

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Pets



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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

* GATHERING WORDS

May the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Come, let us sing and praise our Creator God.

O God, You have made us and all living things.

Today we lift up Your gifts of pets who bring us joy.

As God takes care of us, so God helps us take care of those who trust us to look after them. Thanks be to God.

* Opening Hymn: "Morning Has Broken" # 53

Morning has broken like the first morning,

blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

born of the one light Eden saw Play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

OPENING PRAYER (Prayer of St. Francis)

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Responsively)

Listen, to these ancient words of our ancestors in faith and wisdom.

May we hear what the Spirit says for the living of our days.

Scripture: Genesis 9:9–10

“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.”

Message: Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: “Creative God, You Spread the Earth”

*Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” # 61

Refrain: (Repeat refrain before every verse)

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning, that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION (Together)**

Creator of all, we give thanks for the richness of the mountains and valleys, oceans and rivers, all creatures that have life, the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees and the trust You have in us to care for all these.

We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to Your service that we may love and honor all Your works. We know You bless us now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE PETS (Pets are invited forward with their handlers)

Brother Sun / Sister Moon (excerpts) Francis Assisi

Praise to You, O God, all glory, all honour, and all blessings.

To you, Most High, they belong.

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,

Who is the day through whom You give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,
So useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night and he is beautiful and playful and robust
and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth who sustains and
governs us,

producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Blessed are those who endure in peace, By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks, And serve Him with great humility.

Poem: A Dream of Heaven

I will find myself waist deep in high summer grass. The humming shock of the golden light.

And I will hear them before I see them and know right away who is bounding across the field to meet me.

All my good dogs will come then, their wet noses bumping against my palms, their hot panting, their rough faithful tongues.

Their eyes young and shiny again. The wiry scruff of their fur, the unspeakable softness of their bellies, their velvet ears against my cheeks.

I will bend to them, my face covered with their kisses, my hands full of them. In the grass I will let them knock me down.

Prayer Time:

Silent Meditation - Pastoral Prayer - Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn: "He's (God's) Got the Whole World In His (God's) Hands"

Chorus He's got the dogs and the cats in his hands. 4x's
 He's got the sun and the moon in his hands. 4x's
 He's got everybody here in his hands. 4x's
 He's got the whole world in his hands. 4x's

* Benediction

* Postlude

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.

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)


MEMORIAL SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Memorial Sunday, November 21, 2021, is a day for us to remember all of our loved ones, family and friends, who have passed on during the year. Names and prayers will be lifted up and candles will be lit for each loved one who has died the past year.

Please give the name of your loved ones to Carol, our church secretary, so that they may be honored and remembered on Memorial Sunday. Call church and leave a message or email at admin@stphilipsucc.com.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Knoll	6
Gwendolyn Brooks	9
Linda Kammerer	9
Richelle Fischer	9
Harry Jennings	12
Claire Vogt	12
Samuel Vogt	12
Doug Stevenson	17
Betty Moore	17
Andrea Tukin	19
Sharon Jackman	20
Linda Boucher	22
Bruce Eason	25
Jamie Kotthoff	26
Patrick Moran	29
Pam Kelly	29

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



Judy Hickman
Russ Hickman
Deb Hudson
Harry Jennings
Pam Kelly
Brian Malin
Marilyn Milne
Jered Nagle

Janet Remmers
Wendy Remmers
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