

June 18, 2023 ~ 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: As we come to worship, the Spirit of the Lord is here.

People: God, restore us with your power and love this day as we worship.

Leader: God's love is like a caring father's love, tender and gentle as he guides us through life.

People: Lord, hold us in your arms and speak to us the words of comfort, challenge and grace this day. Amen.

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

**Hymn #370- "This is My Father's World"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, you have shown us what is right and where sin leads. Yet we still turn from you and back to our sins. Forgive us and bring us back to you. May we be people who witness for you in the world and may we come in confession when we lose our way. Amen. (A time of silent, personal prayer)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #710 ~ "Sanctuary" (x2)

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*

Passing the Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus ~ "I Love This Family" (arr. C. Bowes) (x2)

*I love this family of God, so closely knitted into one,
They've taken me into their midst and I'm so glad to be a part of this great family.*

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 100

Special Music ~ “Ceaseless Praise” (T. Craig McKibber) ~ Celebration Choir

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 5:13-16

Message ~ “Salt and Light”

***Hymn #465 ~ “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

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 #611 ~ “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

***Benediction**

***Choral Response ~ “My Friends May You Grow in Grace” (G. Scheer, G. DeMey, G. Kett, S Diamond, T.J. Meaney)**
My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
Refrain: To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever. Amen.
To God be the glory now and forever, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

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The office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, June 19, in observance of the Juneteenth federal holiday.

The Mission Team Volunteer opportunity at the Forgotten Harvest Warehouse will take place this coming Wednesday, June 21, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. Must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes. 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 this Sunday!

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

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

From Kathy Potter...Please join us in our **Mission Project of collecting canned Vegetables to donate to the Aldersgate United Methodist Church Food Pantry that provides food to the hungry in our area!** One of our VBS stories tells of Daniel's faithfulness to God by not eating a diet directed by the pagan king, but eating a diet of just vegetables & water. So, we decided to collect canned vegetables and share food with the hungry. We will have a labeled cart in the lobby that you can leave your canned veggies in through July 18th.

Thank you for your participation!

The Board of Deacons is offering the opportunity to provide a chancel floral arrangement for the Sunday worship service. The cost is **\$20.00** and the arrangement will be yours to pick up after the service. Please check the Flower Calendar in the lobby for available dates. When you choose a date, come to the office, complete an order envelope and insert \$20.00 in cash or a **check made payable to the Board of Deacons.** Your name will then be added to the Flower

Calendar. You may also call the office, during business hours, to check available dates, and send your payment to the church by mail.

All arrangements will be acknowledged.

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 Kusahara ~ 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