
The Response:	<i>Psalms 29:1-11</i>	Pat Strain / Lisa Dreibelbis
The New Testament Lesson:	<i>Mark 1:4-11</i>	Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	<i>Matthew 2:11</i>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Prayer Hymn	<i>359: Be Thou My Vision</i> (v. 1 only)	Congregation
Praise & Worship	<i>Goodness of God / How Great is Our God</i>	Congregation
Sermon	<i>The God of Immeasurably More</i> (Rom 8:31-34, Eph 3:20-21)	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Closing Hymn	<i>61: Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty</i>	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Organ Postlude	<i>The Rejoicing</i> Handel / L. Smith	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Faye Hipkiss, 717-813-4638

Lector	Pat Strain	Children's Church Leader	Maureen Logan
Responder	Lisa Dreibelbis	Narthex Greeters	Dave & Kaye Focht
Organist	Pat Shroff	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Flutist	Shirley Long	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino
Trumpeter	Mel Leedom	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman	Office Administrator	Maureen Logan
Trumpeter, Pianist	Sonya Valentino	Custodian	Gloria Graybill
Hymn Leader, Vocalist	Maureen Logan	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson

211 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2. See the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I through grace a mem - ber am,

He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed thee for His own a - bode;
 Well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters, And all fear of want re - move:
 For a glo - ry and a cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near!
 Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in Thy name;

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, What can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er Ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner Light by night and shade by day;
 Fad - ing is the world's best pleas - ure, All its boast - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
 Grace which, like the Lord, the Giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
 Safe they feed up - on the man - na Which He gives them when they pray.
 Sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ure None but Zi - on's chil - dren know. A - men.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779
 MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

AUSTRIAN HYMN
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Call to Worship: **Psalm 48:1, 10a**

¹ Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise,
in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

¹⁰ Like your name, O God,
your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;

The Old Testament Lesson: **Genesis 1:1-5**

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

The Response: **Psalm 29:1-11**

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.

⁵ **The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷ **The voice of the LORD strikes
with flashes of lightning.**

⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

⁹ **The voice of the LORD twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.**

And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

¹¹ **The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

The New Testament Lesson: **Mark 1:4-11**

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Worship in Giving: **Matthew 2:11**

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Be Thou My Vision 359

Unison

1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light. A - men.

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**

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

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

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

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

How great, how great is our God

Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty 61



1. Lav-ish love, a - bun - dant beau - ty, Gra - cious gifts for heart and hand,
 2. Who am I that You should love me, Meet my ev - 'ry need from birth?
 3. I am Yours, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, All my bod - y, mind and heart.



Life that fills the soul and sen - ses— All burst forth at Your com-mand.
 Why in - vest Your-self so ful - ly In a crea - ture made of earth?
 Take and use me to Your glo - ry, Form Your-self in ev - 'ry part.



Lord, our Lord, E - ter - nal Fa - ther, Great Cre - a - tor, God and Friend,
 In Your lov - ing heart You planned me, Fash - ioned me with great - est care;
 Lord, Your love brings joy and glad - ness Flow - ing forth with - in my soul.



Bound - less pow'r gave full ex - pres - sion To Your love which knows no end.
 Through my soul You breathed Your Spir - it, Plant - ed Your own im - age there.
 May my ver - y breath and be - ing Rise to You, their source and goal.



TEXT: Peter Ellis

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard; arranged by Robert Harkness

Alternate tune: HYMN TO JOY, No. 1; Higher key, No. 124

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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.

Monday, January 8: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING

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

January 9-11: EC CHURCH PAC EVENT

The denomination will be using the building Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (*Thursday only until Lunch*) for meetings.

Thursday, January 11:

WOMEN OF FAITH @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons

MEN OF ADVENTURE @ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home

Sunday, January 14: BISHOP SIZEMORE guest speaker during Sunday Morning Worship.

Sunday, January 21: CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.

Please sign up to let us know how many will be attending. If you plan to bring food, please add it to the sign-up sheet.

The list of **Sharing Cupboard** current food needs:

- Snack food
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Chips
- Pretzels
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Toiletries
- Other Regular Items

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

We are looking to start an active **Intercessory Prayer Team** rotation during our morning worship service. If you would like more info on this way to serve, there is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Francy Lindenmuth will contact you.