

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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September 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude and Wait for people to connect online

Lighting the Candles

Birthday Celebration

\* Call to Worship (Responsively)

**As we gather to worship, we set our minds on God's love.**

Let love be genuine.

**Jesus asked his followers to love one another as he had loved them.**

Love rejoices in the truth.

**Love is strong enough to persevere and to be flexible.**

Let love be genuine!

\* Opening Hymn: "All People That on Earth do Dwell" # 18

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with mirth his praise forth tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God, indeed, without our aid he did us make,  
we are his folk he does us feed, and for his sheep he does us take.

Enter the sacred gates with praise, with joy approach the temple walls.  
Extol and bless our God always as people whom the Spirit calls.

Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure,  
whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

\* Invitation to Confession (Pastor)

\* Prayer of Confession (Together)

**God of Wholeness, we have become fragmented. We sometimes build up walls and hide ourselves from each other. Our focus is sometimes too narrow. Guide our hands to reach out across walls, our eyes to see beyond ourselves, so that we might participate in the healing of the world. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Grace (Pastor)

\* Response: "Glory Be to the Father" # 35

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen. Amen.**

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

**Even Jesus changed his mind, O God. Help us to trust in you enough to  
change our minds when needed. Give us the grace to experience  
your presence in these words and to feel the miracle of your Word  
working in our hearts. Amen.**

Scripture: James 2:1-10

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

Scripture: Mark 7:24-30

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Hymn: "To God be the Glory" # 72

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(Refrain)

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

Sermon: "Insiders and Outsiders"

Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

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)

**In response to all that you have given, O God, we bring our gifts to you.**

**We pray that our money might be used to build bonds of love in the  
broken places. Use us, O God, that others might know you. Let us  
give freely -- for the sake of Jesus, who served only you. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

## PRAYER (Responsively)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may love you with our whole selves.

**We see your goodness in heaven and earth and in Jesus.**

**We remember when you showed your risen self to the disciples and we remember the loaf you broke. The bread you give, is your body.**

**Break into our lives, O God, and transform these gifts, that they may be for us your substance, and that as we receive, we may be restored as his body for the world. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING and THE POURING

### SHARING THE BREAD (Pastor)

With this bread, O God, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. (Prayerful pause as we meditate on the Bread)

Take and Eat; (Partake of the Bread)

With this bread, O God, we integrate your substance into the living of our lives. (Prayerful pause as we meditate on the actions of faithful living.)

### SHARING THE DRINK (Pastor)

With this drink, O God, we visualize our new wholeness born of this sacrament. We look with hope for his coming. (Prayerful pause as we connect to the Drink)

Take and Drink; (Partake of the Drink)

With this drink, O God, we integrate your substance into the living of our lives.

(Prayerful pause as we meditate on actions of faithful living.)

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story" # 480

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet,  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Benediction

Postlude

**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

**NO ACCESS TO ROOMS  
FLOOR CLEANING & WAXING**

Please note the following days the following rooms will be closed for floor waxing:

September 3-5 MPR

September 10-12 Halls, MPR,  
and Office Bathroom

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF  
Sunday, September 12**

Join us for our first "official" Sunday School of the school year. We will be having a breakfast party with a few games right afterwards to celebrate!

Can't wait to see everyone and get the school year off to a great start!

**LOGOS Resumes for the School Year  
Beginning September 15  
5:30-7:00pm**

Each night we will enjoy each other's company with a bible lesson, crafts, games and dinner. All are welcome. We are even adding a pre-K element this year!

If you are interested in participating, contact Andrea Tukin for more info or to RSVP

(314) 566-8633

andreatukin@gmail.com

**BOOK CLUB**

We will meet after church on September 19 to Discuss Nature of the Beast. We will meet in the conference room, and share a pot luck lunch.

Our next Selection is Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate, a New York Times bestseller described as a heartbreaking story of joy and loss based on the true story of an adoption center that kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families.

## ATTENTION ST. PHILIP'S WOMEN!!!

You are invited to join us on Saturday, **September 25, 2021**, for a day of fun, food, and fellowship. We'll meet at 9:30 am at Sandy's house for coffee and rolls and end at about 2:30 pm following a communion service. In between we'll reminisce about the "good old days", try to identify some artifacts, have lunch, learn a craft and play a game.

Come for all or part of the day. Sign up on the bulletin board or call Sandy to say you'll be there. More detailed information will be sent to those who plan to attend.

Thanks to Mary Dykstra, Sue Myers and Donna Philips who will participate and have had a part in the planning. Please spend part of your day with us. I think you'll be glad you did!

## SEPTEMBER 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!"*



Gene Siewing	2
Danielle Knoll	3
Joy Lopez	4
Leona Gottschlich	10
Ollie Coleman	11
Jeannine Navratil	18
Ray Hoffstetter	20
Rob Kammerer	20
Carole Armistead	20
George Brand	21
Cindy Lewis	21
Cara Schamburg	21
Sue Myers	23
Tom Nottelmann	23
Mary Dykstra	26
Susan Yung	26
Kevin Nickel	28
Chris Fischer	28
Averi Henson	30
Hayden Henson	30

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS**

October 3 is Neighbors in Need Sunday. Neighbors in Need is one of our 5 for 5 charities, and benefits UCC Church projects, including projects that serve homeless and immigrant neighbors, and Native Americans throughout the country. Please consider donating to this worthwhile cause. You can include donations in your October 3 envelope and put Neighbors in Need on the subject line of your check or send a check to Kathy Shelton.

Fall is also the season for Sharefest, formerly called Festival of Sharing, an ecumenical program that provides a variety of items to those in need in Missouri. In the past we have collected food items, dental hygiene items, and paper products. Because of covid, this year we are asking for monetary donations during the month of October and specify that funds be used "Where Needed Most". Contributions for Sharefest can be made by sending a check to Kathy Shelton with Sharefest on the subject line.

## **NOW HIRING!**

**ST. PHILIP'S**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

**Please pass the word around**

Full & Part Time Positions available

Monday - Friday

Childcare experience preferred

Starting pay is \$12/hour with annual raises, paid holidays, sick pay, and accrued vacation.

Send Resumes to:

[mmmdowding@stphilipsucc.com](mailto:mmmdowding@stphilipsucc.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 MPR Floor & Office Bathroom Waxing - no access	4 MPR Floor & Office Bathroom Waxing - no access
5 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person <b>MPR &amp; Office Bathroom  Floor Waxing - no access</b>	6 Labor Day <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	7 <b>7:00</b> Church Council Meeting	8 <b>noon</b> Lunch Bunch @ Pietro's	9 	10 All Halls Floor Waxing - no access	11 All Halls Floor Waxing - no access
12 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School Kickoff In-person <b>All Halls Floor Waxing -  no access</b>	13 <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	14 	15 <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	16 	17 	18 <b>9:00</b> St. Louis Assoc Mtg
19 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person <b>10:15</b> Book Club Meeting	20 <b>10:00</b> Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg <b>4:30</b> Spiritual Life Meeting	21 	22 <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	23 	24 	25 <b>9:30-2:30</b> Women's Retreat



# 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 & Art  
Judy Hickman  
Russ Hickman  
Ray Hoffstetter  
Deb Hudson  
Harry Jennings  
Pam Kelly  
Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne  
Jered Nagle  
The Noland Family  
Janet Remmers  
Dottie Vinyard  
Paula Williams  
Judy York

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