

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



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

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - UCC BOW (Responsively)

Be still, and know that God is.

God was, also, in the beginning.

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

From everlasting to everlasting, God is God and alone is worthy to be worshipped. Let us sing our praise to our God!

* OPENING HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story" # 480 1-3

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet,
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I hae loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

O God of Heaven and Earth, who is glorified in the wisdom of children—the experts of presence and oneness. May we evoke your humble heart within us. May we wonder what it might mean to feel our exhaustion and your love, at the exact same time. May we consider all you've tried to show, give, or say to us that we weren't yet ready for. Prepare our souls to yoke with yours, to share in the Good News that revives every living thing. We ask this in your name and energy. 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

I came today to the spring and said, 'O Lord, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to

whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also"—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew.

I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

HYMN: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” # 16 1-3

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

SERMON VIDEO: “Watering the Camels”
Rev. Dori Hudson

ANTHEM: “His Yoke is Easy, and His Burden is Light”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence

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 OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

* 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)

What weights us down doesn't just disappear in the wind, but rather lightens because the load is shared. So, God of our yoke, may we prosper in solidarity. May what feels hard, be the "right" kind of hard—one that strengthens us in growth and connection. Let the cycle of suffering finally have its last day, and the year of jubilee begin with us. AMEN.

* HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" # 452 1-3

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

All who dwell in deepest sing 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?

(Refrain)

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? (Refrain)

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? (Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 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 Tukin at andreatukin@gmail.com (314)566-8633

BOOK CLUB

We will meet on July 23 after church to discuss 'The Guest List'.

We meet after church, share a pot-luck lunch and always have a good time! It is not necessary to read the book to attend!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 9 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School | 10 9:00-11:30 VBS | 11 9:00-11:30 VBS | 12 9:00-11:30 VBS noon Lunch Bunch @ Pietro's | 13 9:00-11:30 VBS | 14 9:00-11:30 VBS | 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 |
| 6 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School | 7 7:00 Church Council Mtg | 8 | 9 5:30-7:00 LOGOS end of Summer Service Proj | 10 | 11 | 12 |



**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.



Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Marilyn Milne

Jeanette Monroe

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