

*...He looked up to heaven  
and said, "Father, the  
hour has come; glorify  
your Son so that the  
Son may glorify you".*

*John 17:1*



Bazetta Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
Rev. Timothy McCollum, Pastor

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**Celebrating the Lord's Day**  
at  
Bazetta Christian Church  
August 20, 2023  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*The Church Gathers Before God*

**GREETINGS IN CHRIST**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

*"Nothing Else"* by Cody Carnes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Michelle Aliesch, Liturgist

L: From out of our silent depths into visible corporate acts,

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

L: Gathering the fragments of our church into a living icon of the redeeming, reconciling, prophetic Christ,

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

L: Bonding together the dissenter, the affirmer and the questor,

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

L: Radiating the power and the light of our rainbow-hued people,

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

L: Revealing your presence in and among each perceived or self-defined minority, wounded, lonely or angry,

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

L: Gathering the fragments of our church into dynamic communities of faith engaged in prophetic, redemptive and reconciling ministries of love,

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

~Harold Johnson, 20<sup>th</sup> century Disciples church executive

~Litany of the Spirit, *Chalice Hymnal*, #246

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"Jesu, Jesu"*

#600

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,  
Neighbors are near and far away. Refrain

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love,  
all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,  
this is the way we should live with you. Refrain

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. Refrain

### **\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

L: Let us join together in prayer.

**Holy and Awesome God, do Your work in us this day. Renew in us the hope we have in Christ. Remind us of the call we have to follow, to reach, to love like Jesus. Where we are broken, tend our wounds. Where we are struggling, build us up. And should we struggle with a hard-hearted faith in a chaotic world, pour fresh grace into us. Strengthen our lives for the work of sharing hope and compassion with a hurting world. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, amen.**

### **\*THE PEACE**

*The people exchange with one another, by words and careful gesture,  
signs of peace and reconciliation.*

### **ANTHEM**

“Psalm 8” – Dave Clark, Cliff Duren

Summer Choir

### **GOSPEL READING**

John 17:1-12; Common English Bible

When Jesus finished saying these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, so that the Son can glorify you. You gave him authority over everyone so that he could give eternal life to everyone you gave him. This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I shared with you before the world was created.

“I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

“I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy Father, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled.

This is the word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#46

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. Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:13-26; Common English Bible

Now I'm coming to you and I say these things while I'm in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. I'm not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. They don't belong to this world, just as I don't belong to this world. Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

"I'm not praying only for them but also for those who believe in me because of their word. I pray they will be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. I pray that they also will be in us, so that the world will believe that you sent me. I've given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one. I'm in them and you are in me so that they will be made perfectly one. Then the world will know that you sent me and that you have loved them just as you loved me.

"Father, I want those you gave me to be with me where I am. Then they can see my glory, which you gave me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

"Righteous Father, even the world didn't know you, but I've known you, and these believers know that you sent me. I've made your name known to them and will continue to make it known so that your love for me will be in them, and I myself will be in them."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

"just like Christ"

**\*SONG OF PRESENTATION**

*"They'll Know We are Christians"*

#494

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: Refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride: Refrain

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: Refrain

**\*DISCIPLES OF CHRIST IDENTITY STATEMENT**

**We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Words of Institution

Communion Music

*"Here at the Table, Lord"*

Summer Choir

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

**Christ Has Died**

**Christ Is Risen**

**Christ Will Come Again**

**\*BENEDICTION**

## SONG OF SENDING

*"Pass It On"*

#477

It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding, the birds begin to sing,  
the flowers start their blooming; that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found—on God you can depend, it matters  
not where you're bound; I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know:  
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

## CLOSING MUSIC

*"Start Right Here"* – Casting Crowns

Darlene Ball – Choir Director

\*All who are able may stand.

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## A Disciples Affirmation

As members of the Christian Church,

We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.

In Christ's name and by his grace we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.

We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another.

Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit we are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ.

At the table of the Lord we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ.

Within the universal church, we receive the gift of ministry and the light of scripture.

In the bonds of Christian faith we yield ourselves to God that we may serve the One whose kingdom has no end.

Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever. Amen

*~Preamble to the Design for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Chalice Hymnal, #355*

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A warm welcome to all as we gather as God's people to worship the Lord. May our worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve him who loves us with an everlasting love in Christ Jesus.

If you have questions concerning membership with this congregation, speak with Pastor Tim or any of the BCC Elders (Jeannette Callahan, Paula Davis, Jim Dolgae, Heather Faler, Myra May, Christy McCollum, Valarie Rizzo, Michelle Stineman, Megen Stocker, Cathy Wilterdink).

### **Sermon series - We call ourselves disciples.**

August 20 - *"The welcome table"* extending the grace we've found to the world, the chalice of Christ

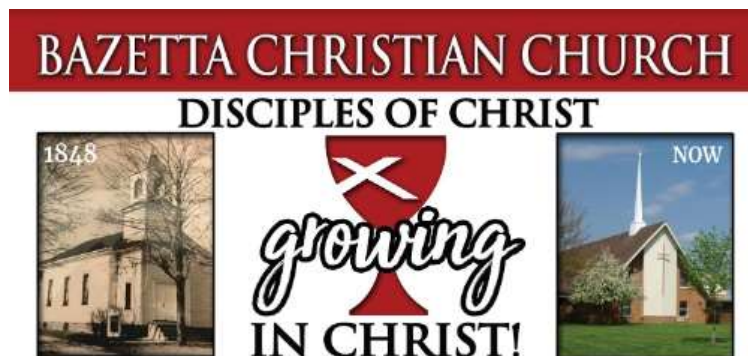
**Chancel Choir Fall Season** begins this Thursday, August 24, at 7 p.m. and will continue each Thursday at 7. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

**Liturgists are needed:** Please sign up for the Sunday that you would like to volunteer to serve as Liturgist. Readings will be sent to you ahead of time.

**Loose Change Mission Jar:** We are collecting loose change for missions in the Gathering Space. From July through September, the funds will go to Week of Compassion. Thank you!

**Communion Preparers** are needed for the months of October, May, and August. Contact Michelle Stineman to volunteer.

**Greeters:** Let Michelle Stineman know if you wish to continue to be on the schedule. If there is anyone who would like to get on the schedule to serve as a Greeter, please let Michelle know.



## **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Outdoor Worship and Celebration Picnic**

**Today!**

**Worship at 10:00 a.m. and Picnic to follow**

**Please plan to stay and join in the celebration!!!**



### **Baptism at the Pond**

September 10, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Schwartz Farm, 4193 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland

We will unite for worship at 1:00 p.m. at the pond. This service will include baptisms/rededications. We will then enjoy a joyous picnic celebration. Wear your red BCC shirt and bring your favorite dish to share and lawn chairs. Table service will be provided. Stay tuned for further details.

Anyone interested in accepting Jesus and being baptized, or who wants a baptism of rededication, please let Pastor Tim or one of the Elders know.

Please note that worship will not be held at BCC on the morning of September 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **THIS WEEK AT BAZETTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. Scouts  
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Next Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship

#### **In case of emergencies:**

**Fire Alarm:** Calmly and quickly evacuate the building. Reassemble at the pavilion next to the garage. No longer at flagpole. Do not block the fire lanes. All doors in the sanctuary lead to outside exits.

**Tornado Warning:** Calmly and quickly exit through the rear doors and assemble in the hallway of the Educational Wing/Child Care area. Stay away from all doors and windows.

**Gunshots or Threats:** Duck down between the pews to shield yourself and allow the Security Team to handle the situation.

### **Open Communion and Offering Information**

We celebrate the Communion of the Lord's Supper every week. It is open to ALL Christians. Everyone who is able is invited to come to the front by rows. A piece of bread and cup of grape juice will be given to you to partake. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Return to your seat by the side aisles.

Kneelers are available on each side for those who wish to stop and pray. If you are not able to come forward for any reason, a plate and cup will be offered to you. If you prefer not to partake, just indicate that when offered the elements.

The offering that we share in worship is part of our shared commitment to doing ministry together. In our offering, we reflect that we are called to share in the blessings we have that others may be blessed. Offering bowls are provided in the center and right-hand aisles.