

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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First Sunday in Lent



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

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

God of the Sahara and the Amazon, Maker of dry places and wetlands.

We come before you with parched hearts for living in this world has made them so.

Holy One, your ability to renew us is unmatched.

You renew us from within and without.

Ancient of Days, you held us in the beginning, and you are holding us now.

We reach out to you and draw as close as we can.

* OPENING HYMN: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" # 254 1-4

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew.

That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but lie with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Divine One, we are thankful for the restoration that can be found in you.

Your presence is welcomed here. We delight in knowing that you want to be wherever we are. Because you are love, you show up for us. In this space, may we delight in your assurance that all you made is good. 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: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted Forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished.

The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every

word that comes from the mouth of God.” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give to you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

HYMN: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” # 180 1-3

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the victory win,
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.

and thro these days of penitence, and thro your passion-tide,
forevermore, in life and death, O Christ with us abide.

SERMON VIDEO: “Into the Wilderness”

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: “Beyond the Days”

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)

Divine One, receive our gifts from the open hearts from which we give them. Thank you for blessing us with gifts to share, so that good works can abound. We offer our gifts gladly. May what we give be used to meet the needs of all. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" # 560 1-3

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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**.

CORNEB 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 March 5 and 19.

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
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 begins	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
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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

Paul Shrout

Lily Swanson

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