

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**  
Fifth Sunday of Easter | The Lord's Day

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<b>1. My Wonderful Lord</b> - Lillenas / Root	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	<b>2. There's a Wideness In God's Mercy</b> - Tourjée / Medlock	
Hymn	<b>Psalm 47:5-7</b>	Pastor Tim Valentino Shirley Long
Prayer of Adoration	<b>34: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</b>	Congregation
Scripture Readings		Pastor Tim Valentino
The First Lesson	<b>Acts 11:1-10, 15-18</b>	Shawn Garman
The Response	<b>Psalm 148:1-14</b>	Shawn Garman / Shirley Long
The Gospel Lesson	<b>Revelation 21:1-6</b> <small>(Please stand)</small>	Shawn Garman
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	<b>2 Corinthians 8:3-4</b>	Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	<b>404: Be Not Dismayed What e're Betide</b> (vs 3)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Tim Valentino
Praise and Worship	<b>I Saw the Light / Thank you, Jesus, for the Blood Mighty to Save</b>	Congregation
Sermon	<b>Goodness and Glory 3: God is Compassionate</b> (Exodus 34:6a)	Pastor Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	<b>537: Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment</b>	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Tim Valentino
Postlude	<b>Hosanna in the Highest</b> - Tom Birchwood	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Marlin Bohannon, 717-383-1153

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Responder	Shirley Long	Nursery	Lori & Jim Danielson
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Guitar	Dale Brubaker	May Counters	Dave Focht, Mike Oswald
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## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 34



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign-  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend  
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal-  
 eth, Shel-ters thee un-der His wings, yea, so gen-tly sus-  
 thee; Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here dai-ly at-  
 Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

va-tion! All ye who hear, Now to His tem-ple draw  
 tain-eth! Hast thou not seen How thy de-sires e'er have  
 tend thee. Pon-der a-new What the Al-might-y can  
 fore Him! Let the A-men Sound from His peo-ple a-

near; Join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!  
 been Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?  
 do, If with His love He be-friend thee.  
 gain: Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him. A-men.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863  
 MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

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◆ **Call to Worship: Psalm 47:5-7**

<sup>5</sup> God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
**the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**

<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 First Lesson: Acts 11:1-10, 15-18**

<sup>1</sup> The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him <sup>3</sup> and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

<sup>8</sup> “I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

<sup>9</sup> “The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>15</sup> “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning.

<sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

◆ **The Response: Psalm 148:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights above.

<sup>2</sup> **Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars.

<sup>4</sup> **Praise him, you highest heavens  
and you waters above the skies.**

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for at his command they were created,

<sup>6</sup> **and he established them for ever  
and ever— he issued a decree  
that will never pass away.**

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you  
great sea creatures and all ocean depths,

<sup>8</sup> **lightning and hail, snow and clouds,  
stormy winds that do his bidding,**

<sup>9</sup> you mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars,

<sup>10</sup> **wild animals and all cattle,  
small creatures and flying birds,**

<sup>11</sup> kings of the earth and all nations,  
you princes and all rulers on earth,

<sup>12</sup> **young men and women,  
old men and children.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted; his  
splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

<sup>14</sup> **And he has raised up for his people  
a horn, the praise of all his faithful  
servants, of Israel, the people close  
to his heart.**

**Praise the LORD.**

(PLEASE STAND)

◆ **The Gospel Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ <sup>u</sup> or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

◆ **Worship in Giving: 2 Corinthians 8:3-4**

<sup>5</sup> And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.



# Be Not Dismayed What'e'r Betide 404

3. All you may need He will pro-vide, God will take care of you;

Noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.

*Refrain*

God will take care of you, Thro' ev - ery day, o'er all the way;

He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

WORDS: Civilla D. Martin, 1904  
MUSIC: W. Stillman Martin, 1904

GOD CARES  
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## I Saw the Light

I wandered so aimless, life filed with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

[CHORUS]

***I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light***

Just like a blind man, I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

[REPEAT CHORUS]

I was a fool to wander and stray  
For straight is the gate and narrow's the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

[REPEAT CHORUS]

## Thank you, Jesus, for the Blood

I was a wretch, I remember who I was  
I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time  
Sin separated, the breach was far too wide  
But from the far side of the chasm  
You held me in Your sight  
So You made a way, across the great divide  
Left behind, Heaven's throne, to build it here inside  
And there at the cross You paid the debt I owe  
Broke my chains, freed my soul,  
for the first time I had hope

