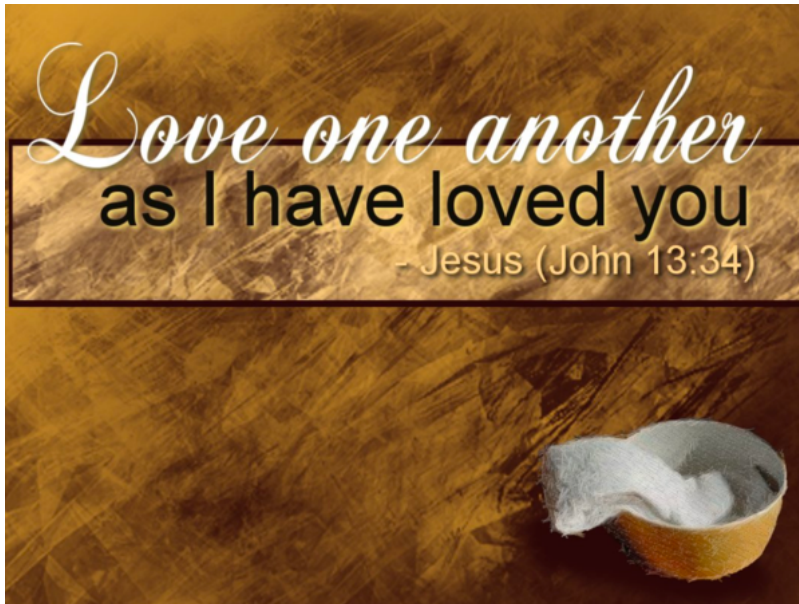


# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

### \* Call to Worship (Responsively)

We gather for worship as children of God to remember who and whose we are.

**We come to be renewed in our faith.**

We come with hearts open to receive God's love.

**We come ready to catch a vision of what might be.**

So we can work to change what is.

**Let us worship in gratitude for all God has given.**

### \* Opening Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" # 452

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sing my hand will save

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright,

Who will bear my light 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.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

### \* Centering Prayer (Together)

**Abundant Spirit, guide and connect us to you. Comfort our hurting lives and keep us on your path of love. Calm us and fill us with assurance and hope. Steady our nerves, soothe our pain and be present in our worship. 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)

**Meet us, O God, here and now, as we hear of our ancestors in faith. Help us open our hearts to you that we may grow in love toward you and all people through the gentle wind of your Spirit. Amen.**

Scripture: John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Scripture: Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things

new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Hymn: “I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry” # 75

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living God, to whom y ou now belong.

Hymn: “In the Garden” # 227

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

(Chorus)And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his  
own, and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and  
the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. (Chorus)

Sermon: “Path of love: Making all things New”

Rev. Mike Krewson

Special Music

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)

**In response to your overwhelming love, O God, we give these gifts. May they provide grace to those who have forgotten what grace feels like and joy to those who have forgotten what it is to walk with a lightness of heart. We give in celebration that you know us - and love us still. Amen.**

Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings" # 77

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"**

Refrain

**"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear,  
under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)**

Hymn: "Let There Be Peace" # 677

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Benediction

\* Postlude

## 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!

## **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.

## **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

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| 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 |
|---|---|---------|--------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| 15<br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship<br>In-person, Livestream on<br>Facebook, Hymn Sing Sunday<br><b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person<br><b>10:15</b> Book Club | 16<br><b>10:00</b> Bible<br>Study Conf<br>Call/Zoom Mtg<br><b>4:30</b> ECC Board<br>Meeting | 17      | 18                             | 19       | 20     | 21       |
| 22<br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship<br>In-person, Livestream on<br>Facebook<br><b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person   | 23<br><b>10:00</b> Bible<br>Study Conf<br>Call/Zoom Mtg                                     | 24      | 25                             | 26       | 27     | 28       |
| 29<br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship<br>In-person, Livestream on<br>Facebook<br><b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person   | 30 Memorial Day<br><b>10:00</b> Bible<br>Study Conf<br>Call/Zoom Mtg                        | 31      | 1 June                         | 2        | 3      | 4        |
| 5<br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship<br>In-person, Livestream on<br>Facebook<br><b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person  | 6<br><b>10:00</b> Bible<br>Study Conf<br>Call/Zoom Mtg                                      | 7       | 8                              | 9        | 10     | 11       |
| 12<br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship<br>In-person, Livestream on<br>Facebook<br><b>9:45</b> Sunday School In-person   | 13<br><b>10:00</b> Bible<br>Study Conf<br>Call/Zoom Mtg                                     | 14      | 15<br>LOGOS<br>Family<br>Night | 16       | 17     | 18       |



## 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.

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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  
Paul Shrout  
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Dottie Vinyard  
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