

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday



Worship Leader: Rev. Dori Hudson

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*indicates that you may rise as comfortably able

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Prelude

Lighting the Candles

Birthday Celebration

Announcements And Prayer Concerns

* Call to Worship (Responsively) - (adapted from Deuteronomy 24)

Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the Lord your God set you free.

We remember we were slaves in Egypt and the Lord set us free.

Do not deprive foreigners and orphans of their rights: and do not take a widow's garment as security for a loan.

We remember we were slaves in Egypt and the Lord set us free.

When you gather your crops and fail to bring in some of the grain that you cut, do not go back for it ; it is left for the foreigners, orphans, and widows,

We remember we were slaves in Egypt and the Lord set us free.

So that the Lord you God will bless you in everything you do.

We remember we were slaves in Egypt and the Lord set us free.

Never forget that you were slaves in Egypt: that is why I have given you this commandment.

We will never forget that we were slaves in Egypt and the Lord set us free.

* Opening Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" # 718

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;

all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;

God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied;

come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;

wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Centering Prayer (Together)

Saving God, We remember we were slaves in Egypt and you set us free. We remember the times that we were in deep grief, and you comforted us. We remember the times when we were in need and did not know where to turn, and you sent us a financial blessing. We remember the times when we had great pain in our bodies or in our souls, and you sent someone to walk with us. We remember when we were confused and didn't know which way to proceed, you sent Jesus to show us the way. For this we give our thanks and praise. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Confession (Together)

Holy and merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with all whole heart, mind, soul, and strength, neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. You have called to us in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have passed unheeding on our way. In the pride of our hearts, and our unwillingness to repent, we have turned away from the cross of Christ, and have grieved your Holy Spirit. We confess that we have forgotten that we were slaves in Egypt and you Lord set us free.

Words of Assurance (Pastor)

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen (1 John 1:9)

* Response: "Just As I Am Without One Plea" # 339

Just as I am, without one plea, but that they blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown, has broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Children's Time

Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren, all the chil-dren of the world.
Red and yel-low, black and white, they are pre-cious in his sight,
Je-sus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 24:17-22 CEV, Common English Version

Rights of widows, orphans, and immigrants

Don't obstruct the legal rights of an immigrant or orphan. Don't take a widow's coat as pledge for a loan. Remember how you were a slave in Egypt but how the LORD your God saved you from that. That's why I'm commanding you to do this thing.

Whenever you are reaping the harvest of your field and you leave some grain in the field, don't go back and get it. Let it go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows so that the LORD your God blesses you in all that you do.

Similarly, when you beat the olives off your olive trees, don't go back over them twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows.

Again, when you pick the grapes of your vineyard, don't pick them over twice.

Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows.

Remember how you were a slave in Egypt. That's why I am commanding you to do this thing.

Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:16 - 2:12, and 4:13-17 CJB, Complete Jewish Bible

Ruth responds to Naomi

But Ruth said, "Don't press me to leave you and stop following you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God will be my God. Where you die, I will die; and there I will be buried. May the LORD bring terrible curses on me, and worse ones as well,

if anything but death separates you and me.” When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole city was stirred with excitement over them.

The women asked, “Can this be Naomi?” “Don’t call me Naomi [which means pleasant],” she answered them; “call me Marah [which means bitter], because the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went out full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi? The LORD has testified against me, the Almighty has afflicted me.” This is how Naomi returned, with Ruth the woman from Moab, her daughter-in-law, accompanying her from the plain of Moab. They arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley.

Naomi had a relative on her husband’s side, a prominent and wealthy member of Elimelech’s clan, whose name was Boaz. Ruth the woman from Moab said to Naomi, “Let me go into the field and glean ears of grain behind anyone who will allow me to.” She answered her, “Go, my daughter.”

So she set out, arrived at the field and gleaned behind the reapers. She happened to be in the part of the field that belonged to Boaz from Elimelech’s clan, when Boaz arrived from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, “The LORD be with you”; and they answered him, “The LORD bless you.” Then Boaz asked his servant supervising the reapers, “Whose girl is this?”

The servant supervising the reapers answered, “She’s a girl from Moab who returned with Naomi from the plain of Moab. She said, ‘Please, let me glean and gather what falls from the sheaves behind the reapers.’ So, she went and has kept at it from morning until now, except for a little rest in the shelter.” Boaz said to Ruth, “Did you hear that, my daughter? Don’t go to glean in another field, don’t leave this place, but stick here with my working girls. Keep your eyes on whichever field the reapers are working in and follow the girls. I’ve ordered the young men not to bother you.

Whenever you get thirsty, go and drink from the water jars the young men have filled.” She fell on her face, prostrating herself, and said to him, “Why are you showing me such favor? Why are you paying attention to me? After all, I’m only a foreigner.” Boaz answered her, “I’ve heard the whole story, everything you’ve done for your mother-in-law since your husband died, including how you left

your father and mother and the land you were born in to come to a people about whom you knew nothing beforehand.

May the LORD reward you for what you've done; may you be rewarded in full by The LORD the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."

She said, "My lord, I hope I continue pleasing you. You have comforted and encouraged me, even though I'm not one of your servants."

And from Chapter 4 of Ruth at the end of the book.

So, Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. He had sexual relations with her, and the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD who today has provided you a redeemer! May his name be renowned in Israel.

May he restore your life and provide for your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you and is better to you than seven sons, has given birth to him."

Naomi took the child, laid it on her breast and became its nurse. The women who were her neighbors gave it a name; they said, "A son has been born to Naomi," and called it 'Obed. He was the father of Jesse the father of King David.

Hymn: "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds" # 433

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

Message: "Whose Back Do We Have"
Rev. Dori Hudson

Anthem: "Bread for the World"

Prayer Time

Silent Prayer

In the quiet, lift up names of countries around the World

Pastoral Prayer given by Rev. Beatrice Stephen of Kenya

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

* Doxology #46 "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 of Dedication (Together)

We dedicate this money, Lord, for the work of the church, and ask you to use all that we have and are in your service. May all our gifts and our giving be acceptable in your sight. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION LITURGY (Pastors)

Whenever we celebrate World Communion Sunday, we imagine all the tables of the world, but often we are physically gazing at our own church's table dressed up a bit in our familiar sanctuary and it is only our words that reach out. Strangely enough, this year, with our community dispersed physically

(even churches with some folks in a sanctuary with physical distancing have others who continue in virtual community) we are living what our liturgy has been telling us for eighty-ninth World Communion years – that we are one people across all barriers.

The Invitation (Responsively) (Germany)

We rejoice in the God of life, who gives us bread: the fruit of the earth worked with human hands. and who makes it into the bread of life.

We rejoice in the God of life who gives us wine: the fruit of the vine tended with daily care, and puts the flavor of the new world into it.

As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in bread and wine – into a visual symbol for us –

May our church join together into a visual symbol for the entire world.

Words of Remembering (Pastors) (Korea)

Remember, the Lord, the friend of sinners, who were the oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, widow, orphans. Remember, the Lord, the one disliking of the common structure and power. Remember, the Lord, the one sharing of daily food in life. Remember, the Lord, the one liberating from a dictator. We remember thy suffering, O Lord, at thy Last Supper.

Prayer of Consecration (Pastors) (Guatemala)

You emptied yourself completely keeping nothing for yourself. Now, naked, utterly stripped, you give yourself to us as bread that sustains us and as wine that consoles us.

You are Light and Truth.

You are the Way and the Hope.

You are Love. Grow in us.

Blessing of the Elements (Responsively) (South Africa)

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered on the hillside to grow. Gathered, they

are broken again and scattered throughout the city to make bread. the bread is scattered to each home and broken to make nourishment. Broken and scattered, broken and scattered, and some becomes Christ's body broken for us as we are the people of God scattered through the city and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others.

We receive this bread, broken, scattered and made whole.

(Pause)

We drink this cup, thirty, longing, willing to be poured.

(Pause)

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Together)

(Mexico)

We give you thanks O Lord, for all food that has arrived at our table from your generosity. Bless the people who have made it possible, from the cultivation of the earth until it arrived to us. Give bread to those who are hungry, and to those who have bread give us hunger for you. Amen.

* Closing Hymn: "In Christ There is no East or West" # 687

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west in him meet south and north;
all loving hearts are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

* Benediction

* Postlude

ST. PHILIP'S - YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

We would like to invite families and/or young adults to several events this fall and winter. Please see what's already on the calendar. More events will be sent out soon. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Tukin at 314-566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com

(See Bulletin email for links for underlined RSVPs and Tickets below)

Pumpkin Jamboree @ Eckerts in Millstadt: Join us Saturday, October 15 from 9 am-12pm for some Fall family fun! [RSVP HERE](#) and buy your tickets [HERE](#).

Young Adult Brunch: Sunday, November 13 at 3 King's Pub in South County. We will go after church (around 10:45 am). Childcare is provided as needed. [RSVP HERE](#)

Wild Lights @ St. Louis Zoo: Saturday, December 17. Official details to come, but tentatively planning to meet at 4:30pm @ South Entrance. For more info and to [RSVP CLICK HERE](#). Tickets are not on sale yet, but if you rsvp we will notify you when they go on sale.

THE ANGEL TEAM

The Angel Team, a part of Outreach Ministry provides help and support to Members of the St. Philip's Family on an as-needed basis. We hope to update our information sheets and will provide blank copies for updating to those attending services.

The form includes emergency medical information and emergency contacts for members. There is also a place for you to indicate how you might be willing to provide help and support to others. For members who do not attend regularly, please contact Barbara Barnes (314-843-4157) and a form will be sent to you.

LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

Hello all,

I hope you've had a fabulous start to the school year! Here are our meeting dates through the end of the year. Feel free to invite friends and let me know if you have any questions.

October 5, 12, 19

November 9, 16, 30

December 7, 14

Andrea

LUNCH BUNCH WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12 NOON

Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, October 12 at Rich & Charlie's, 9942 Watson Road.

Please see the ORANGE sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, October 9. Any questions, call Dolores Zikes at 314-282-0197.

CHOIR REHEARSAL AFTER WORSHIP

Anyone interested in joining the Choir please join us for another rehearsal. For now, **we will meet every other Sunday**. This month's meeting dates are **October 2 and 16**.

The Choir rehearses the Anthem and Hymns for the upcoming Sunday worship service. New members are always welcome. There is no audition – anyone with a love for music and a desire to sing is invited to join. Rehearsal lasts usually about an hour and we always have fun! Contact Mike Orzel, our Music Director, for more information.

PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Please continue to bring your used Canon and HP cartridges to church for recycling. A collection box can be found on the credenza just outside of the sanctuary. Thank you!

CHURCH PHONE DIRECTORIES

Copies of the updated church phone directories are available on the credenza just outside the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy!

OCTOBER 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!”*

Chuck Knoll	6
Richelle Fischer	9
Harry Jennings	12
Claire Vogt	12
Samuel Vogt	12
Doug Stevenson	17
Betty Moore	17
Andrea Tukin	19
Kevin Mahoney	20
Linda Boucher	22
Bruce Eason	25
Jamie Kotthoff	26
Patrick Moran	29
Pam Kelly	29



FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The 2022 fall congregational meeting is scheduled for **October 30** immediately after church. As you know, the purpose of this meeting is to act upon the recommendations of the Finance Ministry relating to the general fund budget for the coming year. These recommendations, along with the agenda, will be available on the credenza at church two weeks prior to the meeting. If you are unable to come to church, you may call or email Carol in the church office and arrange to receive a copy.

You are encouraged to attend the meeting in person but, if you prefer, you may attend on-line. Either way you will hear the presentations of Carl Philips and Mike Shelton. Those viewing on-line will need to use the comment section on your screen to ask questions and/or to vote.

As always, you are encouraged to listen, ask questions, state your opinions, respect the opinions of others, vote your conscience and then support whatever the majority of those attending approve. Be a part of the decision-making process as we perform this important work of the church.



**TRUNK OR TREAT
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 22
6:00-7:30pm**

All are welcome to this event in the parking lot at St. Philip's.

Please consider hosting a 'Trunk'. For more information on this event, contact Jacqueline Fechter in the ECC. Thank you.

TRUNK OR TREAT

22 OCTOBER
6:00 PM

Bubble Bus @ 6:30pm

*Parents decorating a trunk please arrive by 5:30pm
Email Ms. Jacqueline, jfechter@stphilipsucc.com
w/ any questions*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00 Church Council Mtg	4	5 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	6	7	8
9 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Younger Adult Fellowship	10	11	12 noon Lunch Bunch @ Rich & Charlies 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	13	14	15 9:00-noon Youth/ Family Pumpkin Jamboree @ Eckerts
16 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	20	21	22 6:00-7:30 Trunk 'r' Treat
23 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Book Club	24 November CRIER Articles Due	25	26 NO LOGOS	27 7:00 Quilters	28	29
30 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Fall Congregational Meeting	31	1 November	2 NO LOGOS	3	4	5



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
Joyce Brand
Grace Heady
Pam Kelly
Marilyn Milne
Sue Myers
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