

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday of Kingdom Time
The Lord's Day

Organ Voluntary	Time to Worship / We Meet to Worship – Arr. Wyrzten	Pat Shroff
Announcements		Pastor Tim Valentino
Call to Worship	Revelation 1:17b-18	Pastor Tim Valentino Kirby Keller
Hymn	161: Thine Is The Glory, Risen Conquering Son	Congregation
Prayer of Adoration		Pastor Tim Valentino
Scripture Readings		
The Old Testament Lesson	Exodus 16:2-14	Lisa Dreibelbis
The Response	Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45	Lisa Dreibelbis / Kirby Keller
The Gospel Lesson	Matthew 20:1-16	Lisa Dreibelbis
Missions Moment		Pat Strain
Worship in Giving	Leviticus 19:9-10	Pastor Tim Valentino
Prayer Hymn	444: Sweet Hour of Prayer (Verse 2)	Congregation
Prayer Led by Pastor		Pastor Tim Valentino
Praise Hymns	It is Not Death to Die / Forever	Congregation
Sermon	Raised Immortal 15: Celebrating the Victory of Jesus over Death (1 Cor 15:54-57)	Pastor Tim Valentino
Response Hymn	277: I Heard An Old, Old Story	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Tim Valentino
Postlude	Celebration – Lani Smith	Pat Shroff

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

Lector	Lisa Dreibelbis	Children's Church Leader	Tracy Farmer, Sonya Valentino
Responder	Rev. Dr. Kirby Keller	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
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: Revelation 1:17b-18

^{17b} Then he placed his right hand on me and said:

“Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.

¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look,
I am alive for ever and ever!

And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”

161 Thine Is the Glory, Risen Conquering Son



1. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, Ris - en, from the tomb; Lov - ing - ly He
3. No more we doubt Thee, Glo - rious Prince of Life! Life is naught with-
vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets us, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let His church with glad - ness
out Thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,
Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For her Lord now liv - eth;
Through Thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan
Refrain
Where Thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
To Thy home a - bove.
End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won. A - men.

WORDS: Edmond L. Budry, 1884; tr. Richard B. Hoyle, 1923
MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1746

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 16:2-14

²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” ⁸Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

The Response: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

¹Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

²Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

³Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

⁵Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

⁶you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

³⁷He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold, and from among their tribes no one faltered.

³⁸Egypt was glad when they left, because dread of Israel had fallen on them.

³⁹He spread out a cloud as a covering, and a fire to give light at night.

⁴⁰They asked, and he brought them quail; he fed them well with the bread of heaven.

⁴¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed like a river in the desert.

⁴²For he remembered his holy promise given to his servant Abraham.

⁴³He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy;

⁴⁴he gave them the lands of the nations, and they fell heir to what others had toiled for—

⁴⁵that they might keep his precepts and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD.

PLEASE STAND:

The New Testament Lesson: Matthew 20:1-16

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’

⁵So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷“‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹²“These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? ¹⁴Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶“So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Worship in Giving: Leviticus 19:9-10

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.”

444 Sweet Hour of Prayer

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

2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear,

To Him whose truth and faith-ful - ness En-gage the wait-ing soul to bless;

And since He bids me seek His face, Be-lieve His word and trust His grace,

I'll cast on Him my ev - ery care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

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It is Not Death to Die

It is not death to die,
to leave this weary road,
and join the saints who dwell on high,
who've found their home with God.
It is not death to close
the eyes long dimmed by tears,
and wake in joy before Your throne,
delivered from our fears.

[CHORUS]

***O Jesus, conquering the grave,
your precious blood has power to save.
Those who trust in You
will in Your mercy find
that it is not death to die.***

It is not death to fling
aside this earthly dust,
and rise with strong and noble wing
to live among the just.
It is not death to hear
the key unlock the door
that sets us free from mortal years
to praise You evermore.

