

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

**Sunday, April 28, 2024
10:00 a.m.
The Fifth Sunday of Easter**



**Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86288152681>
Radio Station 88.7 for Parking Lot**

Celebrating the Lord's Day
The Church Gathers Before God

**All who are able may stand.*

Centering Music

"God be the Glory"

by We Are Messengers

***Call to Worship**

Chalice Hymnal pg.733, Psalm 22:25-31

L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

C: my vows I will pay before those who fear God.

L: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

C: those who seek the LORD shall sing praise.

May your hearts live forever!

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

C: and all the families of the nations shall worship before God.

L: For dominion belongs to the LORD,

C: who rules over the nations.

L: To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

**C: before God shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for the LORD.**

L: Posterity will serve the LORD;

future generations will be told about the Lord,

**C: and proclaim deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that God has done it.**

***Opening Hymn**

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#2

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive our fear and doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus; stars of morning, take your part;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding those of tender heart.
Ever singing, move we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***Congregational Prayer**

L: Let us join together in prayer.

**Wondrous God, You call us your people. You name us children of the Most High God.
From our brokenness, bring Your wholeness. Out of our weakness, bring Your strength.
And in the places where we struggle, may Your compassion bring greater love to life in us.
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

"Your Grace Still Amazes Me"

Words & music by Connie Harrington and Shawn Craig, Arranged by Jay Rouse

First Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21 Contemporary English Version

My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know him. God is love, and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him. God showed his love for us when he sent his only Son into the world to give us life. Real love isn't our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven. Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we must love each other.

No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is truly in our hearts.

God has given us his Spirit. This is how we know we are one with him, just as he is one with us. God sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. We saw his Son and are now telling others about him. God stays one with everyone who openly says Jesus is the Son of God. This is how we stay one with God and are sure God loves us.

God is love. If we keep on loving others, we will stay one in our hearts with God, and he will stay one with us. If we truly love others and live as Christ did in this world, we won't be worried about the day of judgment. A real love for others will chase those worries away. The thought of being punished is what makes us afraid. It shows we have not really learned to love.

We love because God loved us first. But if we say we love God and don't love each other, we are liars. We cannot see God. So how can we love God, if we don't love the people we can see? The commandment that God has given us is: "Love God and love each other!"

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 Reading

John 15:1-8 New International Version

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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Message

"Words"

Song of Presentation

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

#487

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love;
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

***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

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Christ Has Died

Christ Is Risen

Christ Will Come Again

***Closing Hymn**

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

#275

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with your faithful loving kindness hear your people as they pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within its walls always.

Here bestow on all your servants what they ask of you to gain,
what they gain from you forever with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

"Walk with Jesus"

by Consumed by Fire

Darlene Ball, Choir Director

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 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 so that others may be blessed. Offering bowls are provided in the center and right-hand aisles.

If you have questions regarding membership with our congregation, speak with Pastor Tim or any of the BCC Elders: (Dan Davis, Paula Davis, Jim Dolgae, Heather Faler, Myra May, Christy McCollum, Valarie Rizzo, Michelle Stineman, Megen Stocker, Larry Swiger).

This week at BCC

	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
May 1	Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl
	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship

Announcements

Woman's Spiritual Program and Mother's Day Tea will be on Saturday, May 18. *SURRENDERED, Letting Go & Living Like Jesus* By Barb Roose. Registration is now open, and workbooks are available in the office for a donation of \$15.00 if you are able. We will meet at the church; the doors will open at 9:30. The program will include lunch and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Are you facing a problem in life that you just can't fix, no matter what you do? Perhaps you've heard the phrase "Let go and let God." But it's easier said than done. Is it possible that giving up on what you can't change is God's path to peace for your life? Join us for this journey! All women are welcome. For more information, feel free to reach out to Valarie Rizzo. Please make checks for the book, payable to BCC.

The Beacon deadline is Monday, April 29. If you wish to have something published in the May edition, please email Melanie in the office. In addition, if you have or know someone graduating, please send Melanie their information. (Name, school, degree if it's collegiate, and your relation. i.e. grandchild). We would love to recognize their accomplishments!

Mark your calendars for June 8. We will have a Church clean-up day outside. Look for more information in the May Beacon.

Our Outreach Loose Change Mission Jar collection through June, will be donated to Camp Christian. Once again, the Elder's will match all donated funds.