



## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

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Joanne Smithson, Clerk

### Mission Statement

To proclaim the faith that our years have engendered: to use the diversity of our Episcopal experience while working toward a common goal; to teach the young about Jesus and to reach out and affect the lives of those in the community.

*"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20*

### Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly with the Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr., Rector.

### To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

Please notify the church office 732-350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations.

If it is an emergency you may also reach Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden at 732-350-2904 or

Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.

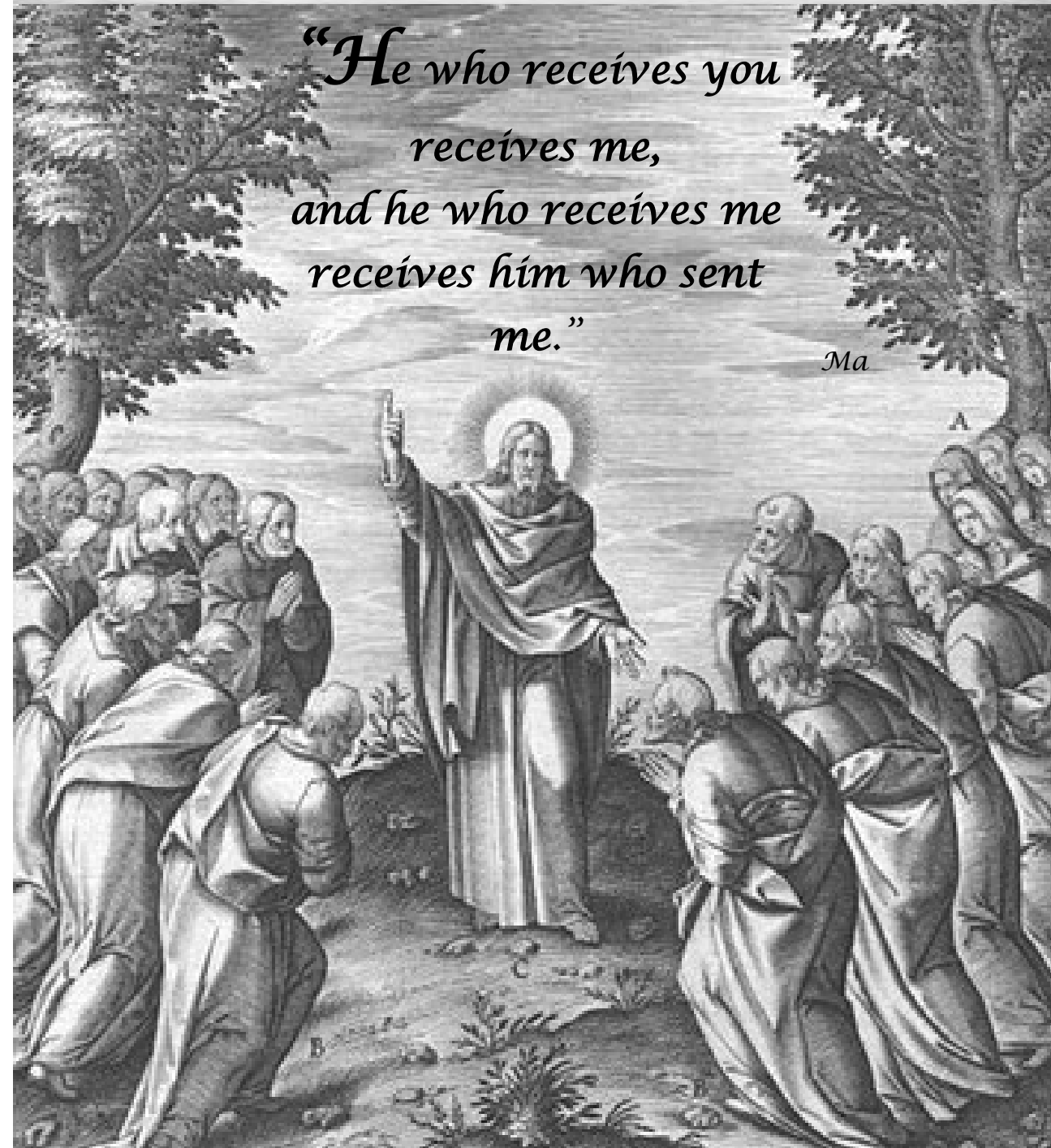


## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 8

*"He who receives you  
receives me,  
and he who receives me  
receives him who sent  
me."*

