



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

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Celebrating the Lord's Day
at
Bazetta Christian Church
October 8, 2023
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Church Gathers Before God

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jim Dolgae, Liturgist

L: I waited patiently for the Lord, who inclined to me and heard my cry,

C: **who drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure,**

L: who put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

C: **Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

C: **see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O God.**

L: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

C: **I have not concealed your steadfast love and your
faithfulness from the great congregation.**

L: Do not, O God, withhold your mercy from me;

C: **let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.**

Psalm 40:1-3, 9-11, page 740, *Chalice Hymnal*

***OPENING HYMN**

"Softly and Tenderly"

#340

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling – calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?

Refrain

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;
tho' we have sinned he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.

Refrain

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

L: Let us join together in prayer.

Holy, Loving God, we praise You. In Your limitless love, You reach out for us. Even when we wander, You call to us. May that love become real in us today, for You, for one another, and for all of the 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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-4:6; New Living Translation

When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all, in all, and living through all.

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

Matthew 18:21-35; Holman Christian Standard Bible

Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how many times could my brother sin against me and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

“I tell you, not as many as seven,” Jesus said to him, “but 70 times seven. For this reason, the kingdom of heaven can be compared to a king who wanted to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began to settle accounts, one who owed 10,000 talents was brought before him. Since he had no way to pay it back, his master commanded that he, his wife, his children, and everything he had be sold to pay the debt.

“At this, the slave fell facedown before him and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ Then the master of that slave had compassion, released him, and forgave him the loan.

“But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him 100 denarii. He grabbed him, started choking him, and said, ‘Pay what you owe!’

“At this, his fellow slave fell down and began begging him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he wasn’t willing. On the contrary, he went and threw him into prison until he could pay what was owed. When the other slaves saw what had taken place, they were deeply distressed and went and reported to their master everything that had happened.

“Then, after he had summoned him, his master said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Shouldn’t you also have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And his master got angry and handed him over to the jailers to be tortured until he could pay everything that was owed. So My heavenly Father will also do to you if each of you does not forgive his brother from his heart.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“patience”

SONG OF PRESENTATION

“Come, Share the Lord”

#408

We gather here in Jesus’ name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:

Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;

finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

***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

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Christ Has Died

Christ Is Risen

Christ Will Come Again

***CLOSING HYMN**

"God, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

#439

God, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Anthony Ruggiero, Muician

*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.	Elders' Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday:	6:00 p.m.	Guest Speakers, David & Julie Leatherberry
Thursday:	11:30 a.m.	Ladies Lunch Bunch
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Friday:	6:00 p.m.	Men's Retreat @ Camp Asbury starts
Saturday:	12-6 p.m.	Fellowship Hall rented
	4:00 p.m.	Men's Retreat @ Camp Asbury ends
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!



MISSIONARY SPEAKER

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 Czech Republic. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Invite others too! Refreshments will be served.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Thursday, October 12, at 11:30 a.m.

The ladies will be working on a random act of kindness project. If you want to know more about this, come to the BCC parlor on the 12th and join in on the fun!!!



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 14, 9:00 a.m., BCC fellowship hall

All men are invited to come for food and fellowship. We will have a guest speaker. Please come and invite your friends too!



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 are Welcome! Bring your friends!



BCC will be participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. 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.