

**THERE THE ANGEL OF THE LORD
APPEARED TO HIM IN A FLAME OF
FIRE OUT OF A BUSH.
EXODUS 3:1-2**



Bazetta Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
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Celebrating the Lord's Day

at

Bazetta Christian Church

September 3, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Church Gathers Before God

GREETINGS IN CHRIST

Val Rizzo

PRAYER FOR CENTERING

Megen Stocker

CENTERING MUSIC

"I Cannot Hide From You" – Greg Long

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Megen Stocker, Liturgist

- L: "My thoughts are not like your thoughts. And your ways are not like my ways,"
announces the Lord. "The heavens are higher than the earth. And my ways are higher
than your ways. My thoughts are higher than your thoughts.
- C: **The rain and the snow come down from the sky.**
- L: They do not return to it without watering the earth.
- C: **They make plants come up and grow. The plants produce seeds for farmers.
They also produce food for people to eat.**
- L: The words I speak are like that. They will not return to me without producing results.
They will accomplish what I want them to. They will do exactly what I sent them to do.
"My people, you will go out of Babylon with joy. You will be led out of it in peace.
- C: **The mountains and hills will burst into song as you go.
And all the trees in the fields will clap their hands.**

~Isaiah 55:8-13: NIRV

*OPENING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

#56

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

***CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

L: Let us join together in prayer.

Lord through the generations, you have made your people very fruitful; more than the stars in the sky, the molecules in a freshwater geyser and the grains of sand on the beach. We look at your stories including the life of Moses and also the women of Samaria with hope and encouragement that we are never without you. Christ, we celebrate your performed signs in the stories of your people and the wonders through all of creation. May we daily accept your grace. You are the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the desire to know and do only your will. Increase in us true faith; nourish us with all goodness. We pray that you may work in our lives and bring forth a vibrant family tree of your Kingdom. In your precious name we pray; almighty Creator, sustaining Savior 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

"We Come Broken" – words & music by Don Koch, Ryan Langford, Kenna Turner West;
arr. Kirk Kirkland

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-6; NIV

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Christy McCollum

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Christy McCollum

***DOXOLOGY** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOSPEL READING

John 4:7-10, 19-37; NIV

Megen Stocker

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”

But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

“Before the fruit”

Christy McCollum

SONG OF PRESENTATION

“Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

Source and Sov’reign, Rock and Cloud
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life endowed:
May the church at prayer recall
That no single holy name
But the truth behind them all
Is the God whom we proclaim.

Word and Wisdom, Root and Vine,
Shepherd, Savior, Servant, Lamb,
Well and Water, Bread and Wine,
Way who leads us to I AM:
May the church at prayer recall
That no single holy name
But the truth behind them all
Is the God whom we proclaim.

Storm and Stillness, Breath and Dove,
Thunder, Tempest, Whirlwind, Fire,
Comfort, Couns’lor, Presence, Love
Energies that never tire:
May the church at prayer recall
That no single holy name
But the truth behind them all
Is the God whom we proclaim.

***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

Christy McCollum

Communion Music *"We Cannot Hide From God"* (Gospel Song)

Partaking of the Bread and Cup

Christ Has Died

Christ Is Risen

Christ Will Come Again

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Here I Am, Lord"

#452

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

***BENEDICTION**

Christy McCollum

SONG OF SENDING

Why should I be discouraged
Why should the shadows come
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home
When Jesus is my portion
My constant friend is he
Oh, his eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me
And I sing because I'm happy
And I sing because I'm free
Oh, his eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me
Let not your heart be troubled
His tender word I hear
And resting on his goodness

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

#82

I lose my doubts and fears
And I sing because I'm happy
And I sing because I'm free
Oh, his eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me
Though by the path he leadeth
But one step I may see
Oh, his eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me
And I sing because I'm happy
And I sing because I'm free
Oh, his eye is on the sparrow
And I know he watches me
Oh, his eye is on the sparrow
And I know he's watching me

Darlene Ball, Choir Director

*All who are able may stand.

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GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As the summer is approaching an end, our welcome for you stays the same. We are so happy to see you today. We have come together to worship the Lord because of all he has done. Join with us with a joyful heart for the way of Jesus is the way of true happiness.

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!



Worship Service with Baptism at the Pond

September 10, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Schwartz Farm, 4193 Everett-Hull Road, Cortland

We will unite for worship at 1:00 p.m. at the pond. This service will include baptisms/rededications. We will then enjoy a joyous picnic celebration. Wear your red shirt and bring your favorite dish to share, your own table service, and lawn chairs. Stay tuned for further details.

Anyone interested in accepting Jesus and being baptized, or who wants a baptism of rededication, please let Pastor Tim or one of the Elders know.

**Please note that worship will not be held at BCC
on the morning of September 10th.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Sunday, September 24, 2023

A congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of electing the Administrative Board, Elders, Trustees, and Deacons. Please plan to attend this meeting which will be held during the morning worship service.

THIS WEEK AT BAZETTA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Monday:		Labor Day – Office Closed
Tuesday:	8:00 a.m.	Breakfast @ Eat 'n Park
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday:	3:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Thursday:	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Saturday:	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
Next Sunday:	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.