

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday  
of Easter

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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Announcements and Prayer Concerns

\* Call to Worship (Responsively)

With open hands and open doors we come to worship!

**This church of Jesus is ready!**

Gather us in, O God, and lift our spirits.

**Welcome us, Lighten our grief and double our joy.**

With open hands and open arms,

**We come to worship and deepen our awe.**

\* Opening Hymn: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" # 709

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the God, the Giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that God is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna Which God gives them when they pray.

Saviour, if in Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy name:  
Fading is the sinner's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Zion's children know.

\* Centering Prayer (Together)

**Absorb, O God, our weariness and sorrow into your graceful Spirit. Fill us with life anew. Come into our lives in strength. Renew the Spirit within us. Give us bread for the wilderness because You are our Living God. Amen.**

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

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Children's Time

Prayer of Preparation (Together)

**Open our eyes and hearts, O God, to hear and feel you in these words of scripture. Call us to love the time we spend listening for your still, small voice. Awaken an awareness of how we can put love into action. Amen.**

Scripture: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Scripture: Revelation 21:10

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

Scripture: Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more.

But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Hymn: "Shall We Gather at the River" # 701

Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, Washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever, All the happy golden day. (Refrain)

Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver, And provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)

Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. (Refrain)

Sermon: "Open heartedness"  
Rev. Mike Krewson

Anthem: "River of Glory"

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)

**Give us, O God, such a clear vision of your path that we can better serve you and be dedicated to justice. Empower us as we give these offerings and help us to discern your will. Amen.**

\* Closing Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" # 86

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,

there is no shadow of turning with thee;

thou changest not, thy compassions,

they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided -

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

## **LOGOS SUMMER SCHEDULE**

Hi friends! Here are the dates we plan to have our Summer LOGOS nights. If you are able to join us, please add it to your calendars. I will send out emails to remind everyone, give details, and ask people to RSVP for food purposes before each event.

I think the July or August date will be a pool party/BBQ either at my house or Virginia's house! More details to follow. I hope I'll get to see all of you!

June 22

July 20

August 10

Hope you are having a wonderful end of the school year! Miss you already.

Talk to you soon,  
Andrea

## **YOUNG(ER) ADULT FELLOWSHIP**

On Sunday, June 12, 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 questions, please text or call Pastor Mike at 618-789-2203.

## **LUNCH BUNCH WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 NOON**

Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, June 8th at Rizzo's Italian Restaurant located at 4460 Lemay Ferry Road.

Please see the LIME sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and sign up by Sunday, June 5. Reservations will be under St. Philip's. Any questions, call Dolores Zikes at 314-282-0197.

## **BOOK CLUB**

On June 26 after church, we will discuss 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. Copies of the next month's selection are available at the meetings.







Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	23 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	30 Memorial Day 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	31	1 June	2	3	4
5 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	6 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg 7:00 Church Council Meeting	7	8 noon Lunch Bunch @ Rizzo's	9	10	11
12 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Younger Adult Fellowship	13 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	14	15 LOGOS Family Night	16	17	18
19 Father's Day 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Livestream on Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person	20 10:00 Bible Study Conf Call/Zoom Mtg	21	22	23	24	25



**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.

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

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