

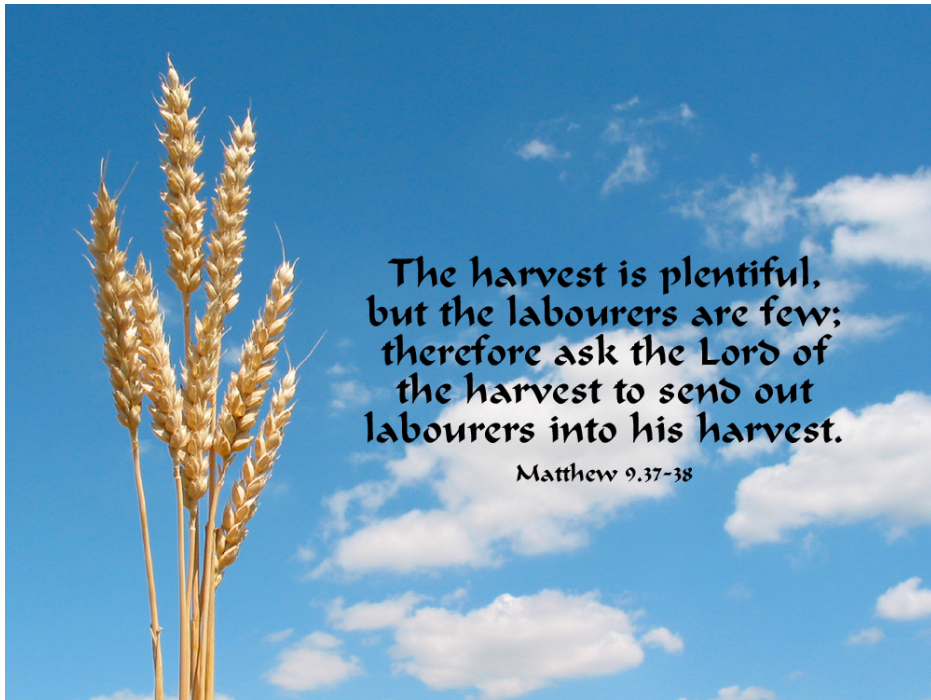
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Third Sunday After Pentecost



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(text in bold read in unison)

Third Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

The Lord is in this Holy Temple, let all the children of God rejoice. We are called as family to hold up holy hands and praise the God of justice and liberation for all! Not some, but for all people regardless of where you are on life's journey or who you are in the kingdom of God. We are here to worship!

Hallelujah!

We are here to lift up Holy hands!

Hallelujah!

We are the kingdom of God!

Glory Hallelujah! Let us praise the name of the Lord!

* OPENING HYMN: "What Is This Place" # 289 1-3

What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.

Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed.
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard;
God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase;
God's justice and God's peace.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - (Together)

Gracious and ever-present God, make each of us an instrument of your justice. Continue to weave us into a family, your kingdom, showing forth your power of healing, feeding, clothing and resurrection as evidenced through the life and ministry of your son Jesus the Christ. Bless us and our differences and sustain our courage to stand together in the face of oppression and injustice in this present world. We call on you today to gather us in your love. Impart to us the knowledge and understanding to better know you and glorify your grace on each and every step of the journey of our lives. In the name of Jesus, who came in the name of love, let us now commit to shout with the voice of triumph and proclaim the love and grace of God to all the world. AMEN.

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it.

Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

These are the name of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heave has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

HYMN: "There Is A Balm in Gilead" # 501 1-3

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all!" (Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)

SERMON: "The Impossible Becomes Possible"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Healer of Our Every Ills"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Your kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology #46 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

Generous God, may these gifts glorify your spirit and meet the needs of your kingdom. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "For Beauty of Meadows" # 696 1-3

For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,
for flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,
for all you created and gave us to share,
we praise you, Creator, extolling your care.

As stewards of beauty received at your hand,
as creatures who hear your most urgent command,
we turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace,
all nature around us is ours but on lease;
your name we would hallow in all that we do,
fulfilling our calling, creating with you.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

MUSIC FESTIVAL @ MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS

Please join us for an evening of fun, food and music at the [Whitaker Music Festival](#) at Missouri Botanical Gardens on **Wednesday, June 21** (rain date June 28)!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Plan:

5:00-5:45: Meet us at our picnic spot, say a prayer and eat dinner/snack

5:45-7:00: Play in the Children's Garden (FREE 5-7pm), explore the garden or hang at our spot

7:00: Head home or enjoy the music of The Mighty Pines

St. Philip's will provide Mom's Deli subs (Mom's Special), potato salad & chips for those who'd like them. Please consider bringing an appetizer to share if you're able. The Garden also has food & beverages available for purchase. Bring your own drinks (no glass)! Water or whatever other beverages you'd enjoy. Please RSVP below.

