

Sunday, May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter • The Lord's Day

Call to Worship: Psalm 29:4, 10

⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.
¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.

Organ Voluntary	1. Sacred Song - Bonita Lucioti	Pat Shroff
	2. All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - Holden / Prentiss	
Announcements		Pastor Tim Valentino
Call to Worship	Psalm 29:4, 10	Pastor Tim Valentino Faye Hipkiss
Hymn	195: Come, Thou Almighty King	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The First Reading	Acts 1:3-11	Kaye Focht
The Response	Psalm 68:1-10	Kaye Focht / Faye Hipkiss
The New Testament Lesson	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	Kaye Focht
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	Ephesians 4:7-8	Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	442: Teach Me to Pray, Lord (v.3)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Tim Valentino
Praise Hymns	Build Your Kingdom Here / Mighty to Save	Congregation
Sermon	Power to Be My Witnesses (Acts 1:3-11)	Pastor Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	303: I Love to Tell the Story	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Tim Valentino
Postlude	Go Tell the World - Robert Howell	Pat Shroff

Hospital Visitor This Week: Faye Hipkiss, 717-813-4638

Lector	Kaye Focht	Children's Church Leader	Steph Hammer, Tracy Farmer
Responder	Faye Hipkiss	Nursery	Lori & Jim Danielson
Organist	Pat Shroff	Narthex Greeters	Kaye & Dave Focht
Pianist	Shelley Miller	Sound Technician	Bob Long
Trumpeter, Pianist, Vocalist	Sonya Valentino, Marcy Garman	Video Technician	Dawn Sharp, Andrew Valentino
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Flutist	Shirley Long	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Guitarist	Scott Auchenbach	Counters (May)	Dave Focht, Mike Oswald
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	My PALS Preschool Ministry Director	Sharon Wenger

195 Come, Thou Almighty King



1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing,
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es be

Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
 Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
 In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in
 Hence, ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess: Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore! A - men.

WORDS: Source unknown, c.1757
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769

ITALIAN HYMN
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The First Reading: Acts 1:3-11

³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The Response: Psalm 68:1-10 (Responsive)

¹ May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.

² **May you blow them away like smoke—
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.**

³ But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.**

⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

⁶ **God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

⁷ When you, God, went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain, before God,
the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

¹⁰ **Your people settled in it,
and from your bounty, God,
you provided for the poor.**

The New Testament Lesson:

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Worship in Giving: Ephesians 4:7-8

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people."

442 Teach Me to Pray, Lord

3. My weak-ened will, Lord, Thou canst re - new; My sin - ful na - ture
Thou canst sub - due; Fill me just now with pow - er a - new, Pow - er to
pray and pow - er to do! Liv - ing in Thee, Lord, and Thou in
me; Con - stant a - bid - ing, this is my plea; Grant me Thy
pow - er, bound-less and free: Pow - er with men and pow - er with Thee.

Refrain

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Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again.
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made,
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
Like wildfire in our very souls;
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.
We are Your Church;
And we need Your power in us.

We seek Your kingdom first.
We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives,
For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released;
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause.
We are Your church;
We pray, revive this earth.

[CHORUS]

Build Your kingdom here.
Let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand.
Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire.
Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere.
Build Your kingdom here, we pray

Unleash Your kingdom's power,
Reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty, changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church;
Oh, and we are the hope on earth.

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

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 AND" 4X]

303 I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a -
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, More won - der - ful it
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'Tis pleas - ant to re -
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it

bove, Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His
 seems Than all the gold - en fan - cies Of all our gold - en
 peat What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly
 best Seem seem, hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the

love. I love to tell the sto - ry Be - cause I know 'tis
 dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, It did so much for
 sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er
 rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

true; It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else can do.
 me; And that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 heard The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own Ho - ly Word.
 song, 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain
 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry,

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

WORDS: A. Catherine Hankey, 1866
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

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LOOKING AHEAD

* SIGN UP in narthex
 and/or on line

- Sunday, May 17 @ 12:00 p.m. CHURCH FAMILY LUNCHEON* • Zinn Commons
- Monday, May 18 @ 6:30 p.m. FAITH & SCIENCE DISCUSSION
 (Begin the *Darwin's Doubt* Study) • Room 211
- Wednesday, May 20 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER • Zinn Commons & Zoom
- Thursday, May 28 @ 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH • Student Life Center
- Thursday, June 4 @ 6:30 p.m. BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING • Zinn Commons
- Sunday, June 7 • following worship ANNA'S CIRCLE MEETING • Zinn Commons
- Sunday, June 7 to Thursday, June 11 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. "PANDMANIA" VBS
Workers needed: talk to Tracy Farmer • Register Online • on Church Grounds
- Saturday, June 20 FAITH & SCIENCE CENTER TRIP TO THE PHILADELPHIA ZOO*
 Event Details Forthcoming
- Monday, June 22 @ 6:30 p.m. CHURCH FAMILY CARE MEETING • Zinn Commons
- Tuesday, June 23 @ 6:30 p.m. MY PALS BOARD MEETING • Zinn Commons
- Monday, July 13 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Join the fun at Bible School!
JUNE 7-11
 Ages 3 thru 5th grade
Christ Community Church
 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
 REGISTRATION: 6:15 p.m.
 Register online at
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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
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