



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

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Celebrating the Lord's Day
at
Bazetta Christian Church
September 17, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Church Gathers Before God

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pat Shafer, Liturgist

- L: From out of our silent depths into visible corporate acts,
C: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**
L: Gathering the fragments of our church into a living icon of the redeeming, reconciling,
prophetic Christ,
C: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**
L: Bonding together the dissenter, the affirmer and the questor,
C: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**
L: Radiating the power and the light of our rainbow-hued people,
C: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**
L: Revealing your presence in and among each perceived or self-defined minority,
wounded, lonely or angry,
C: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**
L: Gathering the fragments of our church into dynamic communities of faith engaged in
prophetic, redemptive and reconciling ministries of love,
C: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

Litany of the Spirit, #246, Chalice Hymnal

***OPENING HYMN**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

#73

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

L: Let us join together in prayer.

Holy, Gracious God, may the Holy Spirit move freely in this place and in our hearts. Even as we gather to worship, we recognize that praise without change is like prophecy without love. Transform the pieces of life we offer to you that we might bear fruit as a love that the world can see from a God that the world may come to know. 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

Chancel Choir

“Psalm 8” – Dave Clark, Cliff Duren; arr. Cliff Duren

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13; The Voice

What if I speak in the *most elegant* languages of people or in the *exotic* languages of the heavenly messengers, but I live without love? Well then, anything I say is like the clanging of brass or a crashing cymbal. What if I have the gift of prophecy, am blessed with knowledge and insight to all the mysteries, or what if my faith is strong enough to scoop a mountain *from its bedrock*, yet I live without love? If so, I am nothing. I could give all that I have to feed the poor, I could surrender my body to be burned *as a martyr*, but if I do not live in love, I gain nothing *by my selfless acts*.

Love is patient; love is kind. Love isn't envious, doesn't boast, *brag, or strut about*. There's no arrogance in love; it's never rude, crude, or indecent—it's not self-absorbed. Love isn't easily upset. Love doesn't tally wrongs or celebrate injustice; but truth—*yes, truth*—is love's delight! Love puts up with anything and everything that comes along; it trusts, hopes, and endures no matter what. Love will never become obsolete. Now as for the prophetic gifts, they will not last; unknown languages will become silent, and the gift of knowledge will no longer be needed. Gifts of knowledge and prophecy are partial at best, *at least for now*, but when the perfection *and fullness of God's kingdom* arrive, all the parts will end. When I was a child, I spoke, thought, and reasoned in childlike ways *as we all do*. But when I became a man, I left my childish ways behind. For now, we can only see a dim and blurry picture of things, as when we stare into polished metal. I realize that everything I know is only part of the big picture. But one day, *when Jesus arrives*, we will see clearly, face-to-face. In that day, I will fully know just as I have been wholly known *by God*. But now faith, hope, and love remain; these three *virtues must characterize our lives*. The greatest of these is love.

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 10:25-37; Christian Standard Bible

Then an expert in the law stood up to test him, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the law?" he asked him. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself."

"You've answered correctly," he told him. "Do this and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus took up the question and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.'

"Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

"The one who showed mercy to him," he said.

Then Jesus told him, "Go and do the same."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“love”

SONG OF PRESENTATION

“When Love is Found”

#499

When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky, praise God, and share our Maker’s joy.

When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each day, that love may dare
to reach beyond home’s warmth and light, to serve and strive for truth and right.

When love is tried as loved ones change, hold still to hope, though all seems strange,
till ease returns and hope grows wise through list’ning ears and opened eyes.

When love is torn, and trust betrayed, pray strength to love till torments fade,
till lovers keep no score of wrong, but hear through pain love’s Easter song.

Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or youth, in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts! Let love be fed through death and life in broken bread.

***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**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

#494

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
and we pray that our unity may one day be restored
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:
and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
we will work with each other, we will work side by side
and we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Anthony Ruggiero, Musician
Darlene Ball, Choir Director

*All who are able may stand.

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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

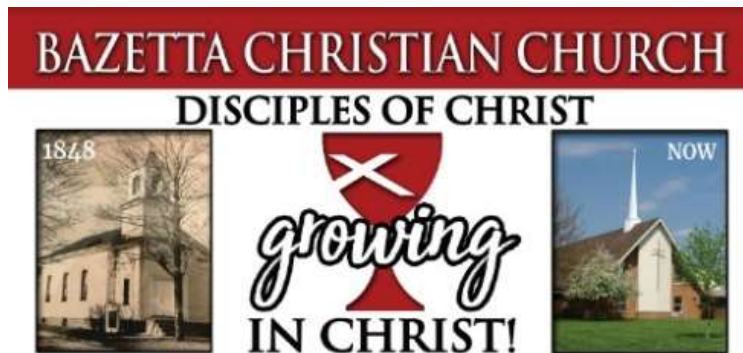
Welcome to a time of praise and worship of the Lord our God. Let us fill his house with songs of praise and feast upon his word. May the peace and joy of the Lord be yours.

If you have questions concerning membership with this congregation, speak with Pastor Tim or any of the BCC Elders (Jeannette Callahan, Paula Davis, Jim Dolgae, Heather Faler, Myra May, Christy McCollum, Valarie Rizzo, Michelle Stineman, Megen Stocker, Cathy Wilterdink).

Loose Change Mission Jar: We are collecting loose change in the Gathering Space for missions. From July through September, the funds will go to Week of Compassion. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT BAZETTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Tuesday:	6:30 p.m.	Administrative Board Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday:	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 & Congregational Meeting



175th Anniversary

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 24, 2023, to consider and vote on the slate of nominees listed below for each identified position:

Administrative Board

- 1 - Shelly Dolgae
- 2 - Roger Roe
- 3 - Kelly Swiger

Elders

- 1 - Dan Davis
- 2 - Larry Swiger

Elders Emeritus

- 1 - Mitch Callahan
- 2 - Theresa Hutton
- 3 - Pat Shafer

Trustee

- 1 - Dave Maloy

Trustee Emeritus

- 1 - Roger Elliott

Deacon

- 1 - Michelle Aliesch
- 2 - Cole Faler
- 3 - Sandy Maloy
- 4 - Jill Pirtz
- 5 - Cindy Thomas
- 6 - Robin Walker
- 7 - Greg Wrightsman

Upon approval, all terms of service will commence on October 1, 2023.