

July 16, 2023 ~ 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements ~ Judy McGregor, liturgist

Prelude

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: O worship the King of Kings, Jesus Christ,

People: for he has shown his great love is on the Cross.

Leader: Christ has saved us and poured out his Spirit upon us.

People: Hallelujah! Thank you, God, for your love and mercies which are new every morning. Amen.

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

**Hymn ~ "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Jesus, through the work of the Spirit you have sown your Word into our hearts and changed our lives. We thank you and praise you for that. Lord, work in us so that when we stray and when we falter we would turn back to you. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. 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 ~ Isaiah 55:10-13

Congregational Choir ~ *"What Does the Lord Require of You?"*

1. *What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?*

2. *Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.*

3. *To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.*

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Message ~ "Seeds"

*Hymn #188 ~ *"Jesus Loves Me"*

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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ~ *responsive*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

"All Belong Here" ~ (L. Rand/H. Rand) as recorded by The Many

Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.

Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.

At this table come as you are, broken and bleeding's ok.

At this table eat and be filled, come and drink in this grace.

*Come and remember who you are here. Do this to remember who I am.
Come and remember you belong here. All belong here.*

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup (all bread is gluten-free)
Pastor Nate will provide instructions for sharing the Lord's supper at your table.

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn #649 - *"Amazing Grace"*

Congregational Meeting

*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.

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Postlude

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A congregational meeting is called today for the purpose of presenting a candidate to be elected as a ruling elder, Class of 2023.

The Fellowship Committee has provided a picnic for after the service, so please plan to stay for a time of food and fellowship. All are welcome!

The flowers are presented today by Judy McGregor and Harry McGregor
in memory of Donna McGregor

From Kathy Potter...*A big thank you to all those who had a part in St. Paul's 2023 Vacation Bible School: Be Like Daniel! We had a wonderful week hearing some exciting stories from the book of Daniel, learning about Daniel's relationship with God, and finding out about God's faithfulness, love, and protection for his people, past, present and future through the gift of Jesus! Thank you to all who prayed. Continue to pray that God will grow the seeds planted during VBS week! Praise God!*

Moving with the Spirit began on July 11 and will continue through August 15.
The fee is \$30.00, payable to Karen Barsy.

FYI: June Income: \$13,304.17; June Expenses: \$19,238.57
Consumers Energy and DTE – 6 months: \$31,048.24

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



Steve Boyak, 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

Pat Garrett ~ sister of Don Tulley; 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 Iaquinta ~ 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
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

188 Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.
 tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; stanza 2, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971
 MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862, alt. JESUS LOVES ME
7.7.7.7 with refrain