

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday
After Pentecost

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Liturgist: Barbara Barnes
Guest Pianist: Karen Bollinger

*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)

As we harvest our growing abundance in this time of mid-summer, may we relish in the fruit of our labor.

As we harvest the fruitful seeds of nature and God's Garden, let us share in the bounty with our neighbors.

While we channel resources—water, light, fertile ground to the produce we desire in our gardens.

May we also recognize that the weed, the rabbit, the caterpillar also have needs for sustenance.

We have enough, and an attitude of plentifulness increases through sharing.

For what our land grows with our tending, is only ours for a moment in time, filling a short term and immediate need.

May we share the harvest by tithing back to nature, feeding the hungry among us, storing for the future without hoarding, and setting enough seed aside for the next season of planting.

Let us worship our God who inspires and calls us to this life giving cycle of love!

* OPENING HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" # 718 1-3

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

God of many names, mother of all creation, father of all that is, womb of life, and wellspring of all that we can ever know, we invite your presence here as we seek to embody your loving spirit and create your presence among us. We are in need and we turn to you to be with us as we practice creating the kingdom of heaven here on earth. 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 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you

and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on top of it. He called that place Bethel.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:24-30

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.

And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

HYMN: “For the Fruit of All Creation” # 714 1-3

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

SERMON VIDEO: "Stories to Live By"
Rev. Dori Hudson

SPECIAL MUSIC

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)

We dedicate these resources to doing God's work among God's people. May these gifts plant seeds of justice for God's children who seek it; may they remind us to love more mercifully; may all walk humbly as we learn to tread gently upon this earth. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth" # 56 1-3

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.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

JULY BIRTHDAYS

END OF SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

5:30-7:00pm

Join us for an evening of service, fellowship and food. We will enjoy some games and food together and then work on a project to give back to St. Philip's!

[RSVP HERE](#) or to Andrea Tukin at
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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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
20 Hawaiian Shirt Sunday 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	21	22	23	24	25	26



**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

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Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Mary Ann Krewson

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