

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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February 12, 2023  
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



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

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways-inspired by Psalm 112:1-10

Great is the wisdom of the Holy One, powerful and knowing.

**God gives us the choice to follow and to be faithful.**

Great is the wisdom of the Holy One, powerful and knowing.

**God offers fire to warm us and water to quench our thirst.**

Great is the wisdom of the Holy One, powerful and knowing.

**God considers us with care and knows our ways.**

\* OPENING HYMN: "Surely the Presence of the Lord" # 263 Sing Twice

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Righteous God, in you we find life and liberty, compassion and care, redemption and reconciliation. You make your ways known to us, and you recognize your people as we are—fully human and made in your image. You come to us, and we come to you. Let us meet in this time and place. Let us bring our hope and our fears, our joys and our sorrows, our successes and our disappointments—the fullness of this glorious and maddening life toward you assured that you meet us here. AMEN.**

## A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART

RESPONSE: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

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: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations?

For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:21-37

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the

guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

#### HYMN: "Trust and Obey" # 556 1-3

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

#### **Refrain**

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be  
happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he will richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey. (Refrain)

But we never can prove the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey. (Refrain)

SERMON VIDEO: "Sermon on the Mount"  
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Let the River Flow"

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

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

Offertory

\* 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 - Worship Ways (Together)

**God who gives the increase, receive these gifts and magnify them for  
your kingdom. Continually grow generosity in us and be glorified.  
AMEN.**

\* CLOSING HYMN: "Precious Name" # 625 1-3

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.

(Refrain)

Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;  
if temptations round you gather,  
breathe that holy name in prayer. (Refrain)

O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,  
when his loving arms receive us, and his songs our tongues employ! (Refrain)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## **TOUR THE HOLY LAND WITHOUT LEAVING ST. LOUIS**

Join us after church on **Sunday February 12** to watch the first episode of Walking the Bible by Bruce Feiler, featuring his epic journey by foot, jeep, rowboat and camel through the settings for the greatest stories every told.

You will see Mount Ararat, where Noah's ark landed, trek to the desert where Abraham first heard the words of God, and scale the summit where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

And, you can do this for FREE, in the company of good friends and the comfort of St. Philips Church! Snacks and childcare will be provided.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

A worship service including the imposition of ashes and holy communion will be held on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 2:00pm, at St. Philip's UCC. All are invited to participate!

### **BOOK CLUB**

Our February Selection is 'Midnight Library' by Matt Haig, an award-winning novel about being caught between life choices, regrets, despair and ultimately discovering the potential your life has to offer. Several Book Club members have already read this book and give it a grade of A+. We will meet to discuss it on **February 26**.

### **GAME NIGHT!**

#### **MARCH 12**

On Sunday, March 12, join us at St. Philip's from 3:00pm-5:00pm for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!

Bring your favorite board games and a snack to share! All are invited!

If you're planning to bring your younger kids/grandkids, please contact Andrea Tukin so we can be sure to have some younger child appropriate games ready too! Hope you'll join the fun!

## **LENTEN BOOK STUDY!**

On **Tuesday evenings, at 6:00pm, February 28 through April 4**, we will gather via Zoom with new friends from St. John UCC (St. Clair) for a weekly book study: "Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws" by Adam Hamilton. Each week, we will discuss one chapter, finishing the book during Holy Week just before Easter.

Of course, the discussion will also be accessible each week even if you don't want to read the book--all are invited to participate, whether you're a reader or not!

Books are about \$20 on Amazon--feel free to order a copy on your own, or let Pastor Laura know to order one for you (please pay the church through the offering plate with \$20 with "Lenten Book Study" noted on your check or envelope--if the expense exceeds your budget, but you'd like a copy, please talk to Pastor Laura and we'll work something out).

We'll discuss chapter one on February 28. The Zoom link will remain the same, and will be emailed each week during the study. Contact Pastor Laura with questions. Hope you will join us!

## **IN CASE OF SNOW...**

If worship services are canceled due to inclement weather, please watch for the announcement on Channel 2 or 11. We will be listed as:

St. Philip's UCC

As a courtesy, please call anyone you know who might need this information.

Cancellations will also be posted on Facebook.



## **OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS**

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22. This year we will collect food items, clothing items and cash donations for Isaiah 58 Ministries which supplies emergency provisions through their Food Pantry and Thrift Store.

Clothing items should be clean and in good repair. Clothing and shoes for all ages is needed, particularly larger sizes for older Men and Women. Storage Space is limited so only clothing for the upcoming seasons of Spring and Summer is currently needed.

Food Items needed most include: Sardines, canned chili, cooking oil (48 ounces or smaller), Peanut butter (smooth type), Shelf-stable milk, and Deluxe Macaroni and Cheese (the kind that does not need milk and butter added).

Additional items currently needed most include: dish soap, shaving cream, razors, toilet paper and pater towels. Any non-perishable food items are accepted. A poster in the Gathering Space will list other items needed most.

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

JoAnn Leber	1
Rachel Fischer	3
Lily Swanson	3
Elizabeth Vogt	9
Heather Harvey	12
Dustin Knoll	14
Kathy Vogt	17
Wes Cummings	18
Harrison Fischer	18
Gavin Armistead	20
Cara Holdener	21
Virginia Hladnick	23
Emily Mikusch	27
Joan Hemingway	28
Dave Schiele	28

## 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.** We will meet on February 19th.

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.

Please wear your name tag  
during worship.  
Thank you!

### WORSHIP LISTENING DEVICES

Listening devices used during worship are now available in the Admin Assistant Office as you walk in the door to the right.

### APRIL CALENDAR SNEAK PEEK

More info coming....

April 2	Palm Sunday Worship	9:30am
April 7	Good Friday Worship	2:00pm
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt	10:00am
April 9	Easter Sunday - Breakfast	9:30am
	- Worship	10:30am
April 16	Worship @ St. Philip's	9:30am
	Outdoor Worship @	
	Suson Park (all invited)	11:30am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>10:30</b> Tour Holy Land Presentation	13	14	15 <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	16	17	18
19 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>10:15</b> Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday <b>2:00</b> Worship <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	23 <b>7:00</b> Quilters	24 March CRIER Articles Due	25
26 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>10:15</b> Book Club	27 <b>4:45</b> ECC Board Meeting	28 <b>6:00</b> Lenten Book Study	1 March <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	2	3	4
5 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>10:15</b> Choir Rehearsal	6 <b>7:00</b> Church Council Mtg	7 <b>6:00</b> Lenten Book Study	8 <b>5:30-7:00</b> LOGOS	9	10	11
12 <b>9:30</b> Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>3:00-5:00</b> Game Night	13	14 <b>6:00</b> Lenten Book Study	15 LOGOS (tentative)	16	17	18



# **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

Joyce Brand

Sandy Ganz

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Pam Kelly

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Sue Myers

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