



**THIS WEEK**

- July 24 Kathy Garry
- July 25 Heather White
- July 25 Matt Bell
- July 28 Pat Phillips
- July 29 Ruth Fish
- July 29 Duff Kitto
- July 29 Julia Sprague



*Arlene Wilson, Shane McWayne,  
Gerda Barbour, Charlie Hoffman  
and for the sick and those who need  
God's comfort.*

**Prayer Help Available.** Please call  
the church office at 782-1750 if  
you have a prayer request. Your  
confidential prayer request will be  
put on the First Pres. Prayer Chain.  
Only those requesting public prayers  
are included for prayers in our

**Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm,** I will facilitate a small group entitled "God's Answers to Life's Difficult Questions." The first meeting will be in my home (241 Clinton Street Apt. # 2). Call me at 771-9702 to reserve your spot (my living room can only seat 15 comfortably). When you call, I will give you directions and parking instructions. This six-session study takes you inside the Bible to discover answers to six of life's toughest questions by drawing from the examples of different biblical characters who faced the same issues. Life's difficult questions do have answers. Answers from the Bible that can change your outlook...and your life.

Pastor Michael

*TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST*

*July 24, 2016*

*10:00 a.m.*

This service is being broadcast over radio station WATN 1240

*\* Indicates that those who are able may stand.*

**GATHERING**

**GREETING**

Peace be with you.  
**And also with you**

**PRELUDE**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, O Holy Spirit.  
Come as Holy Fire and burn in us,

**People: Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within,**  
Come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness,  
**Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance,**  
**Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness,**  
Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.

**All: Convict us, convert us, consecrate us,**  
**until we are set free from the service of ourselves,**  
**to be your servants to the world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*I Went Down to the River to Pray*

As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good ol' way.  
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way!  
O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray, studying about that good ol' way.  
And who shall wear the robe and crown? Good Lord, show me the way.  
O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray.

- 3. O fathers...
- 4. O mothers...
- 5. O sinners...
- 6. As I went down...

## INVITATION TO REPENTANT PRAYERS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord open unto me. Open unto me - light for my darkness.

People: **Open unto me - courage for my fear.**

**Open unto me - hope for my despair.**

Open unto me - peace for my turmoil.

Open unto me - joy for my sorrow.

**Open unto me - strength for my weakness.**

**Open unto me - wisdom for my confusion.**

Open unto me - forgiveness for my sins.

Open unto me - love for my hates.

**Open unto me - thy Self for my self.**

**Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen**

### PRIVATE CONFESSIONAL PRAYERS

#### WORDS OF COMFORT AND FORGIVENESS

In Jesus Christ you are freed from sin and forgiven.

**In Jesus Christ you are given the strength of the Lord.**

#### \*GLORIA PATRI - Hymnal #813

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is not and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.*

### LITURGIST WELCOME

## THE WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:16-33 (Old Testament, page 14-15 in pew Bibles)

#### ANTHEM

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### CHILDREN'S TIME

(At this time we invite all K-7th graders to join us for Sunday School, please have children follow the teacher thru the door on the left. Children will meet parents in Fellowship Hall after the service.)

#### Hymn #185, verse 1

*Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

## SECOND LESSON

Genesis 32:22-32 (Old Testament, page 30 in pew Bibles)

### SERMON

“Wrestling With Jacob”

Rev. Dr. Michael Phoenix

#### \*HYMN #575

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

SHOWALTER

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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.*

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

#### OFFERTORY

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#### DOXOLOGY ~ HYMNAL #815

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SENDING

#### \*HYMN

*Ode to Joy*

Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest.  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

### THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION