

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

Eleventh Sunday of Kingdom Time  
The Lord's Day

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	<b>Does Jesus Care?</b> - Hall / Landon	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	<b>Revelation 4:8b, 11</b>	Rev. Tim Valentino Pat Strain
Hymn	<b>193: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</b>	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson	<b>Jeremiah 1:4-10</b>	Rev. Kirby Keller
The Response	<b>Psalms 71:1-8</b>	Rev. Kirby Keller/Pat Strain
The New Testament Lesson	<b>Hebrews 12:18-29</b>	Rev. Kirby Keller
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	<b>2 Corinthians 9:5</b>	Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	<b>396: Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord (v. 4)</b>	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise and Worship	<b>Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God / My God, My God!</b>	Congregation
Sermon	<b>Singing in the Rain, Part 7:</b> <b>Trusting God through Despair (Psalm 88:1-18)</b>	Rev. Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	<b>444: Sweet Hour of Prayer</b>	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Postlude	<b>Higher Ground - Gabriel / DeCou</b>	Pat Shroff

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

<b>Lector</b>	Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller	<b>Children's Church Leader</b>	Tracy Farmer
<b>Responder</b>	Pat Strain	<b>Nursery</b>	Jennifer Heinsey, Virginia Hauer
<b>Organist</b>	Pat Shroff	<b>Narthex Greeters</b>	Kaye & Dave Focht
<b>Pianist</b>	Shelley Miller	<b>Sound Technician</b>	Bob Long
<b>Flutist</b>	Shirley Long	<b>Video Technician</b>	Andrew Valentino
<b>Violin</b>	Rebecca Sorg	<b>Lead Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
<b>Trumpeter, Pianist, Vocalist</b>	Marcy Garman, Sonya Valentino	<b>Visitation Minister</b>	Pat Strain
<b>Guitar</b>	Scott Auchenbach	<b>Counters, month of August</b>	Shirley Long, Grace Miller
<b>Vocalist</b>	Susie Auchenbach	<b>Director of Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>	Will Robertson
<b>Hymn Leader, Vocalist, Office Administrator</b>	Maureen Logan		

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## Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty 193



WORDS: Reginald Heber, 1826  
MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1861

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Call to Worship: **Revelation 4:8b, 11**

<sup>8</sup> Day and night they never stop saying:

**“ ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord  
God Almighty,’ who was,  
and is, and is to come.”**

<sup>11</sup> “You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,

**for you created all things,  
and by your will they were  
created and have their being.**

The Old Testament Reading: **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you, before you were born  
I set you apart; I appointed you  
as a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup> “Alas, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not  
know how to speak; I am too young.”

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I  
am too young.’ You must go to everyone I  
send you to and say whatever I command  
you. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with  
you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord reached out his hand and  
touched my mouth and said to me, “I have  
put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, today  
I appoint you over nations and kingdoms  
to uproot and tear down, to destroy and  
overthrow, to build and to plant.”

The Response: **Psalm 71:1-8 (Responsive)**

<sup>1</sup> In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness,  
rescue me and deliver me;  
turn your ear to me  
and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my rock of refuge,  
to which I can always go;  
give the command to save me,  
for you are my rock and  
my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> **Deliver me, my God, from  
the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of those  
who are evil and cruel.**

<sup>5</sup> For you have been my hope,  
Sovereign LORD, my confidence  
since my youth.

<sup>6</sup> **From birth I have relied on you;  
you brought me forth  
from my mother’s womb.  
I will ever praise you.**

<sup>7</sup> I have become a sign to many;  
you are my strong refuge.

<sup>8</sup> **My mouth is filled with  
your praise, declaring  
your splendor all day long.**

The New Testament Reading: **Hebrews 12:18-29**

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to a mountain that  
can be touched and that is burning with fire;  
to darkness, gloom and storm; <sup>19</sup> to a trumpet  
blast or to such a voice speaking words that  
those who heard it begged that no further word  
be spoken to them, <sup>20</sup> because they could not  
bear what was commanded: “If even an animal  
touches the mountain, it must be stoned to  
death.” <sup>21</sup> The sight was so terrifying that Moses  
said, “I am trembling with fear.” °

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion, to the  
city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.  
You have come to thousands upon thousands of  
angels in joyful assembly, <sup>23</sup> to the church of the  
firstborn, whose names are written in heaven.  
You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the  
spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> to Jesus  
the mediator of a new covenant, and to the  
sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than  
the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See to it that you do not refuse him  
who speaks. If they did not escape when they  
refused him who warned them on earth, how  
much less will we, if we turn away from him  
who warns us from heaven? <sup>26</sup> At that time  
his voice shook the earth, but now he has  
promised, “Once more I will shake not only the  
earth but also the heavens.” <sup>27</sup> The words “once  
more” indicate the removing of what can be  
shaken—that is, created things—so that what  
cannot be shaken may remain.

