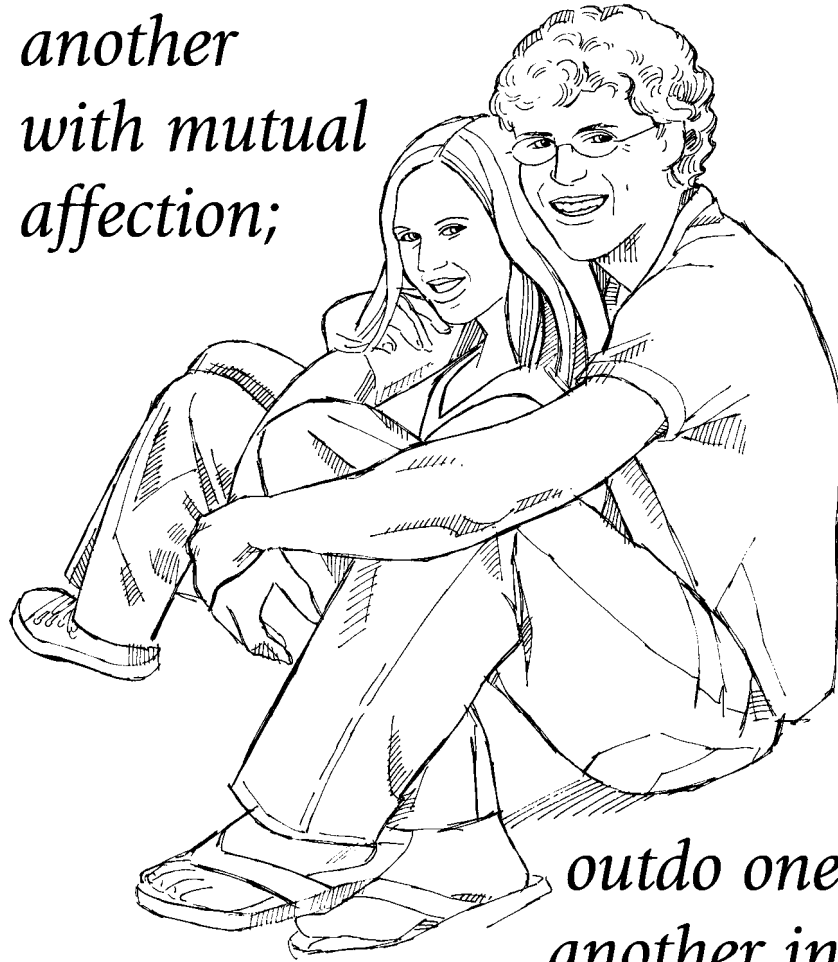


*Love one
another
with mutual
affection;*



Romans 12:10

*outdo one
another in
showing
honor.*

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

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Celebrating the Lord's Day
at
Bazetta Christian Church
October 15, 2023
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Church Gathers Before God

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

CENTERING MUSIC

"Come Jesus Come" – Stephen McWhirter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Megen Stocker, Liturgist

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

C: **Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

L: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

C: **But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

L: I wait for you, my soul waits, and in your word I hope.

C: **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.**

L: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

C: **It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.**

Psalm 130, pg. 762, *Chalice Hymnal*

***OPENING HYMN**

"All the Way my Savior Leads Me"

#559

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my Guide?

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!

For I know what e'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;

For I know what e'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,

Gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread.

Though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a-thirst may be,

Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see

Gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me; oh, the fullness of his love!

Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.

When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,

This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way;

This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

L: Let us join together in prayer.

Wondrous God, we are amazed when you perform miracles in our midst. Help us to see the common miracles we too commonly miss in acts of kindness, compassion, and grace. Send your Holy Spirit that we might join in the work of making space for miracles in the world through hearts devoted to Christ, through lives shared in love. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

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

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir

“Jude Doxology” – Randy Butler, Terry Butler; arr. Dave Williamson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12; The Voice

Brothers and sisters, in light of *all I have shared with you about* God’s mercies, I urge you to offer your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice *to God*, a sacred offering that brings Him pleasure; this is your reasonable, essential worship. Do not allow this world to mold you in its own image. Instead, be transformed *from the inside out* by renewing your mind. As a result, you will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete.

Because of the grace allotted to me, I can *respectfully* tell you not to think of yourselves as being more important than you are; devote your minds to sound judgment since God has assigned to each of us a measure of faith. For in the same way that one body has so many different parts, each with different functions; we, too—the many—are different parts that form one body in the Anointed One. Each one of us is joined with one another, *and we become together what we could not be alone*. Since our gifts vary depending on the grace poured out on each of us, *it is important that we exercise the gifts we have been given*. If prophecy is your gift, then speak as a prophet according to your proportion of faith. If service is your gift, then serve well. If teaching is your gift, then teach well. If you have been given a voice of encouragement, then use it *often*. If giving is your gift, then be generous. If leading, then be eager to get started. If sharing God’s mercy, then be cheerful in sharing it.

