

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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October 16, 2022
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Blessing of the Animals



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

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PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

* GATHERING WORDS (Responsively)

May the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Come, let us sing and praise our Creator God.

O God, You have made us and all living things.

Today we lift up Your gifts of pets who bring us joy.

**As God takes care of us, so God helps us take care of those who trust us
to look after them. Thanks be to God.**

* OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken" # 53

Morning has broken like the first morning,

blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

born of the one light Eden saw Play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

OPENING PRAYER (Prayer of St. Francis)

**Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Jesus 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,
Jesus loves the lit-tle chil-dren of the world.

SCRIPTURE: Numbers 22:15-39

Once again Balak sent officials, more numerous and more distinguished than these. They came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak: Do not let anything hinder you from coming to me, for I will surely do you great honor, and whatever you say to me I will do; come, curse this people for me." But Balaam replied to the servants of Balak, "Although Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the command of the Lord my God, to do less or more. You also stay here overnight, so that I may learn what more the Lord may say to me." That night God came to Balaam and said to him, "If the men have come to summon you, get up and go with them, but do only what I tell you to do." So Balaam got up in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the officials of Moab.

God's anger was kindled because he was going, and the angel of the Lord took his stand in the road as his adversary. Now he was riding on the donkey, and his two servants were with him. The donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand, so the donkey turned off the road and went into the field, and Balaam struck the donkey, to turn it back onto the road.

Then the angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it scraped against the wall and scraped Balaam's foot against the wall, so he struck it again. Then the angel of the Lord went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left.

When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, it lay down under Balaam, and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff. Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me! I wish I had a sword in my hand! I would kill you right now!" But the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, which you have ridden all your life to this day? Have I been in the habit of treating you this way?" And he said, "No."

Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with his drawn sword in his hand, and he bowed down, falling on his face. The angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you struck your donkey these three times? I have come out as an adversary because your way is perverse before me. The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it had not turned away from me, surely just now I would have killed you and let it live."

Then Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the road to oppose me. Now therefore, if it is displeasing to you, I will return home." The angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but speak only what I tell you to speak." So Balaam went on with the officials of Balak.

When Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him at Ir-moab, on the boundary formed by the Arnon, at the farthest point of the boundary. Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not send to summon you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to honor you?" Balaam said to Balak, "I have come to you now, but do I have power to say just anything? The word God puts in my mouth, that is what I must say." Then Balaam went with Balak, and they came to the place they were going.

*Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" # 61

Refrain: **(Repeat refrain before every verse)**

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning, that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.

MESSAGE: Lucy Herlina Pulamau

ANTHEM: "Creative God, You Spread the Earth"

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION (Together)

Creator of all, we give thanks for the richness of the mountains and valleys, oceans and rivers, all creatures that have life, the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees and the trust You have in us to care for all these.

**We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to Your service that we may love and honor all Your works. We know You bless us now and forever.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS (Pets are invited forward with their handlers)

POEM: A Dream of Heaven

I will find myself waist deep in high summer grass. The humming shock of the golden light.

And I will hear them before I see them and know right away who is bounding across the field to meet me.

All my good dogs will come then, their wet noses bumping against my palms, their hot panting, their rough faithful tongues.

Their eyes young and shiny again. The wiry scruff of their fur, the unspeakable softness of their bellies, their velvet ears against my cheeks. I will bend to them, my face covered with their kisses, my hands full of them. In the grass I will let them knock me down.

HYMN: "All Creatures of Our God and King" # 22

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing;
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia! O burning sun with golden beam,
O silver moon with softer gleam,

(Refrain)

O praise God, O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

O rushing wind with voice so strong, you clouds that sail in heav'n along;
O praise God, Al-le-lu-ia!

O rising morn, in praise rejoice, you lights of evening find a voice, (Refrain)

O flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your God to hear,
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

O blazing fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight, (Refrain)

And all forgiven tender hearts, forgiving others, take your part;
sing praises, Al-le-lu-ia,

You who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God, who knows your every care.
(Refrain)

PRAYER TIME:

Wordless Meditation - Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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

Your 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 OFFERING

*Doxology #46

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 of Dedication

* CLOSING HYMN: “He’s Got the Whole World In His Hands”

Chorus He’s got the dogs and the cats in his hands. 4x’s

He’s got the sun and the moon in his hands. 4x’s

He’s got everybody here in his hands. 4x’s

He’s got the whole world in his hands. 4x’s

* 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)

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.

CHOIR REHEARSAL AFTER WORSHIP

Anyone interested in joining the Choir please join us for another rehearsal. For now, **we will meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month**. This month's last meeting date is **October 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.

LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

Hello all,

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 19
November 9, 16, 30
December 7, 14

Andrea

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, are available on the credenza at church. 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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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



**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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Blessing of the Animals 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
6 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00 Church Council Mtg	8	9 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	10	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:30 Young Adult Brunch	14	15	16 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	17	18	19



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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