

**July 15, 2018**  
**Pentecost**

*Please, as a courtesy to others and to God, silence your cell phones.*

*Everyone, please check in at the attendance notebook that is in the hallway outside of the west sanctuary door. Visitors, please place your name and address in the section marked, "Visitors".*

\*Asterisk indicates to please stand, only if you feel able.

**GREETING**

*Announcements, testimonials, church news, birthdays & anniversaries*

**PRELUDE**

*Please be in an attitude of worship as the acolytes bring forth the light.*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE**

*Please see the screen at the altar or the next page.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PSALM 24**

#755-756 IN HYMNAL

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12-19

p. 274 IN PEW BIBLE

**WORSHIP IN SONG #213**

"Lift Up Your Heads Ye..."

Please sing vv. 1, 3, 4

*Please remain seated. Those that wish may write their concerns / praises on the prayer cards that you will find in the rack on the pew in front of you. They will be picked up on the last verse of this hymn.*

**SHARING JOYS / CONCERNS**

*The altar is open—come and pray*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#895 IN HYMNAL

**AMEN**

#898 IN HYMNAL

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*Thank you for placing your offering in the offering chest*

**MATTHEW 13:1-23**

p. 13 IN PEW BIBLE

**TODAY'S MESSAGE**

"The Seed and the Soil"

Pastor Judi Early

**The APOSTLES' CREED**

#881 IN HYMNAL

**\*WORSHIP IN SONG #370**

"Victory in Jesus"

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*GO FORTH w/the LIGHT**

"Jesus, Name above All Names"

*Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.*

*Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.*

# **SONGS of PRAISE**

**(or see the screen at the altar)**

**LIVING FOR JESUS**

Living for Jesus a life that is true,  
Striving to please him in all that I do,  
Yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.  
O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;  
For thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;  
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,  
My life I give henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

**LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH**

Lord, I lift Your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life,  
I'm so glad You came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave,  
From the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift Your name on high

**I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS**

I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus,  
No turning back, no turning back!  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
The world behind me, the cross before me,  
No turning back, no turning back!



# THOUGHT for the DAY

The sower sows the word. The seed is the word of God. The word of God means the Bible. The seed also stands for Jesus.

The ones along the path: The path becomes hard. There are people who are hard like a path and the word of God barely penetrates them, if at all. The hard soil is even ourselves, at times. Before the word even penetrates our lives, the power of evil takes that seed away. The seed of the kingdom does not even begin to sprout because active evil in our lives blinds us to the presence of the Seed.

The ones on rocky soil, who hear the word of God, immediately receive it with joy. But, they have not roots. When the tribulations and persecutions arise on account of the word, they immediately fall away. We have all heard about fair weather sports fans; so, it is with the Christian faith. There are numerous fair-weather Christians who believe in Christ when they sense their lives are "winning", but when suffering or hardships come, they may give up the faith, wondering where is God now, and why didn't he protect me from disaster?

The ones sown on the thorn: From our own experience with our own lives, we are keenly aware that the cares of this world and the pleasures of this world can choke out faith in our own lives. There are occasions in our lives, when we can be overwhelmed by extenuating circumstances. Negative and pleasurable circumstances can diminish our commitment to Christ and his way of the cross and his way of life. We experience the rocky soil of hardship and suffering and we experience the thorny soil of pleasures and cares. Both sets of circumstances can prevent the Word/Christ growing in our lives.

The ones sown on good soil: All of us want our lives to be enormously productive, producing good fruit, an abundance of good fruit! Jesus describes people who were like good soil. We all know that seeds do well in good soil, along with water, sunshine and loving care.

Three steps:

1. Listen to the Word of God. Stifle the effects of hardships, suffering, busyness, and pleasure and LISTEN.
2. Listen, learn and live out. All three actions are crucial in being a good disciple.
3. Produce fruit. Put Jesus' parables/teachings into practice. It is doing God's will over and over again in real life that you actually learn the way of the cross and show that fruitful growth of 30/60/100 fold.

## JULY CALENDAR and DAILY LESSONS

*Each Sunday schedule •10 a.m. Sunday school•10:45 a.m. Coffee fellowship•11 a.m. Worship On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate Communion and recognize birthdays and anniversaries. •Upstairs Ladies meet on the first Sunday of each month. •Choir rehearsal is suspended until September*

NOTE Pastor Judi's Schedule: Tues. & Thur. @Trinity UMC, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Mon. & Wed. @Christ's UMC, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

SUN 15	Pentecost <i>Psalm 24; 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19; Ephesians 1:3-14; Matthew 13:1-23</i>
MON 16	<i>Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 6:6-12; Acts 21:27-39</i>
TUE S 17	7 p.m. Lay Leadership Meeting <i>Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 3:12-16; Acts 23:12-35</i>
WED 18	10 a.m. Bible Study @Christ's UMC <i>Psalm 68:24-35; 2 Samuel 6:16-23; Luke 7:31-35</i>
THU 19	7 p.m. Thirty on Thursday (Prayer Time) <i>Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 11:15-19; Colossians 1:15-23</i>
FRI 20	<i>Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 14:1-2; Acts 17:16-31</i>
SAT 21	<i>Psalm 89:20-37; 1 Chronicles 15:1-2, 16:4-13; Luke 18:35-43</i>
SUN 22	Pentecost August Ink Link Items Due by End of Day <i>Psalm 89:19-37; 2 Samuel 7:1-14; Ephesians 2:11-22; Luke 18:9-14</i>

### JULY ATTENDANCE / OFFERING

Average Monthly Offering Needed - \$7,711

July 1 - 34 / \$1,483

July 8 - 40 / \$ 951

July 15 - /

July 22 - /

July 29 - /

ACTUAL TOTALS - 74 / \$2,434

**Thank you!**