

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



September 6, 2020
10:30 AM

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or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>
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Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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In-Person Worship: Join us for ~30-minute in-person worship services every other **Sunday at 5:00 PM**. Please bring your own chairs—spots will be marked on the front lawn. Masks must be worn and social distance must be observed. Restricted bathroom usage. At-risk individuals or anyone feeling unwell should not attend. Please use discretion. Our next outdoor worship service will be on **September 13**. Please **RSVP** [here](#) so that we can plan for attendance.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors: Please give generously to the emergency fund sponsored by the Summit Interfaith Council to help Summit immigrant neighbors adversely affected by COVID-19. You may make your tax-deductible donation to the Relief Fund [here](#), by either check or PayPal. Checks should be made out to and mailed to Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

Need Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee or Tea? Contact [Jane Bowman](#) to make arrangements.

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Calling all musicians: Join us in our virtual music-making this fall! The pandemic has temporarily changed St. John's music ministry, but it can't take away our spirit and enthusiasm. Email Donna Garzinsky (dgarzinsky@stjohnssummit.org) to find out how you can get involved.

Zoom Children's Time is on hiatus.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM is on hiatus.

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Prayer Before Worship

Awaken our hearts and minds to your Word, O God. Give us understanding so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we are able to do all that you command for love's sake. Gathered in Christ's name, gathered around the Word, we pray. Amen.

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Setting of *O Waly Waly*

By Sylvia Berg Oines (b. 1953)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN 864 Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!



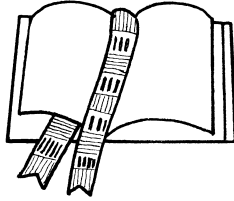
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Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:10–11

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM PARAPHRASE “Oh that the Lord Would Guide My Ways” Virtual Ensemble

SECOND READING Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 174 Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL Matthew 18:15–20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 716 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1. Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2. Breakdown the wall that would di - vide thy child - ren,
3. For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4. Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5. With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev' - ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.
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APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer. Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving. You may also contact the church office for more options.

OFFERTORY 686 We Give Thee but Thine Own

verses 1 & 4

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains two staves (treble and bass clef) with lyrics underneath. The second system also contains two staves with lyrics underneath. The music is a simple, hymn-like accompaniment.

1. We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all
4. And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be: what-

that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and rest upon you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

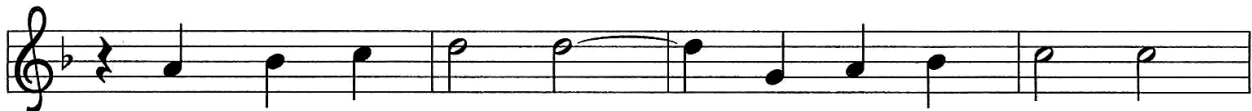
SENDING HYMN 639 When We Are Living



1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,*
1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain, . . .
3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find . . .



y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
and when we help them, or when we feed them,



so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

2 *En la tristeza y en el dolor,
en la belleza y en el amor,
sea que suframos o que gocemos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

3 *En este mundo por doquier habrá
gente que llora y sin consolar.
Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.*

Text: st. 1, based on Romans 14:8; tr. Elise S. Eslinger, b. 1942;

st. 2-3, Roberto Escamilla, b. 1931; tr. George Lockwood, b. 1946

Music: Spanish traditional

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Setting of *Somos del señor*

By Keith Kolander (b. 1955)

