

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Fifth 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)

Breath of Life, you animate us.

We come before you seeking revival from within.

Holy One, when you speak, great things happen.

Empower us to make great things happen.

Matchless One, you bring good things to life.

We desire to bring good things to life too.

* OPENING HYMN: "Breathe on Me Breath of God" # 254 Verses 1, 2, 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, so shall I never die,
but lie with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Life Giver, come and revive us again. Indwell us with your spirit and let our souls awake to joy. We come boldly that you might breathe on us. May what we experience with you today change us forever and for the better. 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: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

SCRIPTURE: John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them."

After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me,

even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone.

And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet still bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly" # 340

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling- calling, "O sinner, come home!

Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we wait, then and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;
though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

SERMON: "Raising the Dead"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 Sustainer, receive this offering that we gladly give. May it be
used to revive and restore those in need. AMEN.**

*** CLOSING HYMN: "Be Still My Soul" # 566**

Be still, my soul; for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain
Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still my soul; for God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my sou; the waves and winds still know
the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on
when we shall dwell with God forever more,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

*** BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

During Lent we are collecting food and clothing for Isaiah 58 Ministries. While any shelf stable food items are needed, certain items are needed most. A list of these items can be found on the display table in the Gathering Space. Spring and Summer clothing items for all ages are also needed. Isaiah 58 has provided a calendar with Lenten Activities, and copies are available on the display table. Thanks in advance for your generosity to this very worthy cause.

BOOK CLUB

Our March Selection is 'Educated' by Tara Westover will be discussed on **Sunday, April 2.**

EASTER BREAKFAST

Church Council has decided we are going to have our Easter Breakfast this year. It would be nice to see everyone's smiling faces!

Join us on Easter Sunday, **April 9, at 9:30am** for breakfast in the MPR followed by Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am. In order to get a headcount for table/chair setup, see the Lilac signup sheet on the bulletin board, contact Carol in the church office, or call Carole Armistead at 314-560-6658. Please **signup by Thursday, April 6.**

Also bring your favorite food item that you would like to share with everyone (it is not necessary to indicate what you are bringing on the signup sheet).

LENTEN BOOK STUDY!

On Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm, **through April 4**, we will gather via Zoom 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. The Zoom link is below and will remain the same for the duration of the study. Contact Pastor Laura with questions.

Zoom Info for the Lenten Book Study

To join from smartphone/tablet/computer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8352544400>

To dial in from cell phone/landline: 1-312-626-6799 and then 8352544400#

EASTER EGG HUNT - APRIL 8 CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Philip's is hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt this year on Saturday, April 8 at 10am. We hope you and your family & friends can join! We are collecting individually wrapped candy to put into Easter Eggs. There is a bunny basket in the gathering space **through April 2**.

If you'd be willing to volunteer to help hide eggs, sit at a craft table, or lead a game, please let Andrea Tukin know at andreatukin@gmail.com or by call/text (314) 566-8633. Thank you!

LUNCH BUNCH

Please join the Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, April 12** at noon for the April gathering.

We will meet at O'Charley's located at 4130 Rusty Road by the South County Target.

See the PURPLE signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Bob and Linda Kammerer at 314-849-0843 by Sunday, April 9th.

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Please plan to attend this very important meeting to be held immediately following the April 16 worship service. New committee and Church Council members will be voted on. Ministry Team Reports will be available on Sunday, April 2 just outside the sanctuary so that you can review them prior to the meeting.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

All are welcome to join for an outdoor worship following St. Philip's usual worship.

We will meet at Suson Park on **Sunday, April 16** at 11:30 am to worship and then enjoy each