

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	His Eye Is on the Sparrow - Gabriel / Caudill	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	Psalms 119:12, 41	Rev. Tim Valentino Jim Danielson
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Scripture Readings		
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The Response	Psalms 42:1-11	Maureen Logan / Jim Danielson
The New Testament Lesson	Colossians 2:6-15	Maureen Logan
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	2 Corinthians 8:17-19	Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	266: O Soul are You Weary and Troubled (v. 3)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise and Worship	Graves into Gardens / I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)	Congregation
Sermon	Singing in the Rain, Part 3: Trusting God through Depression (Psalm 42:1-43:5)	Rev. Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	318: Be Still My Soul	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Postlude	Christ, Our Strength and Consolation - Edward Broughton	Pat Shroff

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Hymn Leader, Vocalist, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan		

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236 Standing on the Promises



1. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ my King, Thro' e-ter-nal a-ges
 2. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es that can-not fail, When the howl-ing storms of
 3. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e-ter-nal-ly
 4. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es I can-not fall, List'-ning ev-ery mo-ment

let His prais-es ring; Glo-ry in the high-est, I will shout and sing,
 doubt and fear as-sail, By the liv-ing Word of God I shall pre-vail,
 ly by love's strong cord, O-ver-com-ing dai-ly with the Spir-it's sword,
 to the Spir-it's call, Rest-ing in my Sav-ior as my all in all,

Refrain
 Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand-ing, stand-ing,
 stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God my Sav-ior; Stand-ing,
 stand-ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.

WORDS and MUSIC: R. Kelso Carter, 1886

PROMISES
11.11.11.9 Ref.

Call to Worship: **Psalm 119:12, 41**

¹² Praise be to you, Lord;

teach me your decrees.

⁴¹ May your unfailing love come to me, Lord,

your salvation, according to your promise.

The Old Testament Lesson: **Genesis 18:23-32**

²³ Then Abraham approached the LORD and said:

“Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

²⁶ The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

³⁰ Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

³¹ Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

³² Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

The Response: **Psalm 42:1-11** (Responsive)

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When can I go and meet with God?

³ **My tears have been my food
day and night,
while people say to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”**

⁴ These things I remember
as I pour out my soul:
how I used to go to the house of God
under the protection of the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and praise
among the festive throng.

⁵ **Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.**

⁶ My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan, the heights
of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

⁷ **Deep calls to deep
in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers
have swept over me.**

⁸ By day the LORD directs his love,
at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ **I say to God my Rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?”**

¹⁰ My bones suffer mortal agony
as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”

¹¹ **Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.**

The New Testament Lesson: **Colossians 2:6-15**

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,
⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹ In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh ^s was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³ When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Worship in Giving: 2 Corinthians 8:17-19

¹⁷ For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative. ¹⁸ And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel. ¹⁹ What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help.

266 O Soul, Are You Weary and Troubled?

3. His word shall not fail you— He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him and
all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing,
Refrain
His per - fect sal - va - tion to tell! Turn your eyes up-on Je-
sus, Look full in His won - der - ful face; And the things of
earth will grow strange-ly dim In the light of His glo - ry and grace.

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Graves into Gardens

I searched the world,
but it couldn't fill me.
Man's empty praise
and treasures that fade
are never enough.

Then You came along
and put me back together.
And every desire
is now satisfied
here in Your love.

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
there's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing,
nothing is better than You.

I'm not afraid
to show You my weakness.
My failures and flaws,
Lord, You've seen them all,
and You still call me friend.

'Cause the God of the mountain
is the God of the valley.
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace
won't find me again.

Oh, there's nothing better than You
there's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing,
nothing is better than You.
You turn mourning to dancing.
You give beauty for ashes.
You turn shame into glory.
You're the only one who can.

[CHORUS]

**You turn graves into garden.
You turn bones into armies.
You turn seas into highways.
You're the only one who can.**

Oh, there's nothing better than You.
there's nothing better than You.
Lord, there's nothing,
nothing is better than You.

There's nothing better than You.
there's nothin, better than You
Lord, there's nothing,
nothing is better than You.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

**You're the only one who can.
You're the only one who can.**

I Will Wait for You

Out of the depths, I cry to You
In darkest places, I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were you to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne?
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

[CHORUS A]

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
On Your Word, I will rely
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
'Til my soul is satisfied**

So put your hope in God alone
Take courage in His pow'r to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ, emerging from the grave

[REPEAT CHORUS A 1X]

Now He has come to make a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

[CHORUS B]

**I will wait for You, I will wait for You
Through the storm, through the night
I will wait for You, surely wait for You
For your love is my delight**

[REPEAT CHORUS B 4X]

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318 Be Still, My Soul

* Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex

1. Be still, my soul! the Lord is on thy side: Bear pa-tient-ly the
 2. Be still, my soul! thy God doth un-der-take To guide the fu-ture
 3. Be still, my soul! the hour is hast'n-ing on When we shall be for-

cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to or-der and pro-vide;
 as He has the past. Thy hope, thy con-fi-dence let noth-ing shake;
 ev-er with the Lord, When dis-ap-point-ment, grief and fear are gone,

In ev-ery change He faith-ful will re-main. Be still, my soul! thy
 All now mys-te-rious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! the
 Sor-row for-got, love's pur-est joys re-stored. Be still, my soul! when

best, thy heav'n-ly Friend Thro' thorn-y ways leads to a joy-ful end.
 waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be-low.
 change and tears are past, All safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Tonight @ 5:00 p.m. READING FIGHTIN' PHILS BASEBALL GAME

Contact Eileen Heydt for Tickets • First Energy Stadium, Reading

Wednesday, July 30 @ 7:00 p.m. MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY • Zoom

Sunday, August 3 @ 12:00 p.m. BRIEF NURSERY MEETING • Zinn Commons

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

Monday, August 11 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

THREE-DAY PICNIC AT THE VALENTINO HOUSE

Friday, August 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

221 West Jackson Avenue, Myerstown (Drop in as you are able)

Thursday, August 28 @ noon LUNCH WITH MISSIONARIES *

Missionary guests: Dan & Mary Lynne Wills, from Wycliffe Bible Translators

• Country Fare Restaurant, Myerstown • Dutch treat

October 11 WOMEN'S RETREAT • More informaton to follow

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
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