

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twelfth Sunday of Kingdom Time

The Lord's Day

Organ Voluntary & Quiet Reflection	1. Moment by Moment - Moody / Johnson 2. The Great Physician - Stockton / DeCou	Pat Shroff
Call to Worship	1 Timothy 1:12a, 17	Rev. Tim Valentino Kaye Focht
Hymn	30: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Rev. Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Holly Brubaker
The Response	Psalms 81:1, 10-16	Holly Burbaker/Kaye Focht
The New Testament Lesson	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Holly Brubaker
Worship in Giving	2 Corinthians 9:6	Rev. Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	312: Simply Trusting Every Day (v. 1)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Rev. Tim Valentino
Praise and Worship	Christ Our Hope in Life and Death Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God	Congregation
Sermon	Singing in the Rain, Part 8: Trusting God through Sickness (Psalm 102:1-28)	Rev. Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	531: Abide With Me: Fast Falls the Eventide	Congregation
Benediction		Rev. Tim Valentino
Postlude	Work, for the Night Is Coming - Mason / DeCou	Pat Shroff

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

Lector	Holly Brubaker	Children's Church Leader	Tracy Farmer
Responder	Kaye Focht	Nursery	Faye Hipkiss & Ruth Turner
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, Vocalist	Marcy Garman, Sonya Valentino	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Guitar	Scott Auchenbach	Counters, month of August	Shirley Long, Grace Miller
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Vocalist, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan		

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30 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small,
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,
 In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;
 Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove tree,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see
 Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee! A - men.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh hymn melody
 ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11

Call to Worship: 1 Timothy 1:12a, 17

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord,
who has given me strength.

¹⁷ **Now to the King eternal,
immortal, invisible,
the only wise God,
be honor and glory for
ever and ever. Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13

⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, you descendants
of Jacob, all you clans of Israel.

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me,
that they strayed so far from me?

They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.

⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD,
who brought us up out of Egypt
and led us through the barren wilderness,
through a land of deserts and ravines,
a land of drought and utter darkness, a land
where no one travels and no one lives?’

⁷ I brought you into a fertile land
to eat its fruit and rich produce.

But you came and defiled my land
and made my inheritance detestable.

⁸ The priests did not ask,
‘Where is the LORD?’

Those who deal with the law did not know
me; the leaders rebelled against me.

The prophets prophesied by Baal,
following worthless idols.

⁹ “Therefore I bring charges against you
again,” declares the LORD.
“And I will bring charges against
your children’s children.

¹⁰ Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and observe closely;

see if there has ever been anything like this:

¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its gods?
(Yet they are not gods at all.)

But my people have exchanged their
glorious God for worthless idols.

¹² Be appalled at this, you heavens, and shudder
with great horror,” declares the LORD.

¹³ “My people have committed two sins:

They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

The Response: Psalm 81:1, 10-16 (Responsive)

¹ Sing for joy to God our strength;
shout aloud to the God of Jacob!

¹⁰ **I am the LORD your God,
who brought you up out of Egypt.
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.**

¹¹ “But my people would not listen to me;
Israel would not submit to me.

¹² **So I gave them over to their stubborn
hearts to follow their own devices.**

¹³ “If my people would only listen to me,
if Israel would only follow my ways,

¹⁴ **how quickly I would subdue their
enemies and turn my hand
against their foes!**

¹⁵ Those who hate the LORD would
cringe before him, and their punishment
would last forever.

¹⁶ **But you would be fed with the finest
of wheat; with honey from the
rock I would satisfy you.”**

The New Testament Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

¹ One Sabbath, when Jesus went
to eat in the house of a prominent
Pharisee, he was being carefully
watched.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests
picked the places of honor at the table,
he told them this parable: ⁸ “When
someone invites you to a wedding feast,
do not take the place of honor, for a
person more distinguished than you
may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host
who invited both of you will come and
say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’
Then, humiliated, you will have to take
the least important place. ¹⁰ But when
you are invited, take the lowest place,
so that when your host comes, he will
say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better
place.’ Then you will be honored in the
presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For
all those who exalt themselves will
be humbled, and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.”

¹² Then Jesus said to his host,
“When you give a luncheon or dinner,
do not invite your friends, your
brothers or sisters, your relatives, or
your rich neighbors; if you do, they
may invite you back and so you will be
repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame,
the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed.
Although they cannot repay you, you
will be repaid at the resurrection of the
righteous.”

Worship in Giving: 2 Corinthians 9:6

⁶ Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

312 Simply Trusting Every Day

1. Sim - ply trust - ing ev - ery day, Trust - ing through a storm - y way;

E - ven when my faith is small, Trust - ing Je - sus—that is all.

Refrain

Trust - ing as the mo - ments fly, Trust - ing as the days go by;

Trust - ing Him what - e'er be - fall, Trust - ing Je - sus—that is all.

WORDS: Edgar P. Stites, 1876
MUSIC: Ira D. Sankey, 1876

TRUSTING JESUS
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Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

[CHORUS]

O sing Hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing Hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

[REPEAT CHORUS]

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

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

531 Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

1. A - bid e with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
 5. Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e!
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:

When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bid e with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bid e with me.
 I tri - umph still, if Thou a - bid e with me.
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bid e with me. A - men.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1847
 MUSIC: William H. Monk, 1861

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 10.10.10.10

Calling all to Prayer

LOOKING AHEAD

* Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex

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

Sunday, October 19: CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.*

Please sign up to attend and/or bring food.

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.

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.