

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Third Sunday of Kingdom Time
The Lord's Day

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee - Beethoven / Johnson	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Psalms 145:9-11	Rev. Tim Valentino Holly Brubaker
Hymn	14: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson	2 Kings 2:9-15	Lisa Dreibelbis
The Response	Psalms 16:1-11	Lisa Dreibelbis / Holly Brubaker
The Gospel Lesson	Luke 9:51-62 (Please stand)	Lisa Dreibelbis
Worship in Giving	2 Corinthians 8:12	Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	64: Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (v. 5)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise and Worship	Behold Our God / Revelation Song	Congregation
Sermon	Faith is Best Nurtured in Relationship (Matthew 4:19)	Rev. John Smith
Response Hymn	285: My Father is Omnipotent	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Postlude	With a Song Ringing - Ross Anderson	Pat Shroff

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"Celebrating accomplishments / Facing challenges"

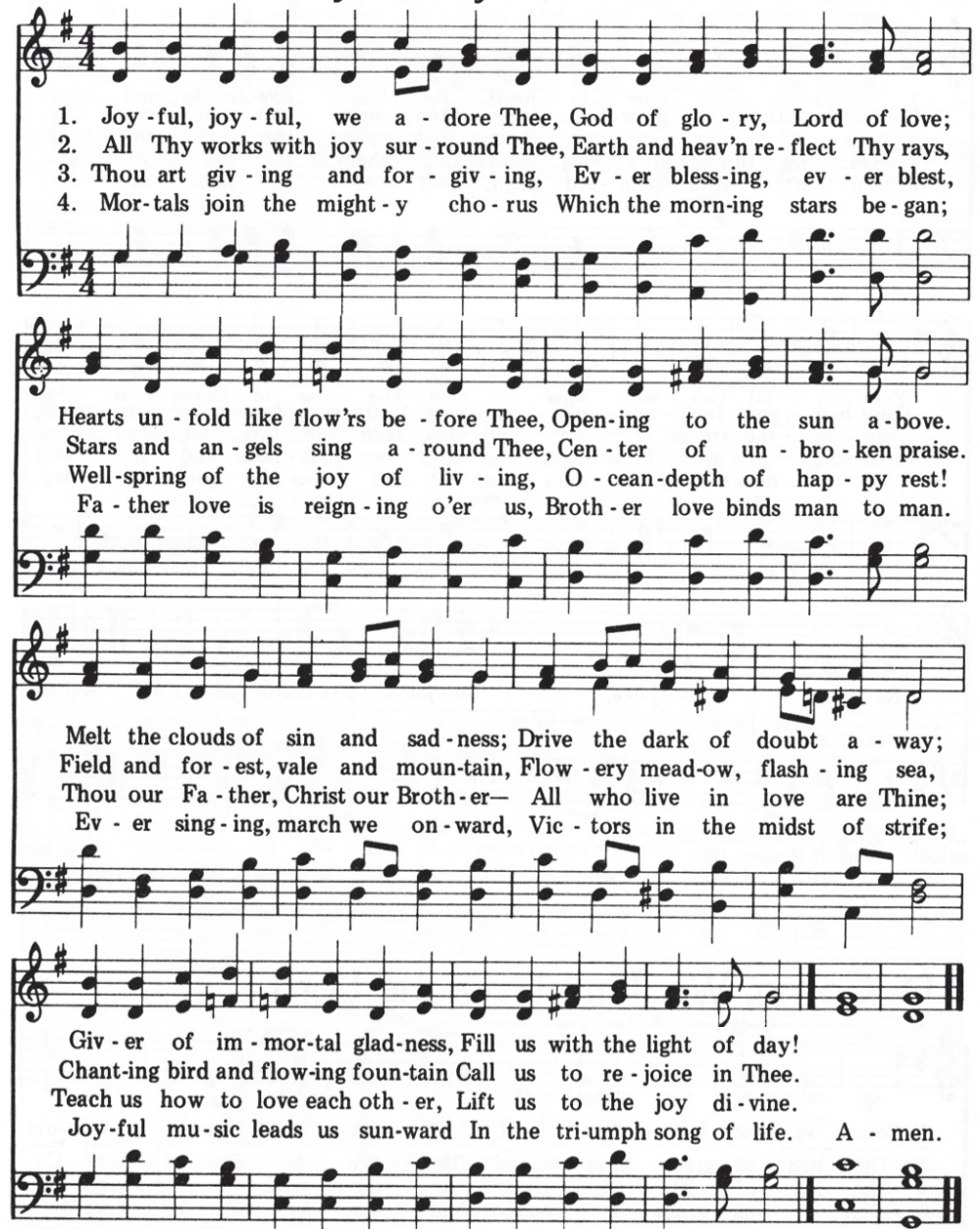
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Lector	Lisa Dreibelbis	Children's Church Leader	Steph Hammer & Sonya Valentino
Responder	Holly Brubaker	Nursery	Faye Hipkiss
Organist	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Flutist	Shirley Long	Video Technician	Andrew Valentino
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Trumpeter, Pianist	Marcy Garman, Sonya Valentino	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Guitar	Dale Brubaker	June Counters	Pat Strain, Margo Fox
Hymn Leader, Vocalist, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson
Guest Speaker	Rev. John Smith		

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 14



1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore Thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-lect Thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, Ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
 4. Mor-tals join the might-y cho-rus Which the morn-ing stars be-gan;

Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, O-cean-depth of hap-py rest!
 Fa-ther love is reign-ing o'er us, Broth-er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; Drive the dark of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Broth-er— All who live in love are Thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, Vic-tors in the midst of strife;

Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day!
 Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain Call us to re-joice in Thee.
 Teach us how to love each oth-er, Lift us to the joy di-vine.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward In the tri-umph song of life. A-men.