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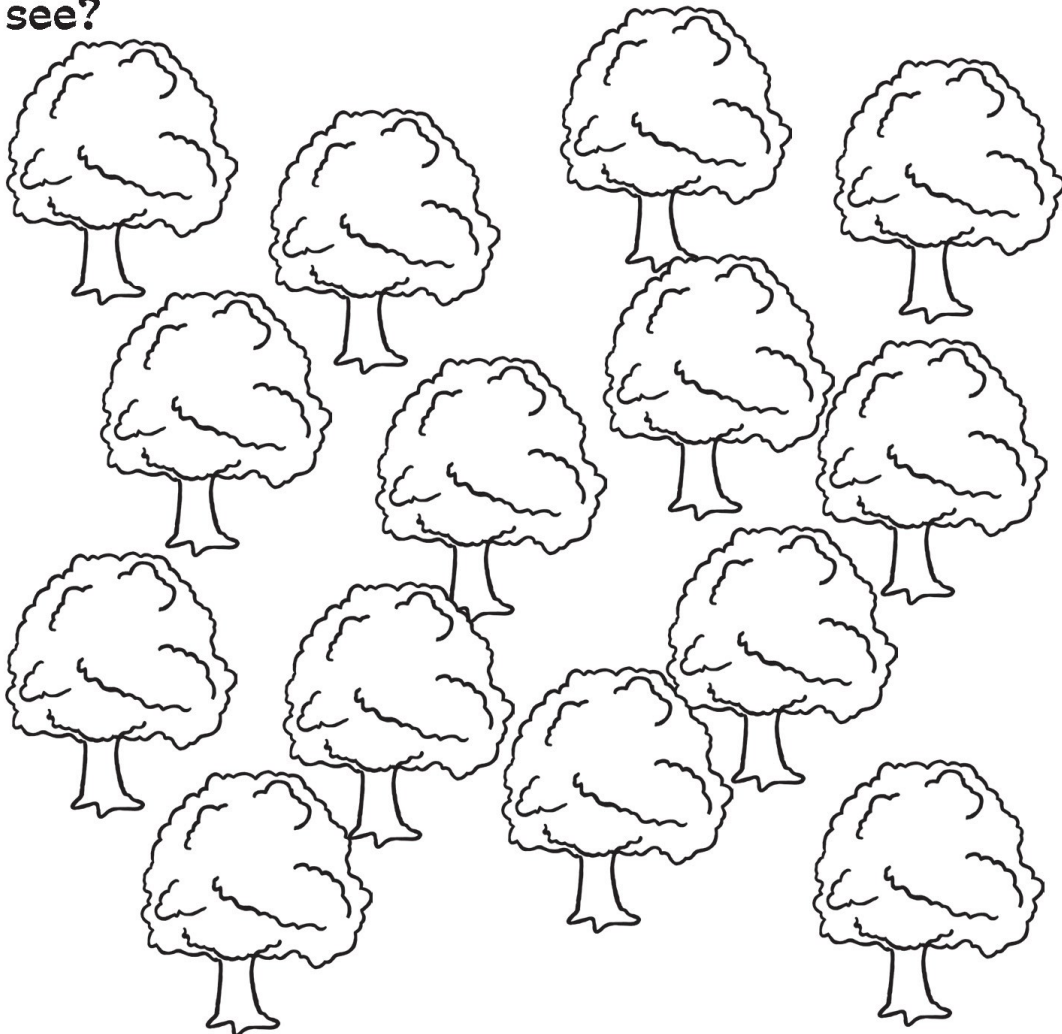


PRE-READER

Pentecost 14

- Today is the **14th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is the **longest** season in the church year.
- Today we are about **halfway** through the season after Pentecost.

We count many Sundays in the season after Pentecost! Count all the trees here. Write a number under each. How many trees do you see?





Jesus says, “Talk to each other about your disagreements.”



Jesus tells us that it is important to say we're sorry.



Can you find all the letters that spell out S-O-R-R-Y in this picture? Can you find Squiggles? Can you color the moon and stars and sea?





