

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Music Director: Mike Orzel

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

God is waiting for us with a tender heart and a searching question.

God is ready for us with deep truth and wisdom.

God is blessing us with springs of living water.

God is sending us to sing, pray and witness every day.

* Opening Hymn: "Were You There" # 198

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)

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Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (were you there)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (were you there)

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* Centering Prayer (Together)

You have desired, O God, to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Help us to stay with you, letting your love protect us. Help us to use any strength you give - to walk on the path you have put before us. Embolden our faith as we walk in your way. Amen.

* Response: “Here I Am Lord” #452

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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)

Give us ears to hear what you are saying, O God, and courage to measure our attitudes and actions by your truth. Help us align our lives with your Spirit. We yearn to know you and love you ever more deeply. Amen.

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’

In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross" # 548

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best,
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, til my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above, to bear it to dark Calvary. (Refrain)

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.
(Refrain)

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. (Refrain)

Sermon: "Good Enough: So much is out of our control"
Rev. Mike Krewson

Special Music: Karen Bolinger - Pianist

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)

**Your warm embrace, O God, teaches us how to love others. Guide us
in your compassion. Receive these gifts that they may work for
growth on your path. We dedicate them in your service. Amen.**

* Closing Hymn: "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" # 545

He leadeth me; O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
What-e'er I do, whe'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;
by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis thy hand that leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God thro' Jordan leadeth me.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

* Benediction

* Postlude

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!

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



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**

LUNCH BUNCH

Welcome to Spring, so join the Lunch Bunch for lunch on Wednesday, April 13 at Maggie O'Brien's located at 3828 South Lindbergh in Sunset Hills at 12 noon.

See the BLUE sign up sheet on the bulletin board (by April 10 please) or call Lois Decker at 314-843-0183. Please leave a message. Hope to see you there!

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Please plan to attend this very important meeting to be held immediately following the April 24 worship service. New committee and Church Council members will be voted on. If you have any other business you would like to add to the agenda, please let Sandy know by March 30, 2022.

Reports will be available on Sunday, April 10 just outside the sanctuary so that you can review them prior to the meeting.

BOOK CLUB

We will meet on April 10 to discuss Elinor Oliphant is Completely Fine. If Covid number remain good, we will share a potluck lunch. Our next selection is The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid by Bill Bryson. Described as "Warm and laugh-out-loud funny", it should be a nice break from the more serious books we read, and a nice break from the news.

Consider joining us to read this book. We always have a good time. Books are checked out in kit form from the library, and will be available for pick up on April 10, or by delivery to your home as needed. Contact Barbara Barnes for details at 314-843-4157.

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 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 Tukin know at andreatukin@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

Spring Congregational Meeting - April 24

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

early APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April Schillinger	1
Ben Kotthoff	3
Steve Werner	4

LOGOS SPRING SCHEDULE

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

Spring 2022 LOGOS Dates

March

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 7:00 Church Council Meeting	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
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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.



Gail Avery

Mary Darr

Grace Heady

Judy Hickman

Russ Hickman

Deb Hudson

Harry Jennings

Pam Kelly

JoAnn Leber

Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne

Jered Nagle

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