

Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026

Bells “Simple Gifts Brackett, Shaker Elder Joseph/Tammy Waldrop

Hymn 401 “The God of Abraham praise” *Leoni*

Welcome

The Opening Acclamation *(page 14 in the booklet)*

Collect

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Lesson Genesis 12: 1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People

Thanks be to God

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Psalms 33: 1-12

(Please read responsively)

Exultate, justi

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead

and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Thanks be to God

The Gospel Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley

Affirmation of Faith *(page 15 in the booklet)*

The Prayers of the People *(page 16 in the booklet)*

We also pray for: Ken, Keith, Marcus, Drew, Robertine, Paul, Glen, Thom, Ted, Charley, Bill; Natasha; Sue; Mike; Don; Pat; Heather; Mary; Caleb; Aloha; Beth-Anne; Sharon; Angelo; Linda; just peace for Ukraine; those affected by the violence in the Middle East and Sudan.

Confession *(page 18 in the booklet)*

Peace *(page 18 in the booklet)*
(Collection Plates are located at each Entrance)

Offertory Anthem “Take my hand, precious Lord” Kenton Coe

When the darkness appears,
and the night draws near and day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I’m tired, I’m weak, I’m worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Thomas Dorsey

The Great Thanksgiving *(page 19 in booklet)*

Sanctus *(Sung by all)*

Fraction Anthem II *(Sung by all)*

Communion Bells “Amazing grace” *Traditional/Sandra Eithun*

Post Communion Prayer *(page 24 in the booklet)*

Blessing

Announcements

Hymn

“Will you come and follow me”
(See insert)

The Summons

Voluntary

“Toccata in C Major”

Johann Pachelbel



PARISH NOTICES

WHO ARE WE? St. Stephen’s Parish is a community of people who together seek to serve our community, drawing strength and joy from worshipping together. We don’t all believe the same, act the same, vote the same, or dress the same – but we strive to love the same, as Christ loved and served all people.

ST. STEPHEN’S TABLE - Gifts may be made by sending a donation to the church or through our website. On the website, select “Give,” to find the link to the online giving page. Select “St. Stephen’s Table” from the Fund menu.

MONTHLY LABYRINTH WALK: Join us after the service today and on the first Sunday of the month for a meditative labyrinth walk. Doors open from 11:15-12:30. Second floor auditorium. 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6.

HEALING PRAYERS RETURN TODAY, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL PRIDE CELEBRATION – Saturday, June 20th. The parade steps off at 11 am followed by a festival on The Common. Please contact David Nevin if you’d like to help out.

DEEPER WELL, WEDNESDAY, 5 PM, ZION – Praying with Images



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Paper Toter -Roy Sutton	Cardboard – Home- Chris Plankey
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MINISTERS OF THE CELEBRATION

- CELEBRANT The Rev. Dr. Nina R. Pooley
- LECTORS Jim Alden, Angie Moon
- LAY MINISTERS Craig Reynolds, Susan LeBourdais
- ALTAR GUILD Marie & Roy Sutton
- GREETERS Laura Kelly, Claudia Curry
- VESTRY GREETER Jim Brennan
- CRUCIFER Jim Brennan

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Worship: Compline: Wednesday June 10, 6:30 p.m. Zoom
Saturday June 13, 5p.m. Sunday June 14, 10 a.m.

St. Stephen's Table: Thursday & Friday, Grab and Go, 4:30 p.m.

Meetings: AA: Friday at 6:30 p.m.; Saturday at 10:00 a.m. NA: Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Dining Room

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

In our Parish prayers, we pray for: Ken, Keith, Marcus, Drew, Robertine, Paul, Glen, Thom, Ted, Charley, Bill; Natasha; Sue; Mike; Don; Pat; Heather; Mary; Caleb; Aloha; Sharon; Beth-Anne; Angelo; Linda; just peace for Ukraine; those affected by the violence in the Middle East and Sudan.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces and their families:
MAJ Andrew B., CPT Nichols P., 1LT Curran J.D., Lance CPL Chad L., SPC Amanda D., Pvt. Corey F.D., Army Ranger Sean J., Micah H.

We pray for our community

Local Food Programs
Pittsfield City Government
The Governor of Massachusetts

In Our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:

Christ Memorial Church, North Brookfield;
Budget & Finance Committee
National Cathedral Association;
Action Centered Tutoring Services
(ACTS), Springfield

In our Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for:

Sunday: Scottish Episcopal Church
Monday Diocese of Accra (West Africa)
Tuesday Diocese of Adelaide (Australia)
Wednesday Diocese of Afikpo (Nigeria)
Thursday: Diocese of North Africa (Alexandria)
Friday: Diocese of Agra (North India)
Saturday: Diocese of Aguata (Nigeria)

The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? ___ Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? ___ Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? ___ Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? ___ Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. ___ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? ___ Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? ___ Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. ___ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, ___ will you let my name be known, ___ will you
 stare ___ should your life at - tract or scare? ___ Will you
 clean, ___ and do such as this un - seen, ___ and ad -
 found ___ to re - shape the world a - round, ___ through my
 go ___ where your love and foot - steps show. ___ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? ___
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? ___
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? ___
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? ___
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. ___

WORDS: John Bell
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

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Today, we give thanks for and celebrate:

2026 Handbell Choir

Jane Markham	1 year
Kris O'Connor	1 year
Pam Wall	4 years
Kathy Blount	6 years
Heather Topolski	8 years
Pam Manzolini	11 years
Carol Lancaster	14 years
Jean Stanford	15 years
Susan Coles	28 years
Cathy Carchedi	42 years
Judie Culver	46 years

2026 Graduates!

Joy Davis, granddaughter of Theresa Latini, graduated from Taconic High School. She will continue her studies at Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD

Ryan Stec, grandson of Jim Alden and David DeSmith, received an MBA from the University of Hartford's Barney School of Business.

Temporary Address for Caleb (and Brendan)

as he continues his recovery:

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Welcome to Worship at St. Stephen's

We are delighted to have you with us today as we worship together. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is an inclusive parish welcoming all people - regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or creed. God loves you, and so do we!

All Are Welcome to Receive from God's Table.

Each week we share the bread and the wine: the gifts of God, given for the people of God. We invite you to receive communion, but, if you'd rather receive a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms across your chest.

Receiving Communion:

The bread - When you come forward hold your hands out together, palm up. The clergy person will place a wafer in your hands, and say, "The body of Christ." Your response: "Amen." (Please let the clergy know if you'd prefer a gluten free wafer.)

The wine - is offered by chalice bearers on either side of the aisle in front of the altar area. Those sitting on the right should choose the right side chalice, those sitting on the left, choose the left side chalice. The chalice bearer will offer the wine, saying, "The Blood of Christ." Your response: "Amen." You may receive the wine by taking a small sip from the chalice, or by dipping your wafer in the wine, taking care not to touch the wine with your fingers. You may also choose to hear the words and respond without choosing to partake of the wine.

Children are always welcome at worship!!

Families are welcome to sit wherever they wish. There are child-friendly books in a bookshelf near a coloring station in the back, on the right side of the sanctuary. There's a second coloring station on the front left, where there is also our **Kids' Own Space activity area**. There's a Nursery Nook in the Guild Room for caregivers of infants and toddlers who need to take a break during worship. Caregivers, please come and go as your child needs to - for their safety, **we ask that children be accompanied at all times**. Sunday school is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, September through May.

Collection Plates are located at each entrance. All gifts gratefully accepted.

Restrooms are located in our Parish House: Exit the sanctuary via the doors on either side of the altar, follow the signs.