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HYMN TO JOY
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Call to Worship: Psalm 145:9-11

- ⁹ The Lord is good to all;
**he has compassion on all
he has made.**
- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.
- ¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

The Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 2:9-15

- ⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”
- “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.
- ¹⁰ “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”
- ¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.
- ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.
- ¹³ Elisha then picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. “Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.
- ¹⁵ The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, “The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha.” And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

The Response: Psalm 16:1-11 (Responsive)

- ¹ Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.
- ² **I say to the LORD, “You are
my Lord; apart from you
I have no good thing.”**
- ³ I say of the holy people who are in
the land, “They are the noble ones
in whom is all my delight.”
- ⁴ **Those who run after other gods
will suffer more and more.**
I will not pour out libations of
blood to such gods or take up
their names on my lips.
- ⁵ **LORD, you alone are my portion and
my cup; you make my lot secure.**
- ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen
for me in pleasant places; surely
I have a delightful inheritance.
- ⁷ **I will praise the LORD, who
counsels me; even at night
my heart instructs me.**
- ⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.
- ⁹ **Therefore my heart is glad
and my tongue rejoices; my
body also will rest secure,**
- ¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to
the realm of the dead, nor will you
let your faithful one see decay.
- ¹¹ **You make known to me the path
of life; you will fill me with joy
in your presence, with eternal
pleasures at your right hand.**

PLEASE STAND:

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³ but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” ⁵⁵ But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸ Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

⁵⁹ He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹ Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶² Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

Worship in Giving: 2 Corinthians 8:12

¹² For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have.

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts 64

5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, Make all our
 mo - ments calm and bright; Chase the dark night of sin a -
 way, Shed o'er the world Thy ho - ly light. A - men.

WORDS: Attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, c.1150; tr. Ray Palmer, 1858
 MUSIC: Henry Baker, 1854

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Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?
 Who has numbered every grain of sand?
 King and nations tremble at His voice.
 All creation rises to rejoice.

(CHORUS)

**Behold our God seated on His throne;
 Come, let us adore Him.
 Behold our King! Nothing can compare;
 Come, let us adore Him!**

Who has given counsel to the Lord?
 Who can question any of His words?
 Who can teach the One Who knows all things?
 Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

(REPEAT CHORUS)

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,
 Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
 God eternal humbled to the grave;
 Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

(REPEAT CHORUS)

You will reign forever.
 Let Your glory fill the earth.

Revelation Song

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Holy, holy is He
 Sing a new song to Him who sits on
 Heaven's mercy seat

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 Holy, holy is He
 Sing a new song to Him who sits on
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[CHORUS]

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
 Who was and is and is to come
 With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
 You are my everything and I will adore You**

Clothed in rainbows of living color
 Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
 Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
 To You: the only wise King

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
 At the mention of Your name
 Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water
 Such a marvelous mystery

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

285 My Father Is Omnipotent



1. My Fa-ther is om-nip-o-tent, And that you can't de-ny;
 2. Tho' here His glo-ry has been shown, We still can't ful-ly see
 3. The Bi-ble tells us of His pow'r And wis-dom all way thro';

A God of might and mir-a-cles—'Tis writ-ten in the sky.
 The won-ders of His might, His throne, 'Twill take e-ter-ni-ty.
 And ev-ery lit-tle bird and flow'r Are tes-ti-mo-nies, too.

Refrain

It took a mir-a-cle to put the stars in place, It took a
 mir-a-cle to hang the world in space; But when He saved my soul,
 Cleansed and made me whole, It took a mir-a-cle of love and grace!

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♦ ♦ ♦ TODAY: Worship followed by brief ♦ ♦ ♦ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

"Celebrating accomplishments / Facing challenges"

This is a special church progress report held half-way through the year.

* Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, July 2 @ 7:00 p.m. MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY • Zoom

Monday, July 7 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Sunday, July 20 @ 10:30 a.m. OUTDOOR WORSHIP & PICNIC *

Missionary guests: Rev. B.J. & Rachel Whitaker and family from Spain
 • Pine Acres Pavilion, Lebanon

Tuesday August 5 from 6 to 9 pm (Set up 5:15 pm) NATIONAL NIGHT OUT *

• Rain date is Thursday August 7

We will need: cookies, 2 canopies, 2 tables, bring your own chair

Thursday, August 28 @ noon LUNCH WITH MISSIONARIES *

Missionary guests: Dan & Mary Lynne Wills, from Wycliffe Bible Translators
 • Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown • Dutch treat

SHARING CUPBOARD NEEDS

- 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:

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

Congratulations to Dave & Donna Greulich today on their 40th wedding anniversary