



**ST. PHILIP**  
Episcopal Church

## **The Third Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 14th, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

Welcome to worship at Saint Philip Episcopal Church.

Here are a few notes to make you feel more comfortable.

- Relax and allow your focus to be on praising God. Leave the “outside” and spend the next hour in embracing God, His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
- Above all, ask questions either in-person or through Zoom’s chat feature, if you have one. Anyone in the congregation will be happy to try and answer them.

*We gather quietly for a period of meditation and reflection.*

**OPENING SENTENCE** *(standing, as able)*

*Officiant* I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
*Psalm 122:1*

**CONFESSION** *(standing or kneeling, as able)*

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Officiant and People**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

**THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER** *(standing, as able)*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Officiant and People**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**INVITATORY** *(standing, as able)*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***  
**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***  
**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***  
**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***  
**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***  
**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***  
**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**  
**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***  
**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**PSALM 116:1, 10-17** *(standing, as able)*

**1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \***  
**because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

**10 How shall I repay the Lord \***  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**

**11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \***  
**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

**12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \***  
**in the presence of all his people.**

**13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \***  
**is the death of his servants.**

**14 O Lord, I am your servant; \***  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;**  
**you have freed me from my bonds.**

**15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \***  
**and call upon the Name of the Lord.**

**16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \***  
**in the presence of all his people,**

**17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \***  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**  
**Hallelujah!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### **GENESIS 18:1-15, 21:1-7** (*seated*)

*Reader*            A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh." The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE 16: THE SONG OF ZECHARIAH** *(standing, as able)*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the  
shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**ROMANS 5:1-8** (*seated*)

*Reader*            A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**



**CANTICLE 21: YOU ARE GOD** *(standing, as able)*

**You are God: we praise you;**

**You are the Lord: we acclaim you;**

**You are the eternal Father:**

**All creation worships you.**

**To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,**

**Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**The glorious company of apostles praise you.**

**The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.**

**The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.**

**Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;**

**Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

**You, Christ, are the king of glory,**

**the eternal Son of the Father.**

**When you became man to set us free**

**you did not shun the Virgin's womb.**

**You overcame the sting of death**

**and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You are seated at God's right hand in glory.**

**We believe that you will come and be our judge.**

**Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.**

**MATTHEW 9:35--10:23** (*seated*)

*Reader*            A reading from Matthew.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. "See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(standing, as able)*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS** *(standing, as able)*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

### *Officiant and People*

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Officiant*      Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People*          **And grant us your salvation.**

*Officiant*      Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People*          **Let your people sing with joy.**

*Officiant*      Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People*          **For only in you can we live in safety.**

*Officiant*      Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
*People*          **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

*Officiant*      Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People*          **Your saving health among all nations.**

*Officiant*      Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People*          **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

*Officiant*      Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People*          **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY** *(standing, as able)*

*Officiant* Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS** *(standing, as able)*

*Officiant* O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR MISSION** *(standing, as able)*

*Officiant* Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name.

*People* **Amen.**

## **A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM** *(standing, as able)*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL** *(standing, as able)*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

*People* **Amen.**

## **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE**

**Officiant:** Daviana Weaver

**Altar Guild:** Emily Davidson; Sylyna France/Debby Stokes-Wayne

**Acolytes:**

**Lectors:** Michael Wayne, Jackie Roberts

**Chalice Bearer:** Michael Wayne

**Ushers/Greeters:** Theresa Barnes

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*We give thanks for all who serve in today's liturgy. Interested in joining a worship ministry?  
Please speak to the Rev. Christopher Richardson after the service.*

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**Mission Statement:**

*Our mission at St. Philip is to live and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to serve the needs of our local and global communities, and to support the evangelical work of the Episcopal church in the United States of America.*

**Core Values:**

- *Sustaining our foundation of faith*
- *Sustaining our roots in our African American heritage while embracing cultures and traditions of all*
- *Nurturing our young parishioners as well as the community*
- *Promoting Christian fellowship*
- *Faith-based community of inclusiveness*
- *Understanding and accepting change*

**Who We Are:**

We are a worshipping family of God's children who believe in nourishment; social justice; reconciliation; cultural and generational enlightenment in our Columbus communities; and continuing Jesus' command for us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. We invite you to be a part of our family!