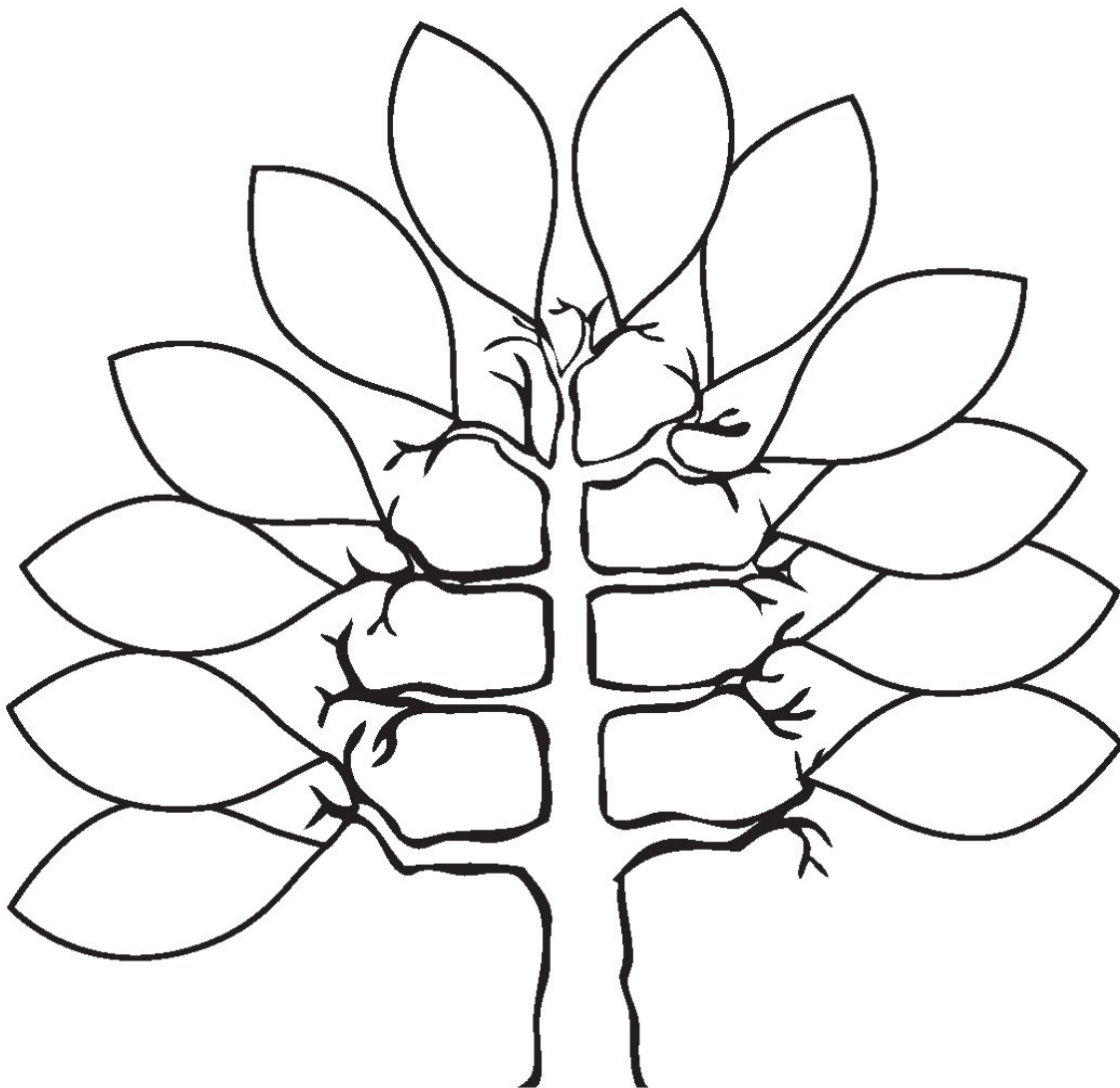
READER

Pentecost 14

- Today is the **14th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- We're a little more than **halfway** through the season after Pentecost.
- During the season after Pentecost, we learn a lot about **God** during **worship**.

Leaf Labels

There are twelve leaves on this tree.
Write one word about God on each leaf.



Fill in the blanks to complete this week's memory verse.

Memory Verse



For where _____ or

_____ are gathered in my

name, I am there _____ them. Matthew 18:20

A Great Commandment

Paul tells us that all of the Ten Commandments can be summed up in one sentence. Unscramble this sentence to learn the answer. Need help? Look up Romans 13:9

As Love Neighbor Your Yourself



Romans is a letter from the Apostle Paul to the people living in Rome.

Paul did not go to the post office to mail his letters. There was no post office!

When he wrote a letter, he sent someone to personally deliver it!

Did You Know?

Saying Sorry

Jesus knew that people in the church would argue and disagree sometimes. He told his followers what to do if they could not get along. Sometimes we argue and disagree with others we care about. Sometimes we need to say that we're sorry. To figure out these ways to say "Sorry," add the vowels to each phrase.

___ M S ___ RRY

___ R ___ LLY M ___ SS ___ D ___ P

F ___ RG ___ V ___ M ___ PL ___ S ___

___ G ___ F ___ D

MY B ___ D

S ___ RRY ___ H ___ RT Y ___



Look it Up!

The Gospel tells us how to solve disagreements with one another. Look up Matthew 5:23-26 for more advice about resolving conflict.

Loving Learning

Worship is a time to praise God. It is also a time to learn about God. Did you learn anything during worship today? Write what you learned in this notebook.