Love others *well*, and don’t hide behind a mask; love authentically. Despise evil; pursue what is good *as if your life depends on it*. Live in true devotion to one another, loving each other as sisters and brothers. Be first to honor others *by putting them first*. Do not slack in your faithfulness and hard work. Let your spirit be on fire, bubbling up and boiling over, as you serve the Lord. *Do not forget to* rejoice, for hope is always just around the corner. Hold up through the hard times that are coming, and devote yourselves to prayer. Share what you have with the saints, so they lack nothing; take every opportunity to open your *life and* home to others.

If people mistreat or malign you, bless them. Always speak blessings, not curses. If some have cause to celebrate, join in the celebration. And if others are weeping, join in that as well. Work toward unity, and live in harmony with one another. Avoid thinking you are better than others or wiser than the rest; instead, embrace common people *and ordinary tasks*. Do not retaliate

with evil, regardless of the evil brought against you. Try to do what is good *and right and honorable* as agreed upon by all people. If it is within your power, make peace with all people. *Again*, my loved ones, do not seek revenge; instead, allow God's wrath *to make sure justice is served. Turn it over to Him.* For the Scriptures say, "Revenge is Mine. I will settle all scores." But *consider this bit of wisdom:* "If your enemy is hungry, give him something to eat. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink; because if you treat him kindly, it will be like heaping hot coals on top of his head." Never let evil get the best of you; instead, overpower evil with the good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***DOXOLOGY**

"He Is Lord"

#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

Mark 8:1-10; New English Translation

In those days there was another large crowd with nothing to eat. So Jesus called his disciples and said to them, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have already been here with me three days, and they have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will faint on the way, and some of them have come from a great distance." His disciples answered him, "Where can someone get enough bread in this desolate place to satisfy these people?" He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They replied, "Seven." Then he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. After he took the seven loaves and gave thanks, he broke them and began giving them to the disciples to serve. So they served the crowd. They also had a few small fish. After giving thanks for these, he told them to serve these as well. Everyone ate and was satisfied, and they picked up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. There were about 4,000 who ate. Then he dismissed them. Immediately he got into a boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

"kindness"

SONG OF PRESENTATION

“The Church of Christ in Every Age”

#475

The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice, and clothed in Christ’s humanity.

For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
to care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ’s liberating word.

***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

“Trusting Jesus, That is All” – Kaleb Brasee

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Christ Has Died

Christ Is Risen

Christ Will Come Again

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Jesu, Jesu”

#600, verses 1-4

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

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG

We are the body of the Most High
We are the bride of a Savior
And we fall for the King of the Kingdom
As we sing the songs of salvation
And we stand for those who cannot stand for themselves
And we love the loveless
And we go where Your light's not shining
We are the body of Christ
We shine like a city on a hilltop
We boast in the Spirit living in us
And we march on a road leading to freedom
As we reach out our hands to the fallen
And we bring living waters to the thirsty
And we live for the One who was and is to come
So our life counts for something greater than our self
We are the body of Christ
And our anthem will be a song of praise to the King
He is worthy
He is worthy
With one voice we will sing where o death is your sting

"We are the Body" - Brook Hills Music

He is mighty
He is mighty
And our anthem will be a song of praise to the King
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He is mighty
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And we bring living waters to the thirsty
And we live for the One who was and is and is to come
So our life counts to something greater than our self
We are the body of Christ
We are the body of Christ
We are the body of Christ

Darlene Ball, Choir Director

*All who are able may stand.

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THIS WEEK AT BAZETTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Tuesday:	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Administrative Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday:	9:30 a.m.	Childcare Center – Donuts for Dads
	3:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Saturday:	9-2:30	Women's Spiritual Day
	5-8 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Next Sunday:	9:00 a.m.	Small Group
	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.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Here let us seek to see God more clearly, love God more completely, and serve God more certainly. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

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!



Women's Spiritual Day

Saturday, October 21, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Bazetta 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 Welcome! Sign up today!



BCC will be participating in Operation Christmas Child. Should you choose to be involved in this project, here is what you do: you get a shoebox, pack it with items, and it will be sent to a child somewhere in the world to feel God's love. Information is available with what you can and cannot put in the boxes. Boxes will be available in the Gathering Space or you can use your own shoebox. If you choose to participate, please fill a box and return it by **November 12th**. The shipping fee for each box will be paid for. Every shoebox gift is an excellent resource for evangelism and discipleship, which leads to the multiplication of new believers and churches around the world. Local Christians from the distribution areas will share the Gospel, inviting children to trust in Jesus. Then, boys and girls receive a surprise that may be their first gift ever. They hold in their hands a tangible expression of God's love.

After children receive shoebox gifts, many also participate in a 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Through this course, which includes Bible stories and Scripture memorization, they learn how to follow Christ in their daily lives as they tell their family and friends about him.

See or call Shelley Dolgae for more details. Her phone number is 330-360-8041.

Looking Ahead. . .

Save the date of Sunday, November 19, 2023

Bazetta Christian Church's 175th Anniversary Celebration

Stay tuned for further details!