

June 11, 2023 ~ 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Pattie Benoit, liturgist

Prelude ~ *"In His Time"* (D. Ball)

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: O Lord, you have searched us and you know us.

People: Even before words are on our lips, you know them.

Leader: Where can I go to escape your Spirit and escape your presence?

People: If we ascend to the heavens, you are there. If we go to the depths, you are there. For the Love and Spirit of God is always with us. Amen.

*\*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*\*Hymn ~ "How Great Is Our God" (Chris Tomlin)*

*The splendour of a King clothed in Majesty, let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice, trembles at his voice.*

*Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God.  
And all will see how great, how great is our God.*

*Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands, beginning and the end, beginning and the end. The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, Lion and the Lamb. Chorus*

*Name above all names worthy of all praise, my heart will sing, how great is our God. You're the name above all names (all name), you are worthy of all praise (all praise), and my heart will sing, how great is our God. Chorus*

*How great is our God, how great is our God, how great, how great is our God. The whole world say it, the whole world say it, how great is our God, how great is our God, how great, how great is our God.*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

O Lord, when we go astray you seek us out and restore us to you. We come again seeking your grace and guidance, Lord, as we pour out what is on our hearts, our sins and selfishness. Help us give our burdens to you. And when we feel lost, may we remember your powerful love for us. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #408 - *"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* (refrain)  
*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.*

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #399 - *"God Welcomes All"*

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Offering Prayer

\*Doxology#606 - *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* (Avery & Marsh)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture - Psalm 139

Special Music - *"Breathe"* (M. Barnett) - Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture - Luke 15:1-10

Message - "Parables by the Pool: Lost things"

\*Hymn #701 - *"Sanctuary"*

A time for sharing the joys and concerns of our community.

Prayer Preparation - *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;*

*Incline thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.*

The Lord's Prayer - *in unison*

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

Thy 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.

\*Hymn #175 - *"Seek Ye First"*

\*Benediction

**\*Choral Response #542 ~ “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” (verse 1)**  
*God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

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**To our online worshipping community:** Thank you for your faithful participation in the Sunday services. Your presence is certainly valued! Please be assured that your attendance is recorded each week, assuring that St. Paul’s attendance records are accurately reported.

**THANK YOU** to Trustees Cameron Barsy, Ric Barsy, Jim Day, Gary Earnley, Jerry Stone, and Don Tulley, assisted by Charlotte Day and Mike Weber, for cleaning up the entrance areas, which included hedge trimming and weed removal. The garden and the hill behind the house were cut, the tent area was cleaned of foliage, and the back parking lot was cleaned.

**WELL DONE, LOOKS GREAT, AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!!**

**The Mission Team is planning a ½ day volunteer opportunity at the Forgotten Harvest Warehouse. This event will take place on Wed. June 21, 2023 (please note date change) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00.** We will be packing food supplies and performing various other tasks. **Must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes.** We would love to have you volunteer for this event. We will meet at St. Paul’s at 8:00am and carpool. The warehouse is located at 15000 Eight Mile, Oak Park. Please sign up in the Lobby.

**Vacation Bible School ~ June 26-29 ~ ages 3 years through 5th grade.**

Information is in the lobby ~ please share with family and friends!

**St. Paul’s Outdoor Summer Service is planned for under the tent on Sunday, July 16, followed by a cookout! Mark your calendars!**

**FYI:** May Income: \$16,771.57; May Expenses: \$18,174.91  
Consumers Energy and DTE – 5 months: \$29,131.35

**Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE**

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

Andy Foy, Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August and Faith Kornowicz  
Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim and Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone  
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell  
Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips, Anna Richardson  
Nate Statly ~ friend of Joey Nicholas; Julie Newell ~ cousin of Pam Phillips  
Elizabeth ~ sister-in law of Pat Garvey and Andy ~ nephew of Pat Garvey  
Linda Thompson and her sister, Shirley Kircoff  
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair  
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski  
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol and Mike Graham  
Cousins of Terry Earnley and Jennifer Speiles ~ friend of Terry Earnley  
Lois Wludyka and John Candiloro ~ friends of August Kornowicz  
Ray and Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don and Meta Tulley

Richard Rosenberg and Mike Hyatt ~ friends of Judy McGregor  
Sarah and Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor  
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August and Faith Kornowicz  
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie and Marc Whitlock  
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen  
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck  
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit  
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright  
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike and Carol Graham  
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet  
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda Seymour  
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook  
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo  
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling and Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron and Janet Frank  
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon and Marion Davis

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## Seek Ye First

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
 seek, and you shall find;  
 but by ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

# Lord, Prepare Me 701

## Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,  
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

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