

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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October 3, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Pastor: Rev. Michael (Mike) Krewson  
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Youth Director: Andrea Tukin

Music Director: Mike Orzel

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

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude and Wait for people to connect online

Lighting the Candles

Birthday Celebration

### \* Call to Worship (Responsively)

We come to experience the presence of God,

**In music with emotion, in silence and joy.**

God is here. Glad hearts are refreshed,

**Sorrowing hearts find comfort, broken hearts discover healing,**

Searching hearts find home.

**Here in the presence of God, we are made whole.**

### \* Opening Hymn: "Abide With Me" # 636

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide

The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide

When other helpers fail and comforts flee

Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day

Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away

Change and decay in all around I see

O Thou who changest not, abide with me

I need thy presence every passing hour;

what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?

Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshin, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless

ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

\* Invitation to Confession (Pastor)

\* Prayer of Confession (Together)

**Your grace, O God, sets us free when we let it. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. 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)

**We are waiting, O God, for an end to the pandemic, for love that breaks down hostility, and light that brings sight. We open, now, your Word. Open our hearts and ears that your love might enter us. Amen.**

Scripture: Hebrews 2:10-13 (The Message)

It makes good sense that the God who got everything started and keeps everything going now completes the work by making the Salvation Pioneer perfect through suffering as he leads all these people to glory.

Since the One who saves and those who are saved have a common origin, Jesus doesn't hesitate to treat them as family, saying, I'll tell my good

friends, my brothers and sisters, all I know about you; I'll join them in worship and praise to you. Again, he puts himself in the same family circle when he says, Even I live by placing my trust in God. And yet again, I'm here with the children God gave me.

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16 (New Revised Standard)

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.

Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Hymn: "Break Thou the Bread of Life" # 321

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord,  
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me;  
touch thou my longing eyes that I may see;  
give me to eat and live with thee above;  
teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.

Sermon: "Made of Holy Material"  
Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "Bread for the World"

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)

**You have adopted us, O God, as your own children, made us your heirs,  
and given us your Spirit. We dedicate these gifts to you and pledge  
our actions to your purposes. 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: "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" # 434

God be with you till we meet again,  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you,  
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,  
unseen wings protecting hide you,  
daily manna still provide you,  
God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again,  
when life's perils thick confound you,  
put unfailing arms around you,  
God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again,  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you,  
God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude

## **WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY**

World Wide Communion Sunday is **October 3**, 2021. We will not be able to prepare a variety of ethnic breads and share them on this Sunday, but we are encouraging everyone who attends church in person, to bring a special bread (bagel – Poland, croissant – France, banana bread – South Africa, etc.) for you to personally enjoy during communion. This will be a nice break from the communion wafers currently being used.

If you choose not to bring a bread from home, or you forget to bring a bread, no worries. The little wine/wafer cups will still be available for you to use. Pick one up for the wine if you are bringing a bread.

Folks worshipping at home virtually – we encourage you to also choose an ethnic bread of your choice for communion on this Sunday.

## **OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS**

**October 3** is Neighbors in Need Sunday. Contributions fund many worthwhile projects that benefit immigrants, native Americans and people who are homeless. You can include contributions in your October 3 envelope and write Neighbors in Need on the subject line of your check or send a check to Kathy Shelton. Fall is also the season for Festival of Sharing, and 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 can be made by including a separate check in your offering envelope or mailing a check to Kathy Shelton. Please write Sharefest on the subject line.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Sunday, October 10, 2021**

Bring your pets to worship with you on Sunday, **October 10**. Our regular 9:30am Worship will be held outside that day and will include a blessing for each pet in attendance.

Please have your dog(s) on a leash. You may invite neighbors or friends who might also wish to bring their pets.

## BOOK CLUB

We will meet on **October 17** after Church to discuss Before We Were Yours. Scheduled next is The Alice Network, by Kate Quin, a thriller about women spies during World War II. This is one of the best books I have read in the recent past.

Even if you haven't read with us before, consider joining us to read this book! We share a potluck lunch and generally have a really good time. Copies will be available on October 17.

## FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 2021 fall congregational meeting is scheduled for **October 24** immediately after church. As you know, the purpose of this meeting is to act upon the recommendations of the Finance Ministry relating to the general fund budget for the coming year. These recommendations, along with the agenda, will be available on the credenza at church two weeks prior to the meeting. If you are unable to come to church, you may call or email Carol in the church office and arrange to receive a copy.

You are encouraged to attend the meeting in person but, if you prefer, you may attend on-line. Either way you will hear the presentations of Carl Philips and Mike Shelton. Those viewing on-line will need to use the comment section on your screen to ask questions and/or to vote.

As always, you are encouraged to listen, ask questions, state your opinions, respect the opinions of others, vote your conscience and then support whatever the majority of those attending approve. Be a part of the decision-making process as we perform this important work of the church.

# TRUNK OR TREAT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 6:00-7:30pm**

Please consider hosting a 'Trunk'. For more information on this event, contact Jacqueline Fechter in the ECC. Thank you.

**ST. PHILIPS ECC PRESENTS**



**OCTOBER 23RD**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

EMAIL MISS JACQUELINE W/ ANY QUESTIONS  
AT [JFECHTER@STPHILIPSUCC.COM](mailto:jfechter@stphilipsucc.com)

If you are a parent decorating your car, please arrive  
by 5:30 pm. Bubble Bus starts at 6:30 pm.

**10708 LAVINIA DRIVE, ST LOUIS MO, 63123**

## LUNCH BUNCH

Somethings' brewing and it will be ghoulishly fun,  
A wicked good time for everyone!

Fly on over for the Lunch Bunch Halloween Bash,  
Watch your broom steering so you won't crash.


Park your broomstick on St. Philip's lot  
Be there **Wednesday, October 13th at noon** to get a good spot.

Bring a dish, sign up at church, or call someone listed below,  
A hauntingly awesome time of food, drink, and a game for all who go.

COVID rules will apply,  
Or back home you must fly.

RVSP by October 10th to "boo"tiful Leona G  
Or bewitching Mary D.

**(See the orange signup sheet on the bulletin board)**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <b>Worldwide Communion</b> 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook, <b>Neighbors in</b> <b>Need Special Offering</b> 9:45 Sunday School In-person	4 <b>10:00 Bible</b> Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg <b>7:00 Church</b> Council Meeting	5	6 <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	7	8	9
10 <b>9:30 Pet Blessing</b> Sunday Worship Outdoors - In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person	11 <b>10:00 Bible</b> Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	12	13 <b>noon</b> Lunch Bunch No LOGOS	14	15	16
17 <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	18 <b>10:00 Bible</b> Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	19	20 <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	21	22 <b>4:30</b> Spiritual Life Zoom Meeting	23 <b>6:00-7:30</b> Trunk 'R' Treat
24 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person <b>10:30</b> Fall Congregational Mtg	25 <b>10:00 Bible</b> Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	26	27 No LOGOS	28	29	30 



# Our Vision Statement

## St. Philip's Vision Statement

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

Minds to study God's word,

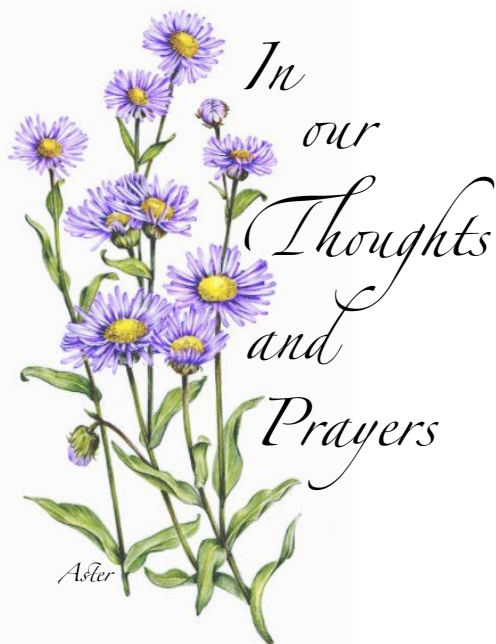
Mouths to proclaim the Gospel,

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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Judy Hickman  
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Harry Jennings  
Pam Kelly  
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Marilyn Milne  
Jered Nagle

Janet Remmers  
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