<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a  
kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be  
thankful, and so worship God acceptably  
with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our “God is a  
consuming fire.”

## Worship in Giving: 2 Corinthians 9:5

<sup>5</sup> So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.

**Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord 396**

4. Long as my life shall last, Teach me Thy way! Wher-e'er my lot be cast,  
Teach me Thy way! Un - til the race is run, Un - til the  
jour - ney's done, Un - til the crown is won, Teach me Thy way! A-men.

WORDS and MUSIC: B. Mansell Ramsey, 1919

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## Holy Spirit Living Breath Of God

Holy Spirit, living breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord  
To renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me

Holy Spirit, come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover every sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
Will be clear for all the world to see

## Psalms 22: My God, My God

My God, my God, O why Have you forsaken me?  
Salvation flees as I call from the deep.  
O God, I call, but You do not hear; by night I cry,  
but my soul cannot sleep.

[CHORUS]

**My God! My God! Have You forsaken me?  
My soul cries out as I call from the deep.**

You, holy, are enthroned on Israel's praise;  
our fathers trusted in You and were saved.  
To You they cried, and they were reclaimed;  
in You they trusted and were not ashamed.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

O be not far from me, my trouble nears.  
and there is none to help me close at hand.  
For mighty bulls have circled around;  
as lions roaring, hungry take their stand.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Like water I am poured upon the ground;  
my heart is wax, my bones have spread apart.  
My tongue cleaves to my jaw. Strength is  
gone.

You lay me down in dust to there depart.

[REPEAT CHORUS]

For dogs surround me; evil is at hand;  
they pierced my hands and feet,  
my bones are bare.  
And mocking, they cast lots for my robe;  
and they divide my garments as they stare.

[REPEAT CHORUS]



# 444 Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,  
 2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear,  
 3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, May I thy con - so - la - tion share,

And bids me at my Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known;  
 To Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;  
 Till, from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height, I view my home, and take my flight:

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, My soul has oft - en found re - lief,  
 And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word and trust His grace,  
 This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise To seize the ev - er - last - ing prize;

And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare, By thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
 I'll cast on Him my ev - ery care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
 And shout, while pass - ing through the air, Fare - well, fare - well, sweet hour of prayer!

WORDS: William Walford, 1845  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1861

SWEET HOUR  
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## 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](mailto:pastortim@christcomm.church) or (484) 269-4313.

## LOOKING AHEAD

\* Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex

**TODAY:** from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. **PICNIC AT THE VALENTINO HOUSE**  
 221 West Jackson Avenue, Myerstown (Drop in as you are able)

**Wednesday, August 27 @ 7:00 p.m. PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY** • Online

**Thursday, August 28 @ noon LUNCH WITH MISSIONARIES \***

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

*Calling all to Prayer*

**September 3 @ 7:00 p.m. SPECIAL ON-SITE PRAYER MEETING** • Church Sanctuary

**Sunday, September 7 RECOGNITION & PROMOTION SUNDAY** for Sunday School students and teachers

**Monday, September 8 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING** • Zinn Commons

**Thursday, September 11 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH** in the Student Lounge

**September 14 @ 9:00 a.m. LECTOR WORKSHOP** • Room 210

**Beginning September 24 @ 7:00 p.m. BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER • BOTH** on-line & in Zinn Commons

**Sunday, September 28: ANNUAL FALL PICNIC \*** following morning worship  
 • Featuring a puppet show! • Myerstown Rod & Gun Club

**October 5 @ 10:30 a.m. COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**October 11 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. WOMEN'S RETREAT** • Zinn Commons

## Special On-Site Prayer Meeting Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Christ Community Church will be holding a special on-site prayer meeting on **Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m.** We will gather in the sanctuary for a "holy convocation" prayer to intercede for the needs of ourselves, our church, and our community. **The service will not be livestreamed**, but all are encouraged to pray at that time if they cannot be physically present. Those who would like to attend but need a ride because they do not like driving at night are encouraged to contact Pastor Tim to arrange transportation. Let's join together and ask the Lord to "move mountains" for the sake of his kingdom and glory.

Also, please note that our regular Midweek Bible Study & Prayer Time will start being offered **both** online and on-site beginning Wednesday, September 24. We will gather in the Student Life Center, and if we outgrow that area, we will move to Zinn Commons.