

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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\*indicates that you may rise as comfortably able  
(text in bold read in unison)

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ gives us a new commandment:

**“Love one another as I have loved you.”**

When we love one another as Christ has loved us, we will live lives full of joy.

**We will live with God’s love deep in our hearts.**

Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

**Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Loving God, we remember your Child’s commandment to love one another as he has loved us. May this time of prayer and reflection remind us of the love we have in Jesus. As we leave this sacred space, may we be filled with joy as we share his love with others. AMEN.**

\* OPENING HYMN: “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” # 337 Verses 1-3

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult of our life’s wild restless sea,  
day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying “Christian, follow Me”;

Long ago apostles heard it, by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home, and toil, and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

## A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

### RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.

Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

### SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:18-28

A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and mother.'"

He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." But when he heard this, he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!

Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God." Then Peter said, "Look, we have left our homes and followed you."

### SCRIPTURE: John 21:15-19

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.). After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

SERMON: “What Must We Do?”

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: “More Love to Thee, O Christ” # 527 1,2,4

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!

Hear thou the pray’r I make, on bended knee;

this is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ to thee,

more love to thee, more love to thee.

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest,

now thee alone I seek, give what is best;

this all my pray’r shall be, more love, O Christ to thee,

more love to thee, more love to thee.

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;

this be the parting cry my heart shall raise,

this still its pray’r shall be, more love, O Christ to thee,

more love to thee, more love to thee.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

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.**

## GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

Anthem: "Be Thou My Vision"

\* Doxology #46 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, the heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

**Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. AMEN.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, AMEN.**

\* CLOSING HYMN: "My Jesus I Love Thee" # 349

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

St. Philip's SUMMER KICKOFF...

**Sunday, May 5 10:30am**

Join us for games, taco bar, bounce house,  
and face painting for our Summer Kickoff!

(Worship and Sunday School are at 9:30am)

**Dessert Potluck**

We would like to invite the congregation  
to bring a dessert to share for our  
Summer Kickoff Taco Bar after church!  
Any and all desserts are welcome!



## **LOGOS MINISTRY**

Our Final LOGOS will be held on Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30 - 7:00pm.

Come join for smash burgers, ice cream sundaes, & outdoor fun!

## **MAY 19 WORSHIP**

Join us for a special Pentecost worship experience on **Sunday, May 19 at Camp MoVal at 10:30am!** Many of us will already be down at MoVal for our shared retreat with St. John UCC on May 18, and we will close out our time together that weekend with a wonderful worship experience (in the Fireside Room--FULLY accessible, climate controlled, accessible bathrooms, etc.).

Because of this special opportunity to worship together with our sister church, ALL are invited to come to MoVal Sunday morning for worship (even if you don't come to any of the rest of the retreat--no cost to come Sunday morning for worship!).

### **CARPOOLING Sunday, May 19 -**

We already have a few volunteers to carpool and **shuttle folks from St. Philip's parking lot** to MoVal that morning. **Leave: 9:15am** and **Return: no later than 1:00pm.** Signup sheet located on easel just outside the sanctuary.

**There will NOT be worship at St. Philip's building location on May 19** (nor will there be worship at St. John's building location). We will plan to record the worship experience at MoVal and upload it to Facebook LATER (the internet isn't strong enough at MoVal to livestream).

And, if carpooling or catching the service online later still aren't the best options for you, we invite you to find a nearby congregation to worship with that morning (there are several UCC congregations just a few miles in any direction from St. Philip's)--bring greetings from St. Philip's on our behalf and imagine how we might build up a partnership with a UCC neighbor!

If you need assistance figuring out the best option for you/your family for May 19, please reach out to Pastor Laura.

## YOUTH SAVE THE DATES

May 5 10:30am (after Worship) - Summer Kickoff

May 8 5:30-7:00pm - Final LOGOS

### Summer LOGOS

June 19 Whitaker Music Festival at Missouri Botanical Gardens

July 17 Pool Party

August 7 Campfire & Outdoor fun

### Vacation Bible School

July 20 9:00am - Setup

July 22-26 9:00-11:30am each day

July 25 6:00pm - Ice Cream Social

## UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

Updated Church Directory are available on the credenza just outside of the Sanctuary. Please pickup a copy. Due to high postage rates we prefer not to mail copies of the directory. Thank you.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL & BABYSITTING ON SUNDAYS

**Babysitting** is available during the church service in the first classroom on the right in the Early Childhood hallway.

If you are interested in teaching **Sunday School** or helping with the younger children, please contact Andrea Tukin or see the GREEN sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

There is also a PINK sign up on the bulletin board to do **Children's Time** during the service. Lessons can be provided for you.



**ST. PHILIP'S  
LUNCH BUNCH  
MAY 8**

Please join the Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, May 8** at Bandana's BBQ located at 11750 Gravois Road in Sunset Hills. Due to their 'no reservation' policy, we will be **meeting at 11:30am** to ensure seating.

See the RED signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, May 5.

If you have any questions, contact Ray Hofstetter at 314-843-9403.

**ANNOUNCING BEER & BIBLE**

Join Pastor Laura for a beer and informal conversation about how our faith intersects with what's happening in the world today! The beer part is optional - eat and drink whatever you want.

