

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude and Wait for people to connect online

Lighting the Candles

### \* Call to Worship (Responsively)

As we gather for worship, let us put on the protection of Jesus.

**With humility and gentleness, we bear with one another in love.**

Let us maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**As one body we speak the truth in love.**

### \* Opening Hymn: "Called As Partners" # 453

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

### \* Centering Prayer (Together)

**Help us in this hour, O God, to look and to listen for your voice. Connect us to your timeless rhythms, your ageless melodies, your everlasting joyful noise. Guide us now to focus upon you. Amen.**

\* Response: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 254 - Verse 1 only  
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew.  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

## Children's Time

### Prayer of Preparation (Together)

**O God, you are our hiding place and shield. Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Uphold us according to your promises, that we may live. We hope in your Word. Amen.+**

### Scripture: John 6:61-69 (The Message)

Jesus sensed that his disciples were having a hard time with this and said, "Does this rattle you completely? What would happen if you saw the Son of Man ascending to where he came from? The Spirit can make life. Sheer muscle and willpower don't make anything happen. Every word I've spoken to you is a Spirit-word, and so it is life-making.

But some of you are resisting, refusing to have any part in this." (Jesus knew from the start that some weren't going to risk themselves with him. He knew also who would betray him.) He went on to say, "This is why I told you earlier that no one is capable of coming to me on his own. You get to me only as a gift from the Father." After this, many of his disciples left. They no longer wanted to be associated with him. Then Jesus gave the Twelve their chance: "Do you also want to leave?"

Peter replied, "Master, to whom would we go? You have the words of real life, eternal life. We've already committed ourselves, confident that you are the Holy One of God."

### Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-17 (NRSV)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly

places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Hymn: "I've Got Peace Like a River" # 530

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got joy like an ocean, I've got joy like an ocean,  
I've got joy like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)

Sermon: "Personal Protective Equipment"  
Pastor Mike Krewson

Anthem: "Lead On O King Eternal"

Prayer Time:

Wordless Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Our Gifts

Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host:**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer Dedicating our gifts (Together)

**God of extravagant love, fill us with your love and place upon our hearts your call to serve all in the name of Christ. We ask that you dedicate these gifts and our lives to your purposes. Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" # 570

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place where God, my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Benediction

Postlude

## ALOHA SUNDAY

**This Week - August 22, 2021**

Get into the spirit of "Aloha" by wearing a Hawaiian shirt or any flowered or bright colored shirt.

If you have a lei, wear that too! If not, we are happy to provide you with a lei. There will be a box of leis at church. We are asking you to choose a lei to wear, but not to return it to the box. Please take it home with you. We cannot recycle the leis at this time.

Not attending church services yet? We invite you to wear a Hawaiian shirt at home and be part of the spirit of Aloha!

## LUNCH BUNCH

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th**

Lunch Bunch will begin our monthly get-togethers at **noon on September 8th** at Pietro's located at 3801 Watson Road, 63109. We are asked to wear our masks inside except at our tables. I have asked for a private room, however, that may not be possible.

We are looking forward to this get-together. Please see the pink signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Virginia at 843-3605.

Everyone who has been fully vaccinated is welcome to come, have good food, and enjoy our time visiting.

Please signup by September 5.

Virginia

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Thurmond	1	Chris Armistead	15	Wally Knoll	28
Ken Holdener	1	Megan Comstock	16	Harry Headley	30
Terri Karcher	2	Tammy Knoll	18	Joe Williams	30
Leetah Nickel	8	Hilda Leonard	19	Judy York	31
Peggi Werner	11	Debbie Hudson	24		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 ALOHA Sunday <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person	23 <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	24 September Crier Articles Due	25	26	27	28
29 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person	30 <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	31 <b>4:30</b> ECC Board Mtg	1	2	3	4
5 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person	6 Labor Day <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	7 <b>7:00</b> Church Council Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person	13 <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	14	15	16	17	18



# 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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Paul Harvey  
Judy Hickman  
Russ Hickman  
Ray Hoffstetter  
Deb Hudson  
Harry Jennings  
Pam Kelly  
Brian Malin  
Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle  
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