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

The moon and stars they wept
The morning sun was dead
The Savior of the world was fallen
His body on the cross
His blood poured out for us
The weight of every curse upon him

One final breath he gave
As heaven looked away
The son of God was laid in darkness
A battle in the grave
The war on death was waged
The power of hell forever broken

The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away
His perfect love could not be overcome
Now death where is your sting?
Our resurrected King
has rendered you defeated

[CHORUS]

***Forever He is glorified
Forever He is lifted high
Forever He is risen
He is alive, He is alive!***

[REPEAT CHORUS 1X]

The ground began to shake
The stone was rolled away
His perfect love could not be overcome
Now death where is your sting?
Our resurrected King
has rendered you defeated

[REPEAT CHORUS 2X]

***We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah
The Lamb has overcome***

[REPEAT ABOVE 2X]

We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah
We sing hallelujah

277 I Heard an Old, Old Story

1. I heard an old, old sto - ry, how a Sav - ior came from glo - ry,
 2. I heard a - bout His heal - ing, of His cleans - ing pow'r re - veal - ing,
 3. I heard a - bout a man - sion He has built for me in glo - ry,

How He gave his life on Cal - va - ry to save a wretch like me;
 How He made the lame to walk a - gain and caused the blind to see;
 And I heard a - bout the streets of gold be - yond the crys - tal sea;

I heard a - bout His groan - ing, of His pre - cious blood's a - ton - ing,
 And then I cried "Dear Je - sus, come and heal my bro - ken spir - it,"
 A - bout the an - gels sing - ing, and the old re - demp - tion sto - ry,

Then I re - pent - ed of my sins and won the vic - to - ry.
 And some - how Je - sus came and bro't to me the vic - to - ry.
 And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of vic - to - ry.

Refrain
 O vic - to - ry in Je - sus, my Sav - ior, for - ev - er, He sought me and

bought me with His re - deem - ing blood; He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my

love is due Him, He plunged me to vic - to - ry be - neath the cleans - ing flood.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

* SIGN UP in narthex
 and/or on line

TODAY, September 20 @ 9:00 a.m. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES COMBINE
 Zinn Commons

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

Wednesday, September 23 @ 7:00 p.m. MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER
 • Zinn Commons & Zoom

Thursday, September 24 @ 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

Sundays in October COLLECTING FOR MISSIONARIES' CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Sunday, October 4 @ 10:00 a.m. WORLDWIDE COMMUNION • Sanctuary

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

Thursday, October 8 @ 7:00 p.m. MEN OF ADVENTURE at the home of Kirby Keller
 7:00 p.m. WOMEN OF FAITH in the Student Lounge

Monday, October 12 @ 6:30 p.m. MINISTRY COUNCIL MTG • Zinn Commons

Friday, October 16 to Saturday, October 17 24-HOUR PRAYER VIGIL*
 • From Anywhere in the World • Contact Sonya for more info

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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 18 CHURCH DINNER @ 12:15 p.m. in Zinn Commons.*

Please sign up to attend and bring food.

Saturday, October 24 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. TRUNK OR TREAT in church parking lot.

• Candy donations are greatly appreciated to help out those who are decorating their cars for Trunk or Treat. There is a box in the lobby for your donations. All candy must be wrapped. Sugar free, peanut free and gluten free items are also needed.

• **Let us know if you will be decorating a car by signing the sheet in the narthex.***

Sunday, November 22: OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Your boxes need to be returned today.



Saturday, November 27 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.: HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Operating the hot chocolate stand • Corner of Main and Locust Streets

See Lisa Dreibelbis for more info • Please sign-up to participate!*

Saturday, November 28: MYERSTOWN HOLIDAY PARADE

Forming at 2:30 p.m. • Walking at 4:00 p.m. • Please sign-up to participate!*

Classical Conversations Home School is now using several of our classrooms on Fridays (on a donation basis).

They are in need of several persons to work in the nursery during class time, to watch their younger children. This would be on Fridays from 9-12 and 1-3. If anyone is interested or wants more information, please contact Lori Roth at 717-644-2574.

2026 One-Day Women's Retreat Prayer Vigil.

For this year, we will putting into practice what we have learned by having 24-hours of uninterrupted prayer.

If you would like to participate, there is information, a sign-up sheet, and a prayer vigil guide in the narthex. Our brothers in Christ are welcome to participate, too.

To leave prayer out is to leave God out. (EM Bounds)