[CHORUS]

***Thank You Jesus, for the blood applied  
Thank You Jesus, it has washed me white  
Thank You Jesus, You have saved my life  
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light***

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin  
You were buried for three days  
but then You walked right out again  
And now death has no sting and life has no end  
For I have been transformed by  
the blood of the Lamb

[REPEAT CHORUS]

There is nothing stronger  
Than the wonder working power  
of the blood, the blood  
That calls us sons and daughters  
We are ransomed by our Father  
through the blood, the blood  
There is nothing stronger  
Oh, the wonder working power of  
the blood, the blood (it calls us)  
That calls us sons and daughters  
We are ransomed by our Father  
through the blood, the blood

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Glory to His name, Glory to His name  
There to my heart was the blood applied

## Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion,  
A love that's never failing;  
Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
The kindness of a Saviour;  
The Hope of nations.

[CHORUS]

***Saviour. He can move  
the mountains,  
My God is mighty to save,  
He is mighty to save.  
Forever. Author of salvation,  
He rose and conquered the grave,  
Jesus conquered the grave.***

So take me as You find me,  
All my fears and failures,  
Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in,  
Now I surrender.

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

Shine your light and  
let the whole world see:  
We're singing for the glory  
of the risen King...Jesus

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

[REPEAT "SHINE YOUR LIGHT" 4X]

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# 537 Day by Day and with Each Passing

1. Day by day and with each pass-ing mo-ment, Strength I find to meet my tri - als  
 2. Ev - ery day the Lord Him-self is near me With a spe - cial mer - cy for each  
 3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion So to trust Thy prom-is-es, O

here; Trust-ing in my Fa-ther's wise be-stow-ment, I've no cause for wor - ry or for  
 hour; All my cares He fain would bear, and cheer me, He whose name is Coun-sel-lor and  
 Lord, That I lose not faith's sweet con-so-la-tion Of-fered me with-in Thy ho - ly

fear. He whose heart is kind be-yond all meas-ure Gives un - to each day what He deems  
 Pow'r. The pro-tec - tion of His child and treas-ure Is a charge that on Him-self He  
 Word. Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting, E'er to take, as from a fa-ther's

best—Lov-ing - ly, its part of pain and pleas-ure, Min-gling toil with peace and rest.  
 laid; "As your days, your strength shall be in meas-ure," This the pledge to me He made.  
 hand, One by one, the days, the mo-ments fleeting, Till I reach the prom-ised land.

WORDS: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1865; tr. A. L. Skoog, 1931  
 MUSIC: Oscar Ahnfelt, 1872

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TODAY @ 12:00 noon CHURCH FAMILY LUNCHEON★ • Zinn Commons

TODAY @ CHURCH FAMILY CARE MINISTRY MEETING  
 after Church Family Luncheon • Zinn Commons

Wednesday, May 21 @ 7:00 p.m. MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY • Zoom

Thursday, May 22 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge

Tuesday, June 3 @ 5:30 p.m. BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING • Zinn Commons

Sunday, June 8 - Thursday, June 12 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL★ • Zinn Commons

Monday, June 23 @ 6:00 p.m. Myerstown Jaycees FUN NIGHT OF A MEAL AND BINGO★  
*Specifically for members and friends of Christ Community Church*  
 No cost Come one & all! • Please sign up by June 8  
 725 East Cumberland Street, Lebanon PA 17042

Monday, July 14 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Join the fun at Bible School:

## Crocodile Dock

**JUNE 8-12 • Ages 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (REGISTRATION: 6:15 P.M.)



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- SPAGHETTI SAUCE • CANNED FRUIT
- Soup • Cereal • Snack Foods • Peanut Butter
- Corn • Chips & Pretzels • Cookies & Crackers
- Spaghetti • Liquid & Bar Soap
- Toothpaste • Women's Care Items

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

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 for distribution, please send them  
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**Adult Sunday School  
 Electives @ 9 a.m.**

**A FRAGILE STONE:  
 Peter, Jesus's Friend**

Kirby Keller and Rotation Teachers  
 Zinn Commons

**THE BLOOD COVENANT:  
 A Study in the  
 Faithfulness of God**  
 Pastor Tim Valentino  
 Room 211