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**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 8  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**JULY 2, 2023  
8 & 10 am**

**Save the Date on Upcoming Events**

<b>Hymnal</b>	<b>The Word of God</b>	<b>BCP</b>
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**HOLY COMMUNION**

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**Word of God speak**  
*Won't you pour down like rain*  
*Washing my eyes to see*  
*Your majesty*  
*To be still and know*  
*That You're in this place*  
*Please let me stay and rest*  
*In Your holiness*  
**word of God speak**

- BIBLE STUDY GROUP**  
 "The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart", Mondays at 11am-12:30pm  
 for info contact: *Roberta Mackey at 917-696-6863*
- CHOIR PRACTICE**  
 Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs. We will return to practice in September.
- HEALING SERVICES**  
 Thursdays at 10:00 am
- OSL WILL BE MEETING**  
 On Thursday July 13, after the Healing Service
- THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**  
 Monday, July 10th @10 AM
- VESTRY MEETING**  
 Monday, July 24 @ 10am.



**PLEDGE CARDS**  
 If you filled in a pledge card, your envelopes are in the Narthex on the shelf, right side before you enter the church. If you need envelopes, see our treasurer, Gerrie Vergona.

**4th of JULY CELEBRATION AT THE QUIGLEY'S**  
 2001 Elizabeth Avenue, Whiting  
 12pm - 4pm  
**St. Stephen's Church Family**

You and your family are cordially invited to a July 4th picnic at the Quigley's home at 2001 Elizabeth Avenue, Whiting. We'll be having hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and desserts. There's no need to bring food - unless you have a special dish you would like to bring.

**We have a pool so bring your suits and towels if you would like to swim.**

**What I need from you:** Please text me at (732) 547-9712 or call Greg in the Church office (732) 350-2121 and let him know who is coming so we have enough food. Thank you.

**SEE YOU ON THE 4th**

## ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. See our schedule of services located online at [www.ststephenswhitingnj.org](http://www.ststephenswhitingnj.org)

## Memorial Garden For Pets

(Remains Only)

For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest.

Please contact our office Monday–Thursday 9am–2pm for more info

(732) 350-2121

## BLUEGRASS AND BLUEBERRY SOCIAL

Will be held on Saturday, July 8 from 1-3PM. Come enjoy delicious shortbread and blueberries (or peaches, or strawberries), served with iced tea. Door prizes, treasure auction, 50/50 and a bake sale will be available besides such a delicious item, Tickets are \$10 per person. Come and see (and listen!)

See Stefanie Bodine, Chair, for more details.

Tickets are available for purchase in our Church office from 9am-1:30pm, Monday—Thursday

## A Healing Service

Presented by

### The Atlantic Convocation

Open your heart to receive God's love and experience His healing power on a profound level. This service provides an environment where you can encounter the healing touch of the Divine Physician.

Wednesday, July 26, at 6pm.

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - Sanctuary**  
**180 Rt 539, Whiting NJ**

Refreshments will be served

## *Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever... *Amen.*

## *A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 28:5-9*

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words which you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word which I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."



## ***Psalm 89:1-4,15-18***

### ***Misericordias Domini***

**1** *Our* love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**2** For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

**3** "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**4** 'I will establish your line for ever, \*

and preserve your throne for all generations."

**15** Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*

they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**16** They rejoice daily in your Name; \*

they are jubilant in your righteousness.

**17** For you are the glory of their strength, \*

and by your favor our might is exalted.

**18** Truly, the LORD is our ruler; \*

the Holy One of Israel is our King.



***CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE*** ~ Sells well to groups meeting at our church. Now accepting **Summer** clothes **ONLY** in **TOP** condition, (clean, with no missing buttons, tears or stains). Also, continue to use the **FOUR BINS** in our parking lot for *out of season clothing, all men's wear,* and other items. Our winter clothes are now on clearance sale. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.

***ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN*** ~ is in need of additional members.

The Prayer Chain is a dedicated group of parishioners who will pray for any who are in need. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Greta Pearl at 732-350-7584 for details. Greta is the contact when placing, on the Prayer Chain, your name or the names of family, neighbors, or friends who would like prayers for healing, comfort, or any other purpose.

