

²The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³**I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise,**
and I have been saved from my enemies.

⁴⁶**The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!**

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| Welcome & Announcements | | Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino |
| Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection | Eternal Life <i>(Inspired by prayer of St. Francis of Assisi)</i> | Pat Shroff |
| Call to Worship | Psalm 18:2-3, 46a <i>(Responsive)</i> | Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino Kaye Focht |
| Opening Hymn | 322: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | Congregation |
| Prayer of Adoration | | Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino |
| Scripture Readings | | |
| The Old Testament Lesson: | 1 Samuel 3:1-10 | Kirby Keller |
| The Response: | Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 | Kirby Keller / Kaye Focht |
| The New Testament Lesson: | 2 Corinthians 5:11-21 | Kirby Keller |
| Worship in Giving | Luke 6:38 | Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino |
| Prayer Hymn | 359: Be Thou My Vision (v. 2 only) | Congregation |
| Praise & Worship | Living Hope / The Blessing | Congregation |
| Sermon | The People of the Good News <i>(2 Corinthians 5:11-21)</i> | Bishop Randy Sizemore |
| Closing Hymn | 494: Out in the Highways and Byways of Life | Congregation |
| Benediction | | Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino |
| Organ Postlude | Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus <i>Webb / Parks</i> | Pat Shroff |

Hospital Visitor This Week: Ruth Turner, 717-926-1543

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| Lector | Kirby Keller | Children's Church Leader | Sonya Valentino |
| Responder | Kaye Focht | 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 |
| Guest Speaker | Bishop Randy Sizemore | | |

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 322



1. My hope is built on noth- ing less Than Je- sus' blood and right-eous-ness;
2. When dark-ness veils His love-ly face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace;
3. His oath, His cov- e- nant, His blood Sup- port me in the whelm-ing flood;
4. When He shall come with trum- pet sound, O may I then in Him be found;

I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly lean on Je- sus' name.
In ev-ery high and storm-y gale, My an-chor holds with- in the veil.
When all a- round my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay.
Dressed in His right- eous- ness a- lone, Fault- less to stand be- fore the throne.

Refrain
On Christ the sol- id Rock I stand; All oth- er ground
is sink- ing sand, All oth- er ground is sink- ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

SOLID ROCK
LM. Ref.

The Old Testament Lesson: **1 Samuel 3:1-10**

¹The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

⁶Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Response: **Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17**

¹You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.

²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³**You discern my going out
and my lying down;
you are familiar with
all my ways.**

⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.

⁵**You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.**

¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

¹³**For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my
mother's womb.**

¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵**My frame was not hidden from
you when I was made in the
secret place, when I was
woven together in the
depths of the earth.**

¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were
written in your book before one
of them came to be.

¹⁷**How precious to me
are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!**

The New Testament Lesson: **2 Corinthians 5:11-21**

¹¹Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹²We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Worship in Giving: **Luke 6:38**

³⁸Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Be Thou My Vision 359

Unison

2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one. A - men.

WORDS: Irish hymn, c. 8th century; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versified Eleanor H. Hull, 1912
MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody; arr. Donald P. Hustad, 1973

SLANE
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The Blessing

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

(REPEAT 1 TIME)

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
and your children
And their children,
and their children

May His favor be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
and your children
And their children,
and their children

May His presence go before you
And behind you, and beside you
All around you, and within you
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming, and your going
In your weeping, and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you

He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

(A CAPELLA)

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

CHORUS

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

REPEAT CHORUS 1X

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory, whoa!

REPEAT CHORUS 2X

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, You are my living hope

UPCOMING EVENTS

Out in the Highways and Byways of Life 494

1. Out in the high-ways and by-ways of life, Man-y are wea-ry and sad; are wea-ry and sad;
 2. Tell the sweet sto-ry of Christ and His love, Tell of His pow'r to for-give; His pow'r to for-give;
 3. Give as 'twas giv-en to you in your need, Love as the Mas-ter loved you; the Mas-ter loved you;

Car-ry the sun-shine where dark-ness is rife, Mak-ing the sor-row-ing glad.
 Oth-ers will trust Him if on-ly you prove True, ev-ery mo-ment you live.
 Be to the help-less a help-er in-deed, Un-to your mis-sion be true.

Refrain

Make me a bless-ing, make me a bless-ing, Out of my

life out of my life may Je-sus shine; Make me a bless-ing, O Sav-ior,

I pray, I pray Thee, my Sav-ior, Make me a bless-ing to some-one to-day.

WORDS: Ira B. Wilson, 1909
 MUSIC: George S. Schuler, 1924

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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.

Tuesday, January 15: CHURCH FAMILY CARE MINISTRY MEETING
 @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons

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.

January 21 - February 18: BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG
 supporting Align Life Ministries.

Thursday, January 25: WOMEN OF FAITH @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons

Sunday, January 28, after Worship: SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 to approve rewording of Christ Hall Building Agreement with Kairos

Saturday, February 3: MONTHLY CHURCH BREAKFAST @ 8:30 a.m.
 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.

Monday, February 12: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING
 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons

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.

The Ministry Council has called for a **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** two weeks from today on Sunday, January 28, 2024 in the sanctuary right after the worship service. The agenda will include an update on the forthcoming property agreement with Kairos University and a proposed sharpening of the related motion approved by the voting members at the regular congregational meeting held on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

Dear brothers and sisters,

A short note on the eve of my departure from Texas as I wrap up this Christmas visit to the family. I'm heading to Tennessee tomorrow, Thursday, to see my "other" family, the Gorbenkos, and then it will be on to Poland on the 14th.

Thank you so much for your Christmas card and all the wishes of blessing and encouragement. You are indeed an encouragement to me. I will be sure to keep in touch this year with the latest, and I look forward to visiting you in early 2025 during my brief "whirlwind" tour.

May the Lord bless and guide you in 2024 with mighty grace in your pursuit of His Name's glory and His Kingdom's advancement! Till next...

In Him, Ken Sears