# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

\* Call to Worship (Responsively)

We are God's people seeking to follow Jesus.

Be not far from us, O God, for we are your children.

In Jesus, we would live in renewal and hope.

We search for you, O God, to worship you.

May we find children's laughter that chases dark clouds away.

Lead us to words that heal brokenness and reveal your grace.

\* Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" # 4
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee; casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, God everliving, through eternity.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see; only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

\* Centering Prayer (Together)

Stir us, O God, to prepare our hearts in eager waiting, that our hopes may be sustained. Grant us eyes that never lose sight of Jesus.

Assure us of the bright day of the coming of our Lord. Amen.

\* Response: "Halle-Halle-Halleluja" Hymn # 41 Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja. Halle-Halle-Halleluja.

#### Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

We tune our ears for your voice, O God, to speak in the power of your Spirit. Create in us a quiet center from which we will do the hard and expectant work of listening. Amen.

Scripture: John 10:22-30

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Scripture: Acts 9:36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Hymn: "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" # 557
I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walkm, let me walk close to thee.

**Refrain**: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea, Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?

Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, non but thee. (Refrain)

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more; guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. (Refrain)

Sermon: "Many Believed in The Lord"
Rev Mike Krewson

Anthem: "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" - Cara Schamburg

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)

Fill our spirits, extravagant God, with your love. Place upon our hearts your call to serve all in Jesus' name. We dedicate these gifts and our lives to faithful service and ministry. Amen.

\* Closing Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision" # 595
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

- \* 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

#### **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.



# Hymnfest Sunday, May 15 During Worship



Have a favorite hymn? Jot down the number from our hymnal so you'll be ready for Hymnfest on Sunday, May 15.

We will have a special part of the service where the congregation can choose favorite hymns and the amazing Mike Orzel will play them for us!

Come prepared with some hymn numbers or be ready to flip through the hymnal to find a song you would like to sing. Either way - - musical fun!

# **Hymnfest Choices**

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Please drop your choices in the offering plate.

## 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.

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Mother's Day FLOOR WAXING 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Young(er) Adult Fellowship	9 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	10	11 <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS <b>noon</b> Lunch Bunch	12	13 1:00 VBS Prep @ Virginia's 4:30 Spiritual Life Mtg	41
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## 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

Shirley Nottelmann

Janet Remmers

Wendy Remmers

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