Just come and hang out at Hessler's Pub & Grill located at 11804 Tesson Ferry Road, 63128 at **6:00pm** on the following Wednesday dates:

**June 5**

**July 10**

**July 31**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

**Happy Birthday to our members  
who will be celebrating this month.**

We will sing on the 1st Sunday of each month.

*"Happy Birthday to You!,*

*Happy Birthday to You!,*

*Happy Birthday Everybody!*

*and God Bless You!"*

Dori Hudson	1
Olivia Stevenson	1
Mike Shelton	5
George Brand, III	8

Stacey Witte	9
Lindsey Rawlings	11
Kimberly Kelly	14
Pam Henson	15
Shirley Oldani	16
Carl Philips	17
Emily Meininger	19
William Matthews, Jr	20
Jason Yung	21
Sue Bowles	23
Sheannon Hladnick	26
Brandi Armistead	26
Haylee Womack	27
Sandy Stevenson	29
Laura Brym	31



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We hope you can join us at **Camp Firelight** for some fun, faith, and adventure!

We are currently in need of volunteers. If you are interested in being a "camp counselor" (really just helping out how/when you can) please fill out the following google form! [VBS Volunteer Interest Form \(google.com\)](#)

We appreciate your continuous love and support as we enrich the lives of our youth!

Sincerely,  
The Learning Ministry

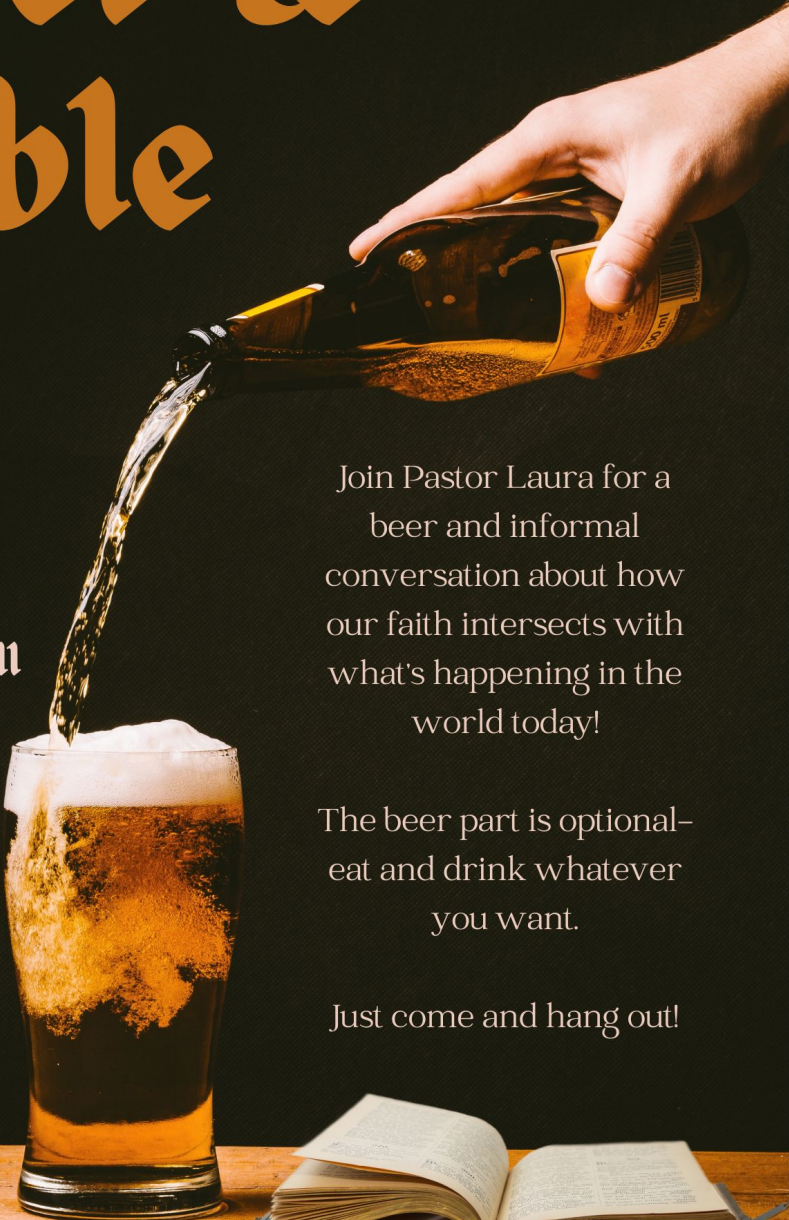
P.S. Setup will be on Saturday, July 20 beginning at 9:00am.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 SUMMER KICKOFF	6 7:00 Church Council Mtg	7	8 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Bandanas 5:30 LOGOS	9 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	10	11
12 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	13	14	15	16	17	18 Camp MoVal Spring Retreat
19 <b>NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP</b> Camp MoVal Spring Retreat noon-4:00 MPR Rental	20 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	21	22 6:00 Spiritual Life Meeting	23	24	25
26 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	1 June
2 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	3 7:00 Church Council Mtg	4	5 6:00 Beer & Bible @ Hessler's	6	7	8



**Our  
Vision  
Statement**

## St. Philip's Vision Statement

We are called to the body of Jesus Christ, with:

Minds to study God's word,  
Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,  
Eyes to see the needs of others,  
Arms to welcome all,

Hearts big enough to share God's love with all God's children.

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