

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of
Lent

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

Third Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

Come to the water, all you who thirst.

We come to drink deeply from the river of life.

Come to the water, all you who are weary.

We come to rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

Come to the water, all you who long for justice.

We come to be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

For God is here among us:

God washes away the wrong and pours out the Spirit on all who thirst.

Let us worship God together.

* Opening Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" # 628

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,

when my life is almost gone,

hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,

and the day is past and gone,

at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*** Centering Prayer (Together)**

Thank you, O God, for your compassion. Help us to see your smile instead of expecting a judgmental attitude.

We celebrate your compassion and love. Your welcome is gracious and extravagant and all-inclusive. Your embrace is healing and transforming.

Help us learn to trust, lean into your love and find the peace that you desire for us. Amen.

*** Response: Refrain of #452 "Here I Am Lord"**

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart, in my heart.

Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

O God, grant us stillness as we listen for your word. If the quiet or waiting disturbs us - help us to be still and hear you, to feel you, to experience your sweet presence.

Slow us down, God. Help us to relish stillness, to love quiet, and to embrace waiting.

Thank you for your grace as we put this into practice. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 13:6-9

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-10

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Hymn: "Have Thine Own Way" # 588

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
thou art the potter; I am the clay,
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Savior today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway,
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Message: "Nourishing the Fig Tree"
Rev. Dori Hudson

Anthem: "The Barren Fig Tree"

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)

Receive, O God, these gifts we bring.

**As we remember anew your loving acts toward us, we thank you for
your ongoing creative energy in the world; for bestowing upon us
gifts; for inviting us to carry on your message.**

**We ask that these gifts may be our response to your love and
faithfulness. Amen.**

* Closing Hymn: "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" # 207

In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me; lo! it flows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming adds new luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there, that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

* Benediction

* Postlude

UKRAINE RELIEF

Dear Friends,

As the crisis in Ukraine continues, the refugees need so much help and support. St. Philip's would like to begin a Special Fund to help these people. Funds will go to UCC Global Ministries, which will provide food, shelter, transportation, and other services for refugees, and people left behind, including the elderly and those needing emergency medical care.

If you would like to contribute, you can do so by including a check payable to St. Philip's in your offering envelope, putting it in the collection plate, or mailing it to Kathy Shelton. Please be sure to put UCC Ukraine Fund on the memo line of the check and on the outside of the envelope, so it can be credited properly. Kathy and Carl Philips are more than happy to process these donations.

Donations will appear on your giving statements and can be tax deductible. We are confident that the money will be well used to help these desperately cold and hungry people. God Bless them.

Thank you so much,
Virginia Hladnick and Barbara Barnes

OUTREACH LENTEN PROJECT

Our Lenten project will benefit Feed My People. Staff there indicated that Personal Care items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, brushes, deodorant, and feminine care items are needed most. During Lent, donations can be placed in a basket in the gathering space. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Thank you for bringing your used Canon and HP cartridges to church for recycling. One cartridge may not bring in much money but it does add up, plus you're helping the environment by keeping them out of the landfills and helping our finances at the same time. Please continue to put them in the collection box in the entry space.

Also, we no longer recycle plastic lids. Please don't bring them to church but do continue to recycle them appropriately.

All the little things, done by a lot of people, do make a difference!



Easter Flowers

Let's help beautify the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter. Easter Lilies, Azaleas, and Hydrangeas are available.

The spring flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

You may take your plants home after the Easter Sunday service or make arrangements to pickup the following week if unable to attend.

Make check payable to *'Walter Knoll Florist'*

Name _____

_____ Easter Lilies \$ 15.00

_____ Azalea -
Shades of Pink \$20.00

_____ Hydrangea - Pink \$20.00

_____ Hydrangea - Blue \$20.00

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

You can drop your order form and payment in the offering plate or turn in to Carol in the church office **by noon on Monday, April 11th**

EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Philip's will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt this year on Saturday, April 16 at 10am.

We will be collecting individually wrapped candy to put into Easter Eggs. We usually end up with about 5,000 eggs, so anything you can give would be much appreciated! There will be a bunny basket in the gathering space.



Please bring your children, grandchildren, friends, family or neighbors. All are welcome!

If you are willing to volunteer the morning of, please let Andrea Tugin know at andreatugin@gmail.com or by call/text (314) 566-8633.

Hope to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Please note the upcoming dates:

Palm Sunday - April 10

Easter Lily Flower Orders Due - April 11

Good Friday - April 15

Easter Egg Hunt - April 16

Easter - April 17

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mary Ann Krewson	1
Karen Moran	2
Pam Schiele Stang	4
Joyce Thuston	5
Dawn Knoll	11
Scott Karcher	14
Frances Kalbfleish	15
Jason Karcher	21
Clara Hornung	26
Meghan Mikusch	27
Elaine Kimker	28
Kali Hladnick	29
Shirley Nottelmann	29
Shirley Illert	30

LOGOS SPRING SCHEDULE

Hello friends,

Here is the LOGOS schedule for the rest of the school year.

Spring 2022 LOGOS Dates

March

23 (No LOGOS - Spring Break)
30 LOGOS meets

April

6 LOGOS meets
13 (No LOGOS - Holy Week)
20 LOGOS meets
27 LOGOS meets

May

4 LOGOS meets
"May the 4th Be With You" - Wear Star Wars!
11 Last LOGOS for the School Year

Summer LOGOS Family Nights

Wednesday, June 15 Wednesday, July 13
Wednesday, August 3

BOOK CLUB

We will meet on Sunday, March 20 after church to discuss Arrowood. If Covid number continue to improve, we will resume the Potluck lunch.

Our next selection is Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. The winner of the 2017 Costa Debut Novel Award, it centers on Eleanor Oliphant, a social misfit with a traumatic past and her transformational journey towards a fuller understanding of herself and of life.

Copies of the book are checked out in kit form and will be available on March 20. Consider joining book club. We always have a good time! For more information contact Barbara Barnes at 314-843-4157.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 First Day of Spring 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Book Club	21 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	22	23 No LOGOS (Spring Break)	24	25	26
27 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	28 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	29	30 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	31	1 April	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	5	6 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	11 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg noon Easter Flower Orders Due	12	13 No LOGOS (Holy Week)	14	15 Good Friday	16 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt



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.



Gail Avery

Mary Darr

Grace Heady

Judy Hickman

Russ Hickman

Deb Hudson

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

JoAnn Leber

Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle

Janet Remmers

Wendy Remmers

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