

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection

Way of the Cross Leads Home Gabriel / Ritter Come, Humble Sinner Landon

Pat Shroff

Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1.4

Pastor Timothy Valentino

(Responsive)

Faye Hipkiss

Opening Hymn

53: All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Congregation

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 15:1-7, 15-16

Lisa Dreibelbis

The Response:

Psalm 22:20-30

Lisa Dreibelbis / Faye Hipkiss

The Gospel Lesson:

Luke 23:35-43 (Please stand)

Lisa Dreibelbis

Worship in Giving

Acts 20:35

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Prayer Hymn

409: Just When I Need Him Jesus is Near (v. 4 only)

Congregation

Praise & Worship

All My Boast is In Jesus / How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Congregation

Sermon

Thank God It's Friday, Part 2:

365: Nearer. Still Nearer

Pastor Timothy Valentino

The Word of Assurance (Luke 23:35-43)

Word of Assurance (Luke 25.55-45

Congregation

Benediction

Pastor Timothy Valentino

Organ Postlude

Closing Hymn

Exhortation to Praise

Pat Shroff

Lani Smith

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

Lector Lisa Dreibelbis Children's Church Leader Tracy Farmer & Deb Smith Responder Fave Hipkiss Jennifer Heinsey Nurserv **Organist** Pat Shroff **Narthex Greeters** Dave & Kave Focht **Pianist** Shellev Miller Sound Technician Bob Long Shirley Long Video Technician **Flutist** Andrew Valentino Trumpeter Mel Leedom **Lead Pastor** Rev. Dr. Tim Valentin Trumpeter, Pianist Marcy Garman **Visitation Minister** Pat Strain Sonya Valentino Custodian Gloria Graybill Trumpeter, Pianist Hymn Leader, Vocalist, Office Administrator Maureen Logan **Director of Buildings & Grounds** Will Robertson

Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1,4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

All the earth bows down to you;
they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name.

53 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



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The Old Testament Lesson: **Genesis 15:1-7, 15-16**

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ²Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴ "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵ No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

¹⁵ God also said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶ I will bless her and will surely give you a son by her. I will bless her so that she will be the mother of nations; kings of peoples will come from her."

The Response: Psalm 22:20-30

- Deliver me from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs.
- ²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.
- ²²I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.
- ²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, honor him! Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!
- ²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one;

he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

- ²⁵ From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly; before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.
- 26 The poor will eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord will praise him— may your hearts live forever!
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,
- ²⁸ for dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.
- ²⁹All the rich of the earth will feast and worship; all who go down to the dust will kneel before him— those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- ³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord.

(PLEASE STAND)

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:35-43

³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: This is the King of the jews.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

⁴³Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Worship in Giving: Acts 20:35

³⁵ In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"



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All My Boast Is in Jesus

What wonder of wonders, what love is this That Christ would die for me His goodness, His merit, His righteousness This sinner's only plea

Now fully forgiven, my life is filled With graces undeserved For merc;y that flowed down that sacred hill Let praises now return

All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love And I will glory forever In what the cross has done

O praise the One forever blessed Him alone my heart adores And I will boast in less Than the love of Christ my Lord

O praise the One forever blessed Him alone my heart adores And I will boast in less Than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches, in strength or might But in grace of God I glory in weakness, to live is Christ In plenty or in want

All my boast is in Jesus All my hope is His love And I will glory forever In what the cross has done

Now I stand in this freedom Ransomed, clean in His sight And I cannot be ashamed for My boast is Jesus Christ My boast is Jesus Christ Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure That He would give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the chosen One Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross My sin upon His shoulders Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything No gifts, no powr, no wisdom But I will boast in Jesus Christ His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom

365 Nearer, Still Nearer



Easter Flower Order Forms & Payment due to Carol Keller by March 3rd

Prayer Walk for Our Neighborhood Steph Hammer would like to begin a prayer walk program where we gather, walk, and pray for our community. If you are interested in more information or would like to join this group please sign the sheet in the narthex and Steph will contact you with more information.

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 the Sanctuary @ 10:30 a.m.

BABY BOTTLES ARE DUE TODAY!

Please see Pat Strain if you haven't returned your bottle yet.

Saturday, March 2: 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, March 11: MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING 7 p.m. in Zinn Commons

Thursday, March 14: WOMEN OF FAITH @ 7:00 p.m. in Zinn Commons MEN OF ADVENTURE @ 7:00 p.m. at the Keller home

Sunday, March 17: 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.

Sunday, March 17: ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING @ 1:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.

Sunday, March 24: HOLY WEEK BEGINS @ 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Thursday, March 28: MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE @ 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 24: <u>EASTER EGG HUNT</u> @ 12:30 p.m.

Friday, March 29: GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE @ 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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

Prayer Requests: If you have any prayer

- $\bullet \; \text{Snack food} \; \bullet \; \text{Spaghetti Sauce} \; \bullet \; \text{Peanut Butter} \; \; \text{requests for distribution, please send them to}$
 - Chips Pretzels Cookies Crackers
 Toiletries Other Regular Items
- requests for distribution, please send them to Pastor Tim at <u>pastortim@christcomm.church</u> or (484) 269-4313.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to staff our nursery during Worship. Please note that we are still in need of willing helpers:

First Sunday of the Month:

Jennifer Danielson

Second Sunday of the Month: Third Sunday of the Month:

NEEDED (only once a month)

Fourth Sunday of the Month:

Lori and Jim Danielson Jennifer Heinsey

Fifth Sunday of the Month:

NEEDED (only 4 times a year)

Easter AGES 3 THRU 11 Egg Hunt March 24, 2023 @ 12:30 p.m. 121 South College Street, Myerstown in Lower Parking Lot



PRE-REGISTRATION NECESSARY

Call: 717-866-5353

RAIN EVENT WILL
BE A DRIVE-THRU
EGG HUNT.

Email: pastortim@christcomm.church

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER FORM Orders due

FLOWER	FLOWER COLOR	FOIL COLOR	PRICE × QUANTITY	PRICE
Large Flowering Azaleas	PINK	LT GREEN	\$8.00 ×	II
(6" pot, non-hardy)	WHITE	LT GREEN	\$8.00 ×	II
Florist Mums (6" pot)	PINK	LT GREEN	\$6.98 ×	II
	YELLOW	LT GREEN	\$6.98 ×	II
	WHITE	LT GREEN	\$6.98 ×	II
LILIES (6" pot, 5 to 6 blooms)	WHITE	LT GREEN	\$6.98 ×	II
TOTAL PAYMENT INCLUDED: (Make checks payable to CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH)	Make checks payable to CHF	RIST COMMUNITY CHURCH)		\$



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