

Sunday, September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday of Kingdom Time
The Lord's Day | Thank Offering Sunday

Organ Voluntary	To God Be the Glory / And Can It Be? – Arr. Doran	Pat Shroff
Announcements		Pastor Tim Valentino
Call to Worship	Psalm 30:1, 3-4	Pastor Tim Valentino Kaye Focht
Hymn	200: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 14:19-31	Pat Strain
The Response (RESPONSIVE WITH MUSICAL REFRAIN)	Psalm 103:8-13	Pat Strain / Kaye Focht
The Gospel Lesson	Matthew 18:23-35	Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	Luke 3:10-11	Pastor Tim Valentino
Sunday School Promotions		Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	444: Sweet Hour of Prayer (Verse 1)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Tim Valentino
Praise Hymns	Hope of the Nations / Hallelujah to the Lamb	Congregation
Sermon	Missionary to France Guest Speaker	Don Heckman
Response Hymn	460: I'll Tell to All That God Is Love	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Tim Valentino
Postlude	Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart – Messiter / Ritter	Pat Shroff

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

Lector	Pat Strain	Children's Church Leader	Tracy Farmer, Deb Smith
Responder	Kaye Focht	Nursery	Julie Barskey & Jenn 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
Violin	Rebecca Sorg	Lead Pastor	Rev. Dr. Timothy Valentino
Flutist	Shirley Long	Visitation Minister	Pat Strain
Guitarist	Scott Auchenbach	Counters (September)	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

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Call to Worship: Psalm 30:1, 3-4

¹ I will exalt you, Lord,
for you lifted me out of the depths.
³ You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead;
you spared me from going down to the pit.
⁴ Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people;
praise his holy name.

200 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



1. Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
2. Hark! the loud ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
3. Lo! the ap - os - tol - ic train Join Thy sa - cred
4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore Thee; All on earth Thy scep - ter claim;
bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
Three we name Thee; While in es - sence on - ly One,

All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; And from morn to
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee, And a - dor - ing

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
set of sun, Through the Church the song goes on.
bend the knee, While we sing our praise to Thee.

WORDS: Attr. Ignace Franz, c. 1774; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1853;
based on *Te Deum*, c.4th century
MUSIC: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, c.1774

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH
7.8.7.8.7.7

The Old Testament Reading: **Exodus 14:19-31**

¹⁹Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²²and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." ²⁷Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

The Response: **Psalm 103:8-13**

(RESPONSIVE WITH MUSICAL REFRAIN)

⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹**He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;**

MUSICAL REFRAIN

***God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good—He's so good to me.***

¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹**For as high as the heavens are above
the earth, so great is his love
for those who fear him;**

REPEAT MUSICAL REFRAIN

¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our
transgressions from us.

¹³**As a father has compassion on his
children, so the LORD has
compassion on those who fear him;**

REPEAT MUSICAL REFRAIN

God Is So Good



PLEASE STAND:

The Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 18:23-35**

²³"Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶"At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰"But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³²"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt

of yours because you begged me to. ³³Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵"This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Worship in Giving: Luke 3:10-11

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked. ¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.”

444 Sweet Hour of Prayer

WORDS: William Walford, 1845
MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1861 SWEET HOUR L.M.D.

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Fa-ther's throne Make all my wants and wish-es known;
In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, My soul has oft-en found re-lief,
And oft-es-caped the tempt-er's snare, By thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.

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Hope of the Nations

Jesus, hope of the nations
Jesus, comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of Heaven's
hope on earth

Jesus, light in the darkness
Jesus, truth in each circumstance
You are the source of Heaven's
light on earth

[CHORUS]

*In history You lived and died
You broke the chains,
You rose to life
You are the hope living in us
You are the rock in whom we trust
You are the light shining
for all the world to see
You rose from the dead
conquering fear
Our Prince of Peace
drawing us near
Jesus our hope, living
for all who will receive
Lord, we believe*

Jesus, hope of the nations
Jesus, comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of Heaven's
hope on earth

Jesus, light in the darkness
Jesus, truth in each circumstance
You are the source of Heaven's
light on earth

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

*Lord, we believe
Lord, we believe
Lord, we believe*

Hallelujah To The Lamb

Lord, I stand in the midst of a multitude
of those from every tribe and tongue;
We are Your people, redeemed by Your blood,
purchased from death by Your love.
There are no words good enough to thank You,
there are no words to express my praise;
But I will lift up my voice
and sing from my heart with all of my strength.

