

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



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

## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

\* HYMN: "Amazing Grace" # 546

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - UCC BOW (Responsively)

The Word is a lamp and a light. The word illuminates our life.

**We welcome The Word with praise and thanksgiving.**

The Word comes from the mouth of God and accomplishes its purpose.

**We hear The Word that loves and embraces, challenges and convicts,  
renews and restores.**

The Word is life, offers a future with hope, and creates peace in the midst of  
the storm.

**We receive The Word among us with rejoicing. We worship The Word in  
spirit and in truth!**

\* HYMN: "Open Me Eyes, That I May See" # 586

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Creator, your presence among us illuminates our lives. Make us fertile soil, receptive to the seeds planted by your word. Nourish us with Living Water and grow us through the energy of your empowered and healing rays of sunshine. Let us encounter you afresh as we gather in community. May our worship show our love for you and each other. Make your presence known to us and through us for your glory. 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.

HYMN: "Standing on the Promises" # 552

**Standing on the promises of Christ my king,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.**

(Refrain)

**Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail  
standing on the promises of God. (Refrain)**

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean.

Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?"

So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger." When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished.

Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

**SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and

choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!" "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatched away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

HYMN: "How Great Thou Art" # 33

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

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how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

## 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.**

ANTHEM: "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"

## 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)

**Holy One, we thank you for revealing yourself to us and through us with abundance and flourishing. Give us generous hearts. May our offerings offer a testimony honoring your provision and giving glory to your name. Receive these gifts and magnify them for the needs of your creation. AMEN.**

HYMN: "Precious Name" # 625

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.

(Refrain)

Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

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Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;  
if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer. (Refrain)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## **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!

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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 [andreatugin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatugin@gmail.com) (314)566-8633







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
13 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	14	15	16	17	18	19



**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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Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Marilyn Milne

Jeanette Monroe

Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann

Paul Shrout

Lily Swanson

Paula Williams



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