



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

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**Celebrating the Lord's Day**  
at  
Bazetta Christian Church  
October 29, 2023  
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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***The Church Gathers Before God***

**GREETINGS IN CHRIST**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

*"This is Jesus"* – performed by Jordan Smith

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jim Dolgae, Liturgist

- L: In you, O God, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.
- C: **Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**
- L: You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
- C: **take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**
- L: Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, faithful God.
- C: **You hate those who pay regard to worthless idols, but I trust in you.**
- L: I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love, because you have seen my affliction; you have taken heed of my adversities,
- C: **and have not delivered me into the hand of the enemy; you have set my feet in a broad place.**

Psalm 31, page 738, *Chalice Hymnal*

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*"The Church of Christ in Every Age"*

#475, verses 1,2,3,5

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.

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.

## **\*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

L: Let us join together in prayer.

**Merciful God, may the presence of Christ become real to us today. Make our hearts free, that we might set down our burdens before You. May the brokenness in us be met by the healing in You. Then may the Spirit set aside on fire with praise for the God who makes all things new. 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**

*“Magnificent & Holy” -*  
words & music Israel Houghton; arr. Russell Mauldin

Chancel Choir

## **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

James 2; New Living Translation

My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others?

For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well, doesn’t this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives?

Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn’t God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren’t they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? But you dishonor the poor! Isn’t it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? Aren’t they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear?

Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws. For the same God who said, “You must not commit adultery,” also said, “You must not murder.” So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law.

So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no

food or clothing, and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.”

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

Don’t you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” He was even called the friend of God. So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.

Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

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

Luke 16:1-15; New Revised Standard Version

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him. So he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others, but God knows your hearts, for what is prized by humans is an abomination in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## MESSAGE

“faithfulness”

## SONG OF PRESENTATION

*“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

#425

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

### Refrain:

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

### Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.

### 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

*"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"* – performed by Kaleb Brasee

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

**Christ Has Died**

**Christ Is Risen**

**Christ Will Come Again**

## **\*CLOSING HYMN**

*"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

#464, verses 1,2,5

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!

From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **SONG OF SENDING**

*"Jesus People"* – Danny Gokey

For thousands of years  
Thousands of voices  
Have been singing  
One name  
It started with twelve  
Who were crazy enough  
To leave everything  
Misfits and doubters  
Outcasts and cowards  
Kinda like you and me  
Have one thing in common  
The one we follow  
He's still the reigning king  
Sing it with me now  
Jesus People  
All around the world  
Stand up  
Let it be known

Let it be known  
Jesus People  
If you're changed  
By his love  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
Start living like we've been set free  
There's a broken world that needs to see  
Jesus People  
All around the world  
Stand up  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
Many have tried to put out the fire  
But it strengthens our faith  
We pray to be bold  
And unstoppable  
To live unashamed

We're billions of hearts  
Lights in the dark  
We've never been fading out  
If the nails in his hands  
Could not stop him then  
Nothing's every gonna stop us now  
Jesus People  
All around the world  
Stand up  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
Jesus People  
If you're changed  
By his love  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
Start living like we've been set free  
There's a broken world that needs to see  
Jesus People  
All around the world  
Stand up  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
An army of hope and love  
Telling of what he's done  
Lifting the gospel up  
That's what they'll see in us  
That's what they'll see in us  
An army of hope and love  
Telling of what he's done  
Lifting the gospel up

That's what they'll see in us  
That's what they'll see in us  
We are your people  
We are  
We've been changed by Jesus  
Oh, yes we have  
Jesus People  
All around the world  
Stand up  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
Jesus People  
If you're changed  
By his love  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
Start living like we've been set free  
There's a broken world that needs to see  
Jesus People  
All around the world  
Stand up  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
Lift your hands up  
Lift your hands up  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
Let it be known  
Let it be known

Darlene Ball, Choir Director

\*All who are able may stand.

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

Monday:	9:30 a.m.	Childcare Center Halloween Parade
	6-7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - S/A's sectionals
	7-8 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal - T/B's sectionals
Tuesday:	9:30 a.m.	Childcare Center Halloween Parade
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday:	3:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday:	10:00 a.m.	L.O.A.F. Meeting here
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Next Sunday:		All Saints Day
	9:00 a.m.	Small Group
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15-12:15	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00-2:00	Fellowship Hall Reserved

### **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!

**Childcare Center Halloween Parades** will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 30 and 31, at 9:30 a.m. You are welcome to come and see these cute little costumed children. Bring some candy for the children if you'd like but there is no obligation to do so.



**Looking Ahead. . .**

**Save the date of Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**Bazetta Christian Church's  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**Stay tuned for further details!**



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.