



Sunday, January 21, 2024

Third Sunday after the Epiphany | Communion

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection

The Lost Cord
– Sullivan / Schreiner

Pat Shroff

Call to Worship

Psalm 104:1b, 33
(Responsive)

Pastor Tim Valentino/
Jim Danielson

^{1b} Lord my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty.
³³ I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Opening Hymn

17: O Worship the King

Congregation

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Tim Valentino

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

Lector	Kirby Keller	Children's Church Leader	Jenn Danielson & 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

Communion Assistants:

Rev. Tim Valentino (Bread) • Rev. Kirby Keller (Cup) • Pat Strain (Cup)

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O Worship the King, All Glorious Above 17

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the
 3. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
 4. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In Thee do we

sing His pow'r and His love; Our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der clouds
 air, it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the
 trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mer - cies how ten - der! how firm to the

Days, Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
 plain, And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 end! Our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend. A - men.

WORDS: Robert Grant, 1833; based on Psalm 104
 MUSIC: William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. from Johann M. Haydn, 1737-1806
 LYONS 10.10.11.11

The Old Testament Lesson: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Faye Hipkiss

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

The Response:

Psalm 62:6-12

Faye Hipkiss/Jim Danielson

⁶Truly [God] is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

⁷**My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**

⁸Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.

⁹**Surely the lowborn are but a breath,
the highborn are but a lie.**

If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;
together they are only a breath.

¹⁰**Do not trust in extortion
or put vain hope in stolen goods;
though your riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.**

¹¹One thing God has spoken,
two things I have heard:

“Power belongs to you, God,

¹²**and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;
and, “You reward everyone
according to what they have done.”**

The New Testament Lesson:

Luke 15:11-32 (please stand)

Faye Hipkiss

¹¹Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

²⁸“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

Worship in Giving:

Proverbs 11:25

Tim Valentino

²⁵A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

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.**

House of the Lord

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

[CHORUS]

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
(Oh-oh-oh) We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that Cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

[REPEAT CHORUS]

[BRIDGE]

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise
'Cause we were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

[CHORUS]

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

[BRIDGE]

I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

Sermon

Divine Embrace

(Luke 15:1-32)

Pastor Tim Valentino

Prayer led by Pastor

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;

Musical notation for Sanctus with lyrics: 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 -

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

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

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Closing Hymn

263: Softly and Tenderly

Congregation

Benediction

Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Postlude

Make the Sounds of Praise

Pat Shroff

- Robert J. Hughes

263 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

Musical score for hymn 263, including vocal lines and piano accompaniment with lyrics: 1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Call - ing for... 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, Plead - ing for... 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, Pass - ing from... 4. O for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, Prom - ised for... you and for me; See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and watch - ing, you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies, you and from me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death's night is com - ing, you and for me! Though we have sinned, He has mer - cy and par - don, Watch - ing for you and for me. Mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home, Com - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home, Par - don for you and for me. Ye who are wea - ry, come home; Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

WORDS and MUSIC: Will L. Thompson, 1880

THOMPSON 11.7.11.7 Ref.

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.

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 25: BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

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** on Sunday, January 28 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.

Be sure to pick up the agenda for this meeting today and review it before our meeting on January 28.

Baby bottles are here!



January 21 - February 25: BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG

Christ Community Church will once again be participating in the **Baby Bottle Boomerang**, which supports *Align Life Ministries*.

Please take a bottle, fill it with cash or a check over the next several weeks (instructions in bottles), and bring it back before **Sunday, February 25**. See Stephanie Hammer or Pat Strain if you have any questions. Thank you!