

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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July 2, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



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\*indicates that you may rise as comfortably able  
(text in bold read in unison)

## Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND SHARING OF JOYS and CONCERNS

PRELUDE: A time to center our hearts and minds for worship

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Chalice Worship (Responsively)

We have come to sing,

**rejoicing in the good that walks this land by day.**

We have come to be accountable,

**repenting of the evil that stalks it by night.**

We have come to this place because here we are reminded:

**that God is both our creator and our conscience.**

Be with us, Gentle God, in our celebrations and our confession,

**that our citizenship might become more responsible, our nation  
more humble, and our world more equitable.**

\* OPENING HYMN: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" # 720

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,

for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed full grace on thee,

and crown thy good with servanthood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,

who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,

till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

\* A PRAYER FOR THE NATION *“Lutheran Book of Worship”*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION - (Together)

**God of the prophets, hear our cries. We want to live peaceably and honestly among all people. Yet we find ourselves falling for lies and unfounded conspiracy theories. We would rather listen to flattering words and rhetoric than to the truth that might convict us. We are far from living lives that protect and preserve the welfare and wellbeing of all. Hear us...forgive us...renew us... We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* RESPONSE: # 439 Verse 2

Thanks we give and ad-or-a-tion for your gos-pel's joy-ful sound.  
May the fruits of your sal-va-tion in our hearts and lives a-bound.  
Ev-er faith-ful, ev-er faith-ful to the truth may we be found.

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.

“The Hill We Climb” by Amanda Gorman

HYMN: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" # 721

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hill;  
my heart with rapture thrills like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's  
song;

let moral tongues awake, let all that breath partake,  
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, Great God, our King.

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 10:40-42

"Those who receive you are also receiving me, and those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me. Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded."

MESSAGE: Rev. Donna Kendrick-Philips

ANTHEM: "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS

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, the heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

**For your abounding grace, we give thanks, O God. For your steadfast love, we pour out our gratitude. May our gifts provide for those who seek refuge from doubt, from oppression, from ignorance, from calamity. Through giving in Christ's name, we seek to grow in the Spirit of the One who gave life to all. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

### PRAYER LITANY

Ever-speaking God, do you have a Word for us this morning?  
Will your whisper resound in our ears?

**Speak to us, we pray.**

Ever-listening God, have you inclined your ear as our voices rise?  
Shall you be attentive to us as we question and converse?

**Hear us, we pray.**

Ever-seeing God, might you peer into our lives in this hour? Can you spy in us a hint of growth from experiences gone by?

**Watch over us, we pray.**

Ever-embracing God, are you going to touch our souls this day?  
Please trace the outline of our lives with your divine hand.

**Embrace us, we pray.**

Ever-appetizing God, will you spread before us a feast of blessing?  
Grant us a foretaste of your kingdom.

**May we feast on your goodness today and always.**

### COMMUNION PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

### RESPONSE: # 423 Celebration Hymnal

We are one in the bond of love, we are one in the bond of love;  
We have joined our spir-it with the Spir-it of God,  
We are one in the bond of love.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## WE PARTICIPATE IN THIS HOLY MEAL

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### \* PARTING HYMN: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" # 705

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are store;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword  
his truth is marching on.

#### Refrain

Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out all human hearts before his judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. (Refrain)

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;  
as he died to make us holy, let us die to make all free,  
while God is marching on. (Refrain)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. Make us always remember your generosity and constantly do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Make us who came from many nations with many different languages a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there might be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE FOURTH OF JULY

## LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us for July's Lunch Bunch at **noon** on **Wednesday, July 12** at Pietro's located at 3801 Watson Road. See the RED signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, July 9.

If you have any questions, contact Dave Schiele at 314-369-3450.

## 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!

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to our members  
who will be celebrating this month.**

We will sing on the 1st Sunday  
of each month.

*"Happy Birthday to You!,  
Happy Birthday to You!,  
Happy Birthday Everybody!  
and God Bless You!"*

Barbara Barnes	3
Dolores Zikes	3
Ellen Bell	8
Joshua Brym	8
Erin Hickman	8
Patty Siewing	10
John Rawlings	14
Judy Hickman	19
William Matthews, Jr	20
Merle Schuette	25
Sydney Stevenson	27
Jim Wodicker	30





## WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 ~ FAMILY POOL PARTY

Join us for an evening of swimming, slip n' slides, food and fun at Virginia Hladnick's House! Just come around to the back of the house.

The Plan:

5:00-5:30: Head to Virginia's House and get ready to have some fun! Snacks will be out. 11004 Valdamere Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123

5:30-7:00: Eat, Play and be Merry

If you have any fun lawn games or pool toys you'd like to bring, feel free!

St. Philip's will provide Burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and dessert. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, you are welcome to do so!

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

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP MAKE OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 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.](#)

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

Thank you for your support,

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


## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School the **week of July 10**.

At **Hero Hotline VBS**, your kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up! With singing, dancing, games, skits, snacks and crafts, it's going to be a great time!

Registration forms are available on the credenza outside church or you can [register online](#).

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	3 7:00 Church Council Mtg	4 ECC Closed 	5	6	7	8 9:00-1:00 VBS Setup 1:00-5:00 MPR Rental
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 noon Lunch Bunch @ Pietro's	13 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School	14 9:00-11:30 Vacation Bible School	15
16 HymnFest 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	17	18	19 5:00-7:00 Family Pool Party	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	24 4:30 ECC Board Meeting	25	26	27	28	29 noon-6:00 MPR Rental
30 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	31	1 August	2	3	4	5



**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.

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Ken Behnen

Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

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Jeanette Monroe

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