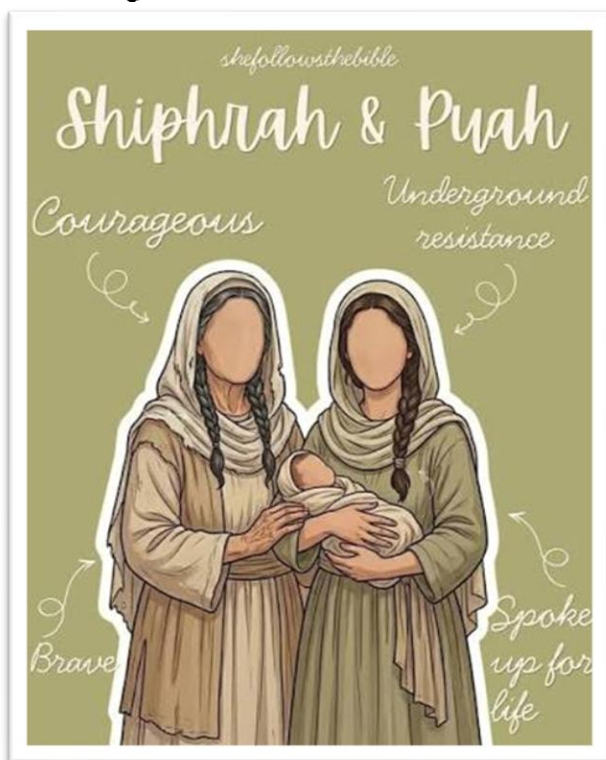




August 23, 2026 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Bohemian Brethren's Songbook

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

One: God, you are the Mystery of Love.

All: **Wonder! Praise!**

One: Christ, you are the Light of Love.

All: **Thanks! Adoration!**

One: Spirit, you are the Energy of Love.

All: **Fill us, that we may fall in love.**

*WE ALL SING

Awesome God

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*OPENING PRAYER

One: Let us pray together.

All: **Eternal God, you sent Christ as your living Word, your healing Touch, your abiding Presence. We listen now to your Word; we wait for your touch; we open our hearts, so that by Christ's spirit in us we also may be your living presence in this world. Amen.**

*THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: I invite you to pass the peace of Christ to those near you, in whatever way you are most comfortable.

*Response

God Welcomes All

John Bell

**God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.**

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1: 8-22

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So, the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So, God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong.²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1: 8-22

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When

she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So, the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So, the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

SERMON

"Nevertheless, They Persisted"

Pastor Bob

*WE ALL SING

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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*STATEMENT OF FAITH

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

We trust in God, creator of all that is, the One who gives us life, judges the forces of oppression and sets us free.

We follow Jesus, the Living Word, the embodiment of God's love. He taught and healed, he resisted injustice, and he gathered a community who practiced holiness for the sake of the healing of the world. He was crucified, and rose again, and lives among us still, healing, guiding and leading.

We live by the power of the Holy Spirit as Christ's Body, the church, in communion with all the saints; trusting in the power of forgiveness, the grace of resurrection, and the infinite, holy, God-given Life that is at the heart of all things. We devote ourselves to the lives to which Jesus calls us: lives of love, healing, courage, justice and joy, in the name of Christ and the energy of the Holy Spirit. For this we ask God's blessing and give thanks for God's grace. Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & PASTORAL PRAYER

- Prayers for the family of **Fred Passow** as they grieve his passing
- Prayers for the **Olson/Ramirez family** for health issues
- Prayers for **Anthony Gralewicz**
- Continued prayers for **Joan Amich's grandson, Blair**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

CALLING FOR OUR BEST

One: Siblings in Christ, present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. As an act of worship, I invite you to return to God your offering.

SCAN TO DONATE



OFFERTORY

Sprit, Spirit of Gentleness

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*WE ALL SING

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above you heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: Let us pray.

**All: Almighty God, you took a baby from the Nile and used
him to lead your people to the promised land. Take our
offerings and our lives, use them to serve your people
in this land and throughout your world. Amen.**

*WE ALL SING

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

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*BENEDICTION		
*RESPONSE	<i>The Trees of the Field</i>	#710
*POSTLUDE	<i>Prelude and Fugue</i>	Geissler

THIS WEEK at CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday

Coffee Hour *in the Chapel*
Milkmen Baseball Game, 1pm

Tuesday, August 25

Quilting, 9:30am

Greeters: Jill Unglaub

Counters: Peggy Carew, Jill Unglaub

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEVATOR is OUT OF SERVICE

Please note that the elevator is currently out of service. Steps are being taken to repair it as soon possible. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Communion Servers Needed | We are seeking a rotating team of volunteers to assist Pastor Bob in serving Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Because we use a rotation schedule, your commitment would be just once every few months. Serving Communion is a meaningful way to share in the ministry of our church and help create a meaningful worship experience for our congregation. We value your dedication to Christ Church and invite you to prayerfully consider serving in this important role. If you are interested or would like more information, please see *Pam Kothrade*.

DI's Laundry Ministry | There will be more opportunities to help with this project in September. In the meantime, we will still be **collecting quarters** in the jar at the back of the sanctuary.
Social Concerns Committee

School Supplies | We will once again be collecting school supplies beginning in August to donate to local grade schools. There will be a bin in the chapel to place your donations. Please have your donations in **by August 30**. Needed items include *loose leaf paper, Kleenex, rulers, pink erasers, scissors, black or blue pens, glue sticks or 8oz bottles of glue, backpacks, #2 pencils, pocket folders in assorted colors, colored pencils, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, plastic pencil box, 70-page spiral notebooks, 8 count washable markers, and 24 count crayons*. We appreciate you considering donating to assist children in our community. If you have any questions, contact a member of the Social Concerns Committee, *Peggy Carew, Debbie Hansen, Mary Ann Mowery, Jan Nafken, Sara Rogers, Vicki Teal, Randene Wick*

Worship in the Park & Potluck | Sunday, September 13 at 10am |
Humboldt Park Picnic Site 5

Homecoming Sunday | September 20

*Please pick up your mid-year
contribution letter from the table
in the hallway behind the
sanctuary. Thanks!*



Monthly Activity	July	YTD
Contributions & Other Income	\$12,230	\$119,889
Expenses	\$16,339	\$138,244
Budgeted Amount	\$18,051	\$126,361
<i>Last week's offering: \$622</i>		

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