

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Transfiguration Sunday



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

Transfiguration Sunday

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Holy One.

The Holy One is high on the mountain and exalted among the people.

Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Mighty One.

The Mighty God is sovereign, loves justice, and establishes equity.

Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Everlasting God.

The Everlasting God hears our cries and answers our call. Praise our God!

* OPENING HYMN: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" # 586

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)**

Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your kingdom in the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. 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: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God.

To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" # 595

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SERMON: "Transfigured"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Open My Eyes"

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)

Generous God, may these gifts bring you glory and honor and meet the needs of your people. In the name of Jesus, we pray. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Sing of God Made Manifest" # 176 2-4

Sing of God made manifest when at Jordan John confessed,

"I should be baptized by you, but your bidding I will do."

Then from heaven a double sign - - dove-like Spirit, voice divine -
hailed the true Anointed One; "This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign, turning water into wine;

further still was love revealed as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,
where the Law and Prophets waned so that Christ alone remained;
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace, given as Jesus set his face
toward the waiting cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

ASH WEDNESDAY

A worship service including the imposition of ashes and holy communion will be held on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 2:00pm. 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**.

CORNER BEEF DINNER TO BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, March 4

4:00-7:00pm

Samuel UCC

320 N Forsyth Blvd

Clayton, Missouri

Dine-in or Carry-out

100% of all monies collected go to Habitat for Humanity.

Contact Terri Karcher for ticket information.

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!

LUNCH BUNCH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

The "Lunch Bunchers" next get-together will be at Hokkaido Buffet, on Wednesday, March 8 at noon. They are located at 129 Concord Plaza Shopping Center.

This is an all you can eat Chinese/Japanese buffet with everything from soup to dessert and includes a number of non-oriental items. The cost for seniors is \$10.95 plus beverage and tax. A 15% gratuity is added to each check for groups.

See the GREEN signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, March 5. Contact Sandy Stevenson at 636-333-2244 if you have any questions.

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
19 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	20	21	22 Ash Wednesday 2:00 Worship 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	23 7:00 Quilters	24 March CRIER Articles Due	25
26 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	27 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	28 6:00 Lenten Book Study	1 March 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	2	3	4 4-7pm Benefit for Habitat at Samuel UCC
5 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Choir Rehearsal	6 7:00 Church Council Mtg	7 6:00 Lenten Book Study	8 noon Lunch Bunch @ Hokkaido 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	9	10	11 2:00am Set clocks forward
12 Daylight Savings Time begins 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 3:00-5:00 Game Night	13	14 6:00 Lenten Book Study	15 LOGOS (tentative)	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Choir Rehearsal 2:00-4:00 Family Outing @ Museum of Transportation	20	21 6:00 Lenten Book Study	22 NO LOGOS	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.



Gail Avery

Joyce Brand

Sandy Ganz

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Pam Kelly

Marilyn Milne

Sue Myers

Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann

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