

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

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Celebrating the Lord's Day

at

Bazetta Christian Church October 1, 2023 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Church Gathers Before God

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

CENTERING MUSIC

"There is Peace in Christ" - Iam Tongi

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Megen Stocker, Liturgist

- L: O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us,
- C: that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
- L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
- C: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
- L: May God continue to bless us;
- C: let all the ends of the earth revere God.

Psalm 67, page 744, Chalice Hymnal

*OPENING HYMN "For the Healing of the Nations"

#668, v. 1,2,3

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

L: Let us join together in prayer.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Prayer of St. Francis, #468

*THE PEACE

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

ANTHEM

"We Come Broken"

Chancel Choir

Don Koch, Ryan Langford, Kenna Turner West; ar. Kirk Kirkland

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22, Christian Standard Bible So, then, remember that at one time you were Gentiles in the flesh—called "the uncircumcised" by those called "the circumcised," which is done in the flesh by human hands. At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who made both groups one and tore down the dividing wall of hostility. In his flesh, he made of no effect the law consisting of commands and expressed in regulations, so that he might create in himself one new man from the two, resulting in peace. He did this so that he might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by which he put the hostility to death. He came and proclaimed the good news of peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

"He Is Lord" *DOXOLOGY #117

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOSPEL READING

John 14:25-31: New International Version "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

"Come now; let us leave.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "peace"

"In Christ There Is No East or West" SONG OF PRESENTATION #687 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find; his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be; all children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west in him meet south and north; all loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

*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 "Take Our Bread" Chancel Choir

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Christ Has Died Christ Is Risen Christ Will Come Again

*CLOSING HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

#677

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

*BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING

I don't want to hear anymore

Teach me to listen

I don't want to see anymore

Give me a vision

That you could move this heart

To be set apart

I don't need to recognize

The man in the mirror

And I don't want to trade your plan

For something familiar I can't waste a day

I can't stay the same

I want to be different

I want to be changed

'til all of me is gone

And all that remains

Is a fire so bright

The whole world can see

That there's something different

so come and be different in me

and I don't want to spend my life

stuck in a pattern

and I don't want to gain this world

but lose what matters

so I'm giving up

everything because

I want to be different

"Different" - Micah Tyler

I want to be changed 'til all of me is gone And all that remains

Is a fire so bright

The whole world can see

That there's something different

So come and be different

I know that I am far from perfect

But through you the cross still says I'm worth it

Take this beating in my heart Come and finish what I've started When they see me, let them see you

'cause I just want to be different

I want to be different I want to be changed

'til all of me is gone

And all that remains

Is a fire so bright

The whole world can see

That there's something different

So come and be different I just want to be different

So could you be different

In me

Darlene Ball, Choir Director *All who are able may stand.

In case of emergencies:

<u>Fire Alarm:</u> 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.

<u>Tornado Warning:</u> 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.

<u>Gunshots or Threats:</u> 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.

THIS WEEK AT BAZETTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Breakfast @ Eat 'n Park

Childcare Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude

7:00 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday: Childcare Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude

3:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Small Group

10:00 a.m. Worship

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to this fellowship of believers. Today we join with Christians around the world to remember and to celebrate all that Christ did as he gave his body to be broken for us. We hope that you will feel Christ's love for you in the breaking of the bread and in the midst of our fellowship on World Communion Day and every day.

If you have questions concerning membership with this 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).

Loose Change Mission Jar: We are collecting loose change in the Gathering Space for missions. From October through December, the funds will go to Youngstown Blue Coats. Thank you!



Stories from the Mission Field

Wednesday, October 11, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at BCC

Come and hear David and Julie Leatherberry speak of their answer to God's call regarding their experiences while serving in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Russia, and the Cech Republic

All are invited and encouraged to attend. Invite others too!

MEN'S RETREAT

Friday, October 13, to Saturday, October 14 Camp Asbury, Epworth Lodge, Hiram, Ohio

The men's group at Bazetta Christian Church will be hosting our first spiritual retreat aimed at helping men grow in their faith. The theme this year will be "Walking the Walk" learning to develop spiritual practices of faith.

This event will include a meal Friday night, breakfast on Saturday morning and lunch Saturday afternoon. We will begin gathering at 6 p.m. Friday and be finished by 4 p.m. Saturday. It will be a great time to spend with one another and God in the midst of God's creation. For those attending, we are asking for a \$15 donation to help cover food costs.



Women's Spiritual Day

Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Bazeta Christian Church "Treasured"

The day will be enriched with activities and discussions that will enhance and further develop our relationship with Jesus. Bible study, lunch, relaxation, friendship, worship and fellowship opportunities as well as favors and fun bible related activities will be provided. All Ladies are Welcome! Bring your friends!