Tentative Picnic spot (Andrea will also have something to grab everyone's attention to our meeting spot...not sure what yet...and text everyone a photo)

[RSVP HERE](#) or to Andrea Tugin at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314)566-8633

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

On **Sunday, June 18**, during our regular **9:30am worship**, we will plan to bless all the graduates in our congregation, the extended families of our congregation, and our community.

If there is a specific graduate that you would like to have named during the prayer, please contact Pastor Laura directly (Imignerone@gmail.com or 314-452-0785) with their name and where they have graduated from.

****Even if you've mentioned a graduate to Pastor Laura over the past few weeks, please reach out with the name and school again.**

Congratulations to all the graduates!
Join us on June 18th to celebrate them together!

POOL PARTY AT THE TUKIN'S

The St. Philip's Young(er) Adults will be getting together on **Saturday, June 24** for a pool party at the Tugin family's house. This is an all ages event so anyone is welcome! It will be an open house from 3-8 pm.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and macaroni & cheese will be served. There will also be soda, tea, lemonade, and water.

If you'd like to bring a dish to share, please RSVP with what you think you may bring. [CLICK HERE to RSVP](#) or let Andrea Tugin know at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314) 566-8633.

The address is 1378 Green Birch Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

All are welcome!!!

WANTED -

TOILET PAPER TUBES

Vacation Bible School will be collecting toilet paper tubes for a craft **through Sunday, July 2**. If you are able to bring some to church, please leave them in the marked box in the Cry Room/Worship Resources room.

Thank you in advance!

CRAFTING FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Learning Ministry is requesting your help in preparing for Vacation Bible School. We will have two fun-filled afternoons of crafting at Virginia Hladnick's house. Please bring your own sandwich and scissors. We will have iced tea and dessert.

Please let Andrea Tugin know at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314)566-8633 if you will be attending or sign up on the **YELLOW** sign up sheet on the bulletin board at church.

We will meet at **11:00am on Thursday, June 22 and Thursday, June 29**. From there we will decide if another meet-up is needed.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING MAKE OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR A SUCCESS?? THEN SEE BELOW!

Ways you can help make the week successful:

- **Help decorate on Saturday, July 8** (we will be there 9 until about 1). There will be food for volunteers (bagels, coffee, juice and then lunch). **If you can only come for an hour, we'll take you!** [SIGN UP HERE](#) or on [Sign up Sheet](#) on bulletin board.
- **Consider volunteering one morning or all during VBS:** take a part in the bible story skit, help distribute snacks, help at crafts, help lead recreation games, be a group leader and go to stations with children. [Give your availability/interests HERE.](#)
- **Help create decorations** (use survey above or talk with Andrea Tugin)

Questions? Please contact Andrea Tugin at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314)566-8633 or any of the below Learning Ministry Team Members

Thank you for your support,

Missy Ruffino, Andrea Tugin, Cindy Lewis, Jordan Lewis, Rachel Fischer, and Pastor Laura ~ Learning Ministry

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|----|
| David Knoll | 1 |
| Christine Vogt | 1 |
| Rhett Schamburg | 2 |
| Sheryl Treaster | 9 |
| Kathy Shelton | 13 |
| Art Kuhn | 13 |
| Jean Paul Thibodeaux | 16 |
| Kent Kotthoff | 17 |
| Dawn Schillinger | 18 |
| Don Siewing | 20 |
| Ruthann Nuelle | 22 |
| Jordan Lewis | 23 |
| Gary Schamburg | 23 |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 18 Father's Day + Graduate Recognition 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School | 19 | 20 | 21 5:00-9:00 MO Botanical Garden-Music Festival | 22 11:00 VBS Crafting @ Virginia's | 23 | 24 3:00-8:00 Pool Party @ the Tukin's |
| 25 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club | 26 4:30 ECC Board Meeting | 27 | 28 | 29 11:00 VBS Crafting @ Virginia's | 30 | 1 July |
| 2 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 9:00-1:00 VBS Setup |
| 9 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School | 10 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School | 11 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School | 12 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School | 13 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School | 14 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School | 15 |
| 16 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School | 17 | 18 | 19 5:00-7:00 Swim Party @ Virginia's | 20 | 21 | 22 |



**Our
Vision
Statement**

St. Philip's Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ, with:

Minds to study God's word,
Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,
Eyes to see the needs of others,
Arms to welcome all,

Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.



Ken Behnen

Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Marilyn Milne

Jeanette Monroe

Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann

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