***CARE GIVERS VOLUNTEERS*** ~ Caregivers volunteers, is a faith base organization that offer assistance to the elderly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Caregivers at 732-505-2273 Ext 213

***COFFEE HOUR***  coffee   
hour

A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2023 - sign up! Everyone is so grateful for the delicious food that you share, your help, and they love chatting after the services. Any questions, contact *Stefanie* at (732) 350-2904

### ***Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws***

Days and Hours of Operation are:

Tuesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

Wednesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

***Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws*** is made up of members of the **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** community and other volunteers who assist in maintaining our pantry, provide food for the sick, the hungry and the needy. The food pantry is here to help those who have minimal funds to work with and come to us when they have a specific need for food.

The ***Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws*** through very generous donations is also able to provide pet food for dogs and cats. For further information please call: **Jim Jados, Director, Food Pantry at (732) 408-5948.**



## Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month— July 13, after the Healing Service.

### Prayer to send out LEMs with the Sacrament:

**Celebrant:** N. we send you out to share Communion this week with those who have been entrusted to your care.

**People:** May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence.

**Celebrant:** Continues with a closing prayer.

### ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines	1st Sunday of each month	at 9:30 am
Aristicare	1st Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Arbors	2nd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Pines	3rd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm



## TECH THURSDAY



Tech Thursday meets monthly. Our next meeting will be on **July 20th**. Bring your tablet, computer, phone, i pad, etc. to the meeting. Estelle Pizzuti and Bill Bodine will assist you.

## ECW

If you missed the ECW Meeting on June 1, but would still like to share a roll/rolls of paper towels, detergent, or gift cards with Providence House, leave them for Stefanie on her desk, or on the back pew by the tech section.

## Daughters of the British Empire



The (DBE) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit American society of women of British or Commonwealth of Nations birth, heritage or ancestry. We share and promote our heritage while supporting local charities and our senior living facilities across the United States.

To learn more about our local chapter, here in Ocean County, please email *Joan Saunders* – [njstateorganizer@gmail.com](mailto:njstateorganizer@gmail.com)

## *A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 6:12-23*

**L**et not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you yield yourselves to any one as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## *A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 10:40-42*

**“H**e who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me. He who receives a prophet because he is a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward, and he who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”



Welcome to St. Stephen's

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' instructions to his twelve disciples as he prepared to send them out to proclaim the gospel. Today that passage continues with his warning to them that they will encounter opposition to the message and may even have to suffer for it.

The first reading is a passage from the prophet Jeremiah. This prophet was strongly rejected by the leaders and many of the people. Attempts were made on his life. Jeremiah became the model for martyrs and others whose witness to God earned them persecution and even death.

In the second reading Paul is seeking to explain the result of God's grace in our salvation. He sets before us a contrast between Adam and Jesus. Adam sinned, and like Adam, all other humans have sinned as well. But God gave Jesus as a free gift, and that free gift, that grace, is such that it overcomes not only Adam's sin but the sin of all people.

We gather as church to respond to the same call that was made to the Twelve Apostles and to the prophets. It is not always easy to be followers of Christ. We must expect to find that our message is not always popular, and that we will not always be well treated for proclaiming it. But here as the people of God we find that God's grace is always available in Word and Sacrament. We are upheld in the experience of those who have gone before us and above all by the example of Jesus, who is dying and rising in our midst.

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## Serving in the Liturgy today:

July 2, 2023

Lector 8:00 am	JoAnn Smithson
LEM 8:00 am	Richard Smithson, JoAnn Smithson
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Linda Chiappetta
Ushers 8:00 am	Glenn Mortimer, Mary Storey, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:00 am	Kay Karlick
LEM 10:00 am	Susan Clark, Bob Virtue, Kay Karlick
Altar Guild 10:00am	Beverly Larson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:00 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

## Sanctuary Candle

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to  
The Glory of God*

*In Honor of  
Stefanie Bodine's Birthday  
by Stefanie & Bill Bodine*



## Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers are given to  
the Glory of God*

*In Memory of  
John and Doris Dilts,  
by Linda Webb*

*In Memory of  
Peg Smith,  
by Ginny Bray*

*In Memory of  
Harry Tomkins, Kathy Molnar & Judy  
DeYoung by Ruth Molnar*

*In Memory of  
Al Shindle  
by Lois Talarowski*

*In Memory of  
Bill Kaster  
by Sandy Gaskill*

*In Memory of  
Charlie Kelly & Allura Tess Gaskill,  
by Sandy Gaskill*