[CHORUS]

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, to the Lamb;
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
by the blood of Christ we stand.
Every tongue, every tribe,
Every people, every land;
Giving glory, giving honor,
Giving praise unto the Lamb of God.**

Lord, we stand by grace in Your presence,
cleansed by the blood of the Lamb;
We are Your children, called by Your name,
humbly we bow and we pray.
Release Your power
to work in us and through us,
'til we are changed to be more like You;
Then all the nations will see
Your glory revealed and worship You.

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

460 All the Way My Savior Leads Me

1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; What have I to ask be - side? Can I
 2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Cheers each wind-ing path I tread, Gives me
 3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; Oh, the full - ness of His love! Per-fect

doubt His ten - der mer - cy, Who thru life has been my guide? Heav'n-ly
 grace for ev - 'ry tri - al, Feeds me with the liv - ing bread: Tho my
 rest to me is prom-ised In my Fa - ther's house a - bove: When my

peace, di - vin - est com - fort, Here by faith in Him to dwell! For I
 wea - ry steps may fal - ter, And my soul a - thirst may be, Gush-ing
 spir - it, cloth'd im - mor - tal, Wings its flight to realms of day, This my

know what-e'er be - fall me, Je - sus do - eth all things well; well.
 from the Rock be - fore me, Lo! a spring of joy I see; see.
 song thru end-less a - ges: Je - sus led me all the way; way.

TEXT: Fanny J. Croeby
 MUSIC: Robert Lowry

opt. segue to "He Leadeth Me"
 ALL THE WAY
 R.T.R.T.D.

Wednesday, September 9 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER
 • Zinn Commons & Zoom

Sunday, September 13 @ 10:30 a.m. PROMOTION SUNDAY • Sanctuary

Monday, September 14 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MTG • Zinn Commons

Friday, September 18 @ 7:30 p.m. • Zinn Commons

All children's workers and interested persons are invited to attend

WORKSHOP ON CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT*

Mike Barnhart, Director of CEF of Lebanon County will lead the workshop.

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Contact Steph Hammer at 717-228-7832 • sah2@verizon.net

Sunday, September 20 @ 9:00 a.m. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES COMBINE
 See below • Zinn Commons

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

Thursday, September 24 @ 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH • Student Lounge

Sunday, September 27 ANNUAL FALL PICNIC • following morning worship
 • Myerstown Rod & Gun Club • Sign up sheet in the narthex

Monday, September 28 @ 5:30 p.m. BUILDING & GROUNDS MTG • Zinn Commons
 @ 5:30 p.m. CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY MTG • Including supper
 @ 6:30 p.m. FAITH & SCIENCE MTG • Zinn Commons • New Module Begins

Sunday, October 4 @ 12:00 p.m. ANNA'S CIRCLE MTG • Zinn Commons

Monday, October 5 @ 6:30 p.m. MY PALS SCHOOL BOARD MTG • Zinn Commons

COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: The two adult Sunday school classes will be combined starting September 20 for a study called "A History of Christian Worship: Ancient Ways, Future Paths." Beginning at 9:00 a.m., the class will be co-taught by Kirby Keller and Pastor Tim.

For followers of Jesus Christ, worship has spanned over two thousand years to include a long and diverse history of sacred practices. The many ways in which the faithful have preserved and celebrated God's story has been limited only by Scripture and the human imagination.

The course will explore centuries of worship practices as seen through the eyes of Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox churches and discussed by leading voices from a wide cross-section of Christians. Class discussions will provide an opportunity for understanding the liturgical practices at Christ Community Church.

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.

Needed for VBS 2027: both light & dark BLUE plastic table cloths for decorating.

PROMOTION SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Congratulations

Florence Sorg & Brianna Schubauer

moving up to 6th grade (Middle School); Teacher - Mrs. Sonya Valentino

William (Billy) Sorg III & Arianna Schubauer

moving up to 3rd grade (Middlers Class); Teacher - Mrs. Karen Nixon

Florence Sorg & Brianna Schubauer

aging out of Christ Kids' Church during Worship Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - BEGINNING AT 9 A.M.

Join us for Sunday School

ADULTS: Combined class beginning September 20

"A History of Christian Worship: Ancient Ways, Future Paths"

Co-taught by Pastor Tim Valentino and Rev. Kirby Keller
Meets in Zinn Common, #G12

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Taught by Mrs. Sonya Valentino • Meets in Room #201

MIDDLERS • Grades 3rd-5th grade

Taught by Mrs. Karen Nixon • Meets in Room #105 (through the Library #106)

PRIMARY • Pre-K (ages 4 years old) thru 2nd grade

Taught by Mrs. Stephanie Hammer • Meets in Room #107

NURSERY • Birth thru 3 years old

Taught by a team of rotating teachers • Meets in the Nursery Room, #111