

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Ninth Sunday of Kingdom Time
Holy Communion • The Lord's Day

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Voluntary

I Saw the Cross of Jesus

Pat Shroff

- Edward Broughton

Call to Worship

Psalm 86:12-13

Pastor Tim Valentino

(Responsive)

Dana Logan

¹² I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart;

I will glorify your name forever.

¹³ For great is your love toward me;

you have delivered me from the depths.

Opening Hymn 247: And Can It Be That I Should Gain? Congregation

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor Tim Valentino

Hospital Visitor This Week: Rhea Nowacki, 610-743-0314

Lector	Shawn Garman	Children's Church Leader	Sonya Valentino
Responder	Dana Logan	Nursery	Jennifer Heinsey + Virginia Hauer
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
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Flutist	Shirley Long	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Guitarist	Scott Auchenbach	Counters (July)	Kaye Focht, Vivian Hardy
Vocalist	Susie Auchenbach	Director of Buildings & Grounds	Will Robertson
Hymn Leader, Office Administrator	Maureen Logan	My PALS Preschool Ministry Director	Sharon Wenger

Bread: Rev. Rev. Dr. Tim Valentino • Cup: Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller • Cup: Pat Strain
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247 And Can It Be That I Should Gain



1. And can it be that I should gain An in-t'rest in the
2. 'Tis mys-tery all! Th'im-mor-tal dies! Who can ex-plore His
3. He left His Fa-ther's throne a-bove, So free, so in-fi-
4. Long my im-pris-oned spir-it lay Fast bound in sin and
5. No con-dem-na-tion now I dread; Je-sus, and all in

Sav-ior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who
strange de-sign? In vain the first-born ser-aph tries To sound the
nite His grace; Emp-tied Him-self of all but love, And bled for
na-ture's night; Thine eye dif-fused a quick-ning ray, I woke, the
Him, is mine! A-live in Him, my liv-ing Head, And clothed in

Him to death pur-sued? A-maz-ing love! how can it be That
depths of love di-vine! 'Tis mer-cy all! let earth a-dore, Let
Ad-am's help-less race; 'Tis mer-cy all, im-mense and free; For,
dun-geon flamed with light; My chains fell off, my heart was free; I
right-eous-ness di-vine, Bold I ap-proach the-ter-nal throne, And

Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
an-gel minds in-quire no more.
O my God, it found out me. A-maz-ing love! how
rose, went forth and fol-lowed Thee.
claim the crown, through Christ my own. A-maz-ing love!

can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me. A-men.
How can it be That Thou, my God,

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1738

MUSIC: Thomas Campbell, 1825

SAGINA L.M.D.

The Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12 Shawn Garman

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶ Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷ “Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

The Response: Psalm 128:1-6 (Responsive) Shawn Garman
Dana Logan

¹ Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
who walk in obedience to him.

² **You will eat the fruit of your labor;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;

**your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.**

⁴ Yes, this will be the blessing
for the man who fears the LORD.

⁵ **May the LORD bless you from Zion;**

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

⁶ **May you live to see your children’s children—
peace be on Israel.**

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 8:31-39 Shawn Garman

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Worship in Giving: Exodus 25:1-2 Pastor Tim Valentino

¹ The Lord said to Moses, ² “Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give.

The Apostles Creed Congregation

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

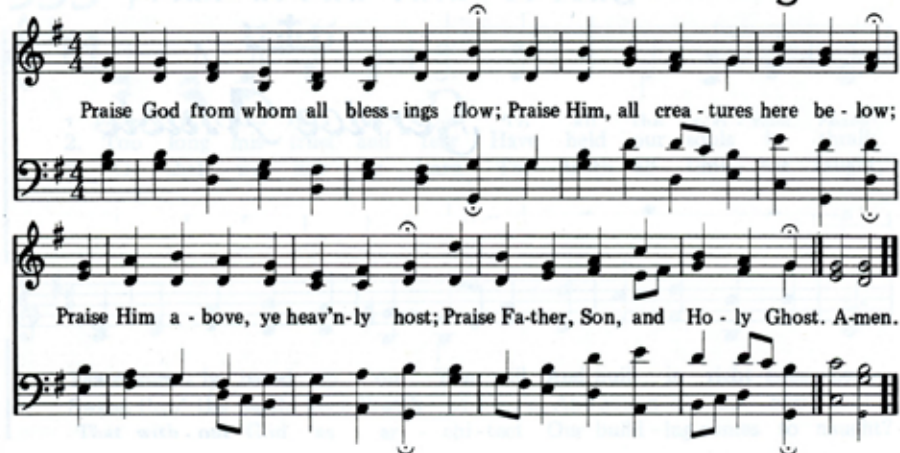
Doxology

556: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

556 Praise God from Whom All Blessings



Praise & Worship

Alive! / Hymn of Heaven

Congregation

ALIVE

Alive! Alive!
My Jesus is alive
Alive! Alive!
My Jesus is alive today

They nailed him to the cross
They mocked him as he died
They crucified the son of God
And pierced his holy side
They laid him in a borrowed tomb
Where no one lay before
They wrapped his body in a shroud
And covered up the door
But did it stop the Lord

The grisly pow'r of hell
Received a fatal blow
The sacred heart began to beat
The shroud began to glow
Then casting off his robe of death
Our Savior came to life
When in the stillness of the dawn
He heard his Father cry
My precious Son, arise

Now, one day you may hear
That I have passed away
The papers will declare I'm gone
But don't you be dismayed
For I will see Him face to face

And evermore shall be
A child of God
immune to death
Enthroned like royalty
With Christ eternally

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HYMN OF HEAVEN

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the One who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

CHORUS

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He
who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer, we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith, we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

[REPEAT CHORUS]

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the lamb who was slain"
And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign"

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord
So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord

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Sermon

Raised Immortal, Part 7: Pastor Tim Valentino

As in Adam, So Also in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

Pastor Tim Valentino

Sursum Corda

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise,

Pastor: For he has given us his Son. Hallelujah!

193 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
Which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be. A-men.

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

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11.12.10

Memorial Acclamation

Pastor: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Words of Institution, Fraction, and Pouring

Pastor: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took the bread, and he gave thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth."

And when Jesus had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Pastor: And after the supper, Jesus took the cup, and he gave thanks. "Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, who brings forth fruit from the vine."

And when Jesus had given thanks, he poured the cup, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the remission of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

People: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

Pastor: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer Led by Pastor

Pastor Tim Valentino

Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Commune

- The Bread of Holy Communion
- The Cup of Holy Communion

Prayer & Invitation Led by Pastor

Pastor Tim Valentino

Closing Hymn

**155: The Strife Is O'er,
the Battle Done**

Congregation

Benediction

Pastor Tim Valentino

Organ Postlude

Postlude on "Italian Hymn"

Pat Shroff

- Giardini / Broughton

155 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; The vic - to - ry of life is
2. The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their le - gions hath dis-
3. The three sad days have quick - ly sped; He ris - es glo - rious from the
4. He closed the yaw - ing gates of hell; The bars from heav'n's high por - tals
5. Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed Thee, From death's dread sting Thy serv - ants

won; The song of tri - umph has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
persed: Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
dead: All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
fell: Let hymns of praise His tri - umphs tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
free, That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Latin hymn, c.1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1859
MUSIC: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1591; arr. William H. Monk, 1861

VICTORY
8.8.8.4 Alleluia

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE: Pastor Tim's Sunday
School class is meeting in the fellowship hall.

★ SIGN UP in narthex
and/or on line

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, July 27 @ 6:00 p.m. MYERSTOWN JAYCEES' DINNER & BINGO NIGHT
725 East Cumberland Street, Lebanon PA 17042

Wednesday, July 29 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER
• Zinn Commons & Zoom

Sunday, August 2 @ 12:00 p.m. ANNA'S CIRCLE MEETING • Zinn Commons

Monday, August 3 @ 6:30 p.m. VISION COMMITTEE MEETING
Dessert meeting at Valentinos

Tuesday August 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. (Set up 3:00 p.m.) **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT★**
• Rain date is Thursday August 6 • Fairlane Avenue Park Playground
We need helpers to: 1. Provide cookies (packaged 2 per bag, bought or homemade with no nuts)
2. Make balloon animals (we will train you how to make them)
3. Help set up and share cookies 4. Available to pray in prayer tent

Thursday, August 6 @ 6:30 p.m. FAITH & SCIENCE MEETING
Zinn Commons • (Chapters 8, 10 of Darwin's Doubt)

Monday, August 10 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MEETING • Zinn Commons

Friday, August 14 @ 7:00 p.m. READING PHILLIES GAME★ • First Energy Stadium, Reading

Saturday, August 15 @ 6:30 p.m. BIBLE BEE PROCLAIM NIGHT • Zinn Commons

Monday, August 17 @ 6:30 p.m. BUILDING & GROUNDS TEAM MEETING • Zinn Commons

Thursday, August 20 @ 5:30 p.m. LADIES BIBLE STUDY • Dinner at Country Fare

Monday, September 21 @ 6:30 p.m. FAMILY CARE MEETING • Zinn Commons

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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