

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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October 23, 2022
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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

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GATHERING MUSIC - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

PRELUDE and LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Thus Prayed Mordecai, "O Lord, Lord, you are the Lord and King of all things

For the universe is in your power

And there is not one who can oppose you when it is your will to save your people.

For you have made heaven and earth

And every wonderful thing under heaven.

You are Lord of all,

And there is no one who can resist you, the Lord.

You know all things, you know, O Lord."

* OPENING HYMN: "Hope of the World" # 538

Hope of the world, O Christ of great compassion;
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent;
save us, your people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life;
still let your Spirit unto us be given
to heal earth's wounds and end its bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light;
walk now beside us, lest the tempting byways
lure us away from you to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt
we render back the love your mercy gave us;
take now our lives and use them as you will.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
who by this sign did conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to your gospel glorious;
you are our Christ and you forever reign!

CENTERING PRAYER (Together)

Saving God, We remember the times that we were in fear and grief, and you brought us peace. We remember the times when we were in need and did not know where to turn, and you send us a blessing. We remember the times when we had great pain in our bodies or in our souls, and you send someone to comfort 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.

RESPONSE: "On Eagle's Wings" # 77 (Refrain)

"And God 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."

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

SCRIPTURE: Galatians 3:25-29

But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

SCRIPTURE: Esther 3:1-6, 8-10; 12 and 4:1-3
(cheer for **Mordecai**, boo for **Haman**)

Haman Plots Against the Jews

After these things King Ahasuerus promoted **Haman** the Agagite, and advanced him and set his throne above all the officials who were with **Haman**. And all the king's servants who were at the king's gate bowed down and paid homage to **Haman**, for the king had so commanded concerning **Haman**.

But **Mordecai** did not bow down or pay homage. Then the king's servants who were at the king's gate said to **Mordecai**, "Why do you transgress the king's command?"

And when they spoke to **Mordecai** day after day and **Mordecai** would not listen to them, they told **Haman**, in order to see whether **Mordecai's** words would stand, for **Mordecai** had told them that he was a Jew.

And when **Haman** saw that **Mordecai** did not bow down or pay homage to him, **Haman** was filled with fury. But **Haman** disdained to lay hands on **Mordecai** alone. So, as they had made known to him the people of **Mordecai**, **Haman** sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of **Mordecai**, throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

Then **Haman** said to King Ahasuerus, "There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of your kingdom. Their laws are different from those of every other people, and they do not keep the king's laws, so that it is not to the king's profit to tolerate them. If it please the king, let it be decreed that they be destroyed, and I will pay 10,000 talents of silver into the hands of those who have charge of the king's business, that they may put it into the king's treasuries."

So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to **Haman**, the enemy of the Jews. And the king said to **Haman**, "The money is given to you, the people also, to do with them as it seems good to you." **Haman** sent couriers to all the king's provinces with instruction to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, women and children, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, and to plunder their goods.

When **Mordecai** learned all that had been done, **Mordecai** tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and **Mordecai** went out into the midst of the city,

and he cried out with a loud and bitter cry. **Mordecai** went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one was allowed to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth.

And in every province, wherever the **Haman's** command and **Haman's** decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, the people of **Mordecai**, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and many of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

*HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story" # 480

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet,
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

SERMON: "Being Square Pegs"
Rev. Dori Hudson

ANTHEM: "Just As I Am"
Cara Schamburg

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 Dedicating our Gifts (Together)

**God of Mercy and Love, we pray that these gifts may benefit
someone who is in need, someone who feels marginalized. We
dedicate our money and ourselves, to this church in hopes that
lives will be changed through our gifts. May our lives be among
those changed. Amen.**

* CLOSING HYMN: "Here I Am, Lord" # 452

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

All who dwell in deepest sin, 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)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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.

LUNCH BUNCH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Lunch Bunch will meet at **noon** on **November 9** at

Delany's Grille & Bar
9940 Kennerly Road

in the Kennerly Center shopping plaza just across 21 from Mercy South. They're a few doors down from BreadCo and the WKF shop.

Please see the GOLD signup sheet on the bulletin board, and signup or call Virginia at 843-3605 by Tuesday, November 8.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

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**. Next month we will meet on **November 6 and 20**.

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.

November 9, 16, 30

December 7, 14

Andrea

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 noon Lunch Bunch @ Delany's 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
20 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School In-person 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	21	22	23 NO LOGOS	24 Thanks giving	25	26



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
Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann
Janet Remmers
Paul Shrout
Lily Swanson
Paula Williams



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