

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Third Sunday of Easter



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(text in bold read in unison)

Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Birthday Celebration

* Call to Worship (Responsively)

With an invitation, O God, you break into our lives.

From a new realm, you break into our world.

With your intent for the future, O God, call us to your way.

Use our gifts to build your realm and change the world once more.

* Opening Hymn: "There is a Balm in Gilead" # 501

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all!" (Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (Refrain)

* Invitation to Confession (Pastor)

* Prayer of Confession (Together)

You offer us, O God, lives of abundance in which we can make a difference. Yet we often fail to sense your presence and sometimes misuse your gifts. Joyful Spirit, you long to turn our mourning into dancing, to change our funeral clothes into garments of exuberance. Forgive us and invite us again, please, into relationship with you. 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)

As a congregation of your people, O God, move us into your way. As we hear your word, prod us into creating new ways of freeing people and being in harmony with one another and with all creation. Amen.

Scripture: Acts 9:10-19

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul.

At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to

bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house.

He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Scripture: John 21: 3-6, 9- 14

Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.”

Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Hymn: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” # 211

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
O, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
O, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial, you have to stand it by yourself,
O, nobody else can stand it for you, you have to stand it by your self.

Sermon: "They knew it was the Lord"
Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "Open My Eyes" - Rev. Dori Hudson

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)

**Just as the disciples found many fish, O God, when they cast nets on the
right side, so, too, we find surprising abundance when we listen to
you. As we dedicate ourselves to your work, may our overflowing
nets be used for your good purposes, proclaiming your love for all.
Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION (Responsively)

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)

We see your goodness in heaven and earth, O God, in Jesus.

We remember when you showed your risen self to the disciples and we
remember the loaf you broke.

**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.**

The bread you give, is your body. The cup that you pour out, is your vitality
and life given for all.

**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 to
wholeness in Jesus. Amen.**

THE BREAKING and THE POURING

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

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: "Be Still My Soul" # 566

Be still, my soul; for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain
Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still my soul; for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my sou; the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
when we shall dwell with God forever more,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

* Benediction

* Postlude

LUNCH BUNCH

Please join the Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at noon for the May gathering.

We will meet at Helen Fitzgerald's located at 3650 S. Lindbergh Blvd. 63127.

See the ORANGE signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Virginia Hladnick by Sunday, May 8th.

All are welcome and encouraged to come. Hope to see you soon!

LOGOS SPRING SCHEDULE

- 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

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 the collection plate, or mail 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. 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.

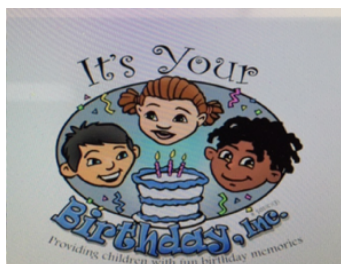
Thank you so much,
Virginia Hladnick and Barbara Barnes

MAY 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!”*



Dori Hudson	1
Olivia Stevenson	1
Mike Shelton	5
George Brand, III	8
Stacey Witte	9
Lindsey Rawlings	11
Dorothy Vinyard	11
Kimberly Kelly	14
Pam Henson	15
Shirley Oldani	16
Carl Philips	17
William Matthews, Jr	20
Jason Yung	21
Sue Bowles	23
Sheannon Hladnick	26
Brandi Armistead	26
Haylee Womack	27
Sandy Stevenson	29
Laura Brym	31

OUTREACH UPDATE

We have concluded our Lenten collection of personal care items for Feed My People. We collected 220 items! Wow. Ted West at Feed My People said to say "Thanks" and "Hi" to everyone at St. Philip's. Thanks to all for your generosity.

YOUNG(ER) ADULT FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, May 8, the young(er) adults in the congregation will meet again. We plan to enjoy some food and chat. Childcare will be provided as needed.

If you are interested in joining us or have any question, please text or call Pastor Mike at 618-789-2203.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Decoration Help Wanted

Our vacation Bible School will be there before you know it! Virginia Hladnick is inviting all of our wonderful volunteers to her house on Friday, May 13 at 1:00pm to begin work on the decorations. Bring a pair of scissors if you plan to attend. Hope to see you there!

July 11-15

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is "Knights of the North Castle" and will be held the week of July 11. Please consider how you might be able to help out. There will be many opportunities to volunteer for people of all ages and talents.

If you'd like to register anyone, please contact the church office for more information. There will be a new registration form and information coming soon.

BOOK CLUB

On May 15, after church, we will discuss *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* and we will share a potluck lunch.

Our next selection is *Driving Miss Norma* by Ramie Liddle and Tim Bauerschmidt. It is the story of Miss Norma's inspirational road trip across the US in a thirty six foot motor home with her son, his wife, and their poodle, showing us that it's never too late to begin an adventure, inspire hope, and become a trailblazer.

We always have a good time and new members are always welcome.

Consider joining us to read this selection. Copies will be available at church on May 15.




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.



*In our
Thoughts
and
Prayers*

Daisy

Gail Avery
Mary Darr
Grace Heady
Judy Hickman
Russ Hickman
Deb Hudson
Harry Jennings
Pam Kelly
JoAnn Leber
Brian Malin

Marilyn Milne
Jered Nagle
Shirley Nottelmann
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