

Sunday
July 30, 2017
10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Greg Culver

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people
here and around
the world.



Plain print indicates worship leader.
Bold print indicates congregation.
*Indicates please stand as able.

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

As we gather to worship God this day
may God's word help us to grow,
may Christ's love humble us
and may the Holy Spirit gently
challenge us.

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Almighty God, we thank You that You
created each of us uniquely and in each of
us is planted the image of You.

As we worship You here, we praise
You that, without each other, Your
body is diminished; without each
other, the praise we offer is
lessened; without each other, our
prayers lack completeness.

So, as we take our place in worship, we give
You thanks for one another: for those
with whom we get along and for those



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whom we find difficult, for those in whom we see Your love and for those in whom we see hurt or despair or indifference.

Lord, in our seeing, give us compassion.

And help us to see beyond the surface to Your likeness in every one.

For all the times this week that we have looked at others and refused to see You in them, forgive us.

For all the times we have tried to hide our true selves from those around, forgive us.

For all the times we have imagined ourselves as ranking higher in Your kingdom, forgive us.

Forgive us and shake us down into the space You have made for us, beloved children, who have a place in Your heart, in Your church and in Your world.

And, renewed by that insight, help us to shuffle over and make room for others whom You too call beloved. In Jesus' name, amen.

***Hymn:** 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

Children's Time: Hank Stamm

Sermon: "Encouraged & Equipped"

Reflective Prayer

The worship leader will not be reading this aloud. This is a simple moment of silence to reflect as we transition into the hymn.

God, You offer me so many ways to serve, You offer me so many ways to be. Offer me, too, the will to discern the unique part You want me to play whether apostle or prophet, or evangelist, or shepherd, or teacher, or even encourager, or prayer intercessor.

Help me to find a way to develop the gifts You have given me and to serve you in all the wonder with which You have created me. Thank you, Lord.

***Hymn:** 2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Prayer for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Bread upon the Water ~ Beth and Lynn Griner

***Doxology:** 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Prayer of Dedication**

Redeeming God, You call us all to different roles with a unity of purpose. May we, along with these our offerings, work together to build Your kingdom. Amen.

*Today's altar flowers are provided by Joe and Betty Gruber
in honor of cancer victims and survivors.
July 23 attendance: 10:00 a.m. = 133*

***Hymn:** 3154 Draw the Circle Wide

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Take Home Idea for the Week:

Continuing on from last week's idea thinking about what unites us and what makes us unique, this week focus on the part we play. It may be obvious: choir member, committee member, musician, et cetera. It may be less obvious: children, youth, kitchen help, any disciple in the congregation. If any one person was not there then church would be less united. Pray about your role not only in church, but in your home and family: whether a senior member or a baby, each one of us has a special place and the family would miss you. Thank God for every part of your church family!

Coming up next Sunday, August 6: Ephesians 6:10-20; "Prepared & Ready."

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Robert & Carmen
Mary Evelyn Bell	Parsons
David Bretz	Char Rice
Alice Dibble	Marv & Kitty
Barb Griner	Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Al Thomas
Iris McGahan	Mina Willett
Beverly Nimmo	

For Hope and Healing

Andrew's friends
Braylon Brown (Laverne Swinehart's great-grandson)
Jack and Cynda Buckallew
Paul Evans (Noni Heikes' cousin-in-law)
Deb Franklin
Josh Haas' sister and newborn twins (Hank Stamm's friend)
Elliot Hiemstra (Joe and Betty Gruber's great-grandson)
Evy Inman
Larry and LaVon Rolfe
Sara (Georgia Rolfe's granddaughter)
Doug and Deb Stafinski's baby granddaughter
Trisha and family (Amy Moberley's friend)

In Service to Our Country

Matt Kohler	Tyler Smith
Jeff Kudary	Richie Steinacker
Ryan Miller	Nathan Stevens
Walker Polsinelli	

For Lost Loved Ones

Carol Berkey
Virginia Caswell
Al Hosner
Clarence Kohler (Norm's brother)

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

July 30: Joe and Betty Gruber
August 6:

One of Those Dishes Might Be Yours

Thanks to all who bring food to share with others. As a result, lots of dishes from the kitchens can be found on the shelf by Mr. French's closet near the old kitchen. We want you to have your dishes back, so please check for yours and take them home.

Needed for August

Flowers are needed for the altar for the month of August. If you can provide an arrangement, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Also, treats or cookies are needed for Sundays in August. Coffee, beverages and set will be taken care of. Please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Center.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

- 7/30 Jeremy Howard
Tom Hoy
- 8/1 Abby Hamilton
Trace Slancik
- 8/2 Nancy Herson
- 8/3 October Moberley
- 8/4 Nick Cron
Julie Herson
Amy Moberley
Vicki Worthington
- 8/5 Calvin Gose

Anniversaries

- 8/3 Gil & Linda Hasso
- 8/5 Vernon & Janet Noel

Coming Deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 on Tuesday, August 1

This Week

Sunday, July 30

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 31

no activities scheduled

Tuesday, August 1

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God in the Taylor Room

7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting, Library

Wednesday, August 2

10:30 a.m. Wed. Winners, Taylor Rm

Thursday, August 3

11:00 a.m. UMW Executive Committee, Library

12:30 p.m. UMW general meeting, Taylor Room

6:00 p.m. RAW (HS Youth), FLC

Friday, August 4

10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether, Rm 219

Saturday, August 5

no activities scheduled

Coming Events

Monday, August 7

7:00 p.m. Worship Committee, Library

Tuesday, August 8

7:00 p.m. PPRC meeting in the Library

Thursday, August 10

5:30 p.m. Preschool Board mtg, Library



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August 15-18
9:00 to noon

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- Creative games
- Lip-smacking snacks
- Surprising adventures
- Incredible music

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To register your child(ren), call
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To download a Registration Form, go to
http://vicksburgumc.org/Forms/VBS_RegistrationForm.pdf
or find them at the Welcome Center.