

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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September 12, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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

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Prelude and Wait for people to connect online

Lighting the Candles

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

God calls us, in the midst of fear and worry, to meaning and purpose.

We come in common purpose even when others are divided and defiant.

God calls us, in the midst of brokenness, to wholeness and new life.

In praise and thanksgiving, let us worship God.

* Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" # 25

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

O my soul, worship the well-being of health and salvation.

All ye who hear, now to God's temple draw near.

Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

who, as on wings of an eagle uplifted, sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen? All that is needful hath been

granted in what God ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.

Surely God's goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

who with great love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,

fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,

spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all of earth's peoples and races,

all that hath life and breath, give thanks for manifold graces.

Let the Amen sound from God's people again.

Gladly forever sing praises.

*Centering Prayer (Together)

Come receive our worship, O God, our praise and thanks. Unite us by your love and mercy to stand against any power that would try to tear us apart. Unite us in blessing and in suffering, in joy and in sorrow, unite us in strength and in weakness as we worship. Amen.

* Response: "There's Something About That Name" # 115

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there's something about that name!

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

By the power of your Spirit, O God, help us to hear your word. Open us to the truth in your Word. Lift our burdens and pierce us with your wisdom that we might experience hope and freedom. Amen.

Scripture: Mark 8:27-33

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Scripture: Proverbs 1:29-31

Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,
therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own
devices.

Scripture: Proverbs 1: 20-23 & v33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.
At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she
speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?
Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my
words known to you. but those who listen to me will be secure and will live
at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Hymn: “You Servants of God” # 110

You servants of God, your Savior proclaim,
and publish abroad that wonderful name:
the name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
who sovereign and glorious, now rules over all.

God’s truth reaches high, almighty to save, and yet remains nigh:
God’s presence we have.

The great congregation God’s triumphs shall praise,
ascribing salvation to Jesus always.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud for what God has done.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim;
still veiling their faces, they worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and render God’s right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Sermon: "Choose Wisdom"
Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "All That is Hidden"

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)

**Because of your extravagance, O God, we delight to share our bounty
with others. Thank you for the wisdom of your kingdom. Use these
gifts, we pray, to bring healing, comfort and hope to a world in need
of you. Amen.**

* Closing Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" # 272

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

she is his new creation by water and the Word:

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Benediction

Postlude

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

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

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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.

NO ACCESS TO ROOMS FLOOR CLEANING & WAXING

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

September 10-12 Halls

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School Kickoff In-person All Halls Floor Waxing - no access	13 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	14	15 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	16	17 4:30 Spiritual Life Meeting	18 9:00 St. Louis Assoc Mtg
19 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Book Club Meeting	20 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	21	22 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	23	24 October Crier Articles Due	25 9:30-2:30 Women's Retreat
26 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	27 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	28 4:30 ECC Board Mtg	29 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	30	1 October	2
3 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	4 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Meeting	5	6 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	7	8	9



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.



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

Marilyn Milne
Jered Nagle
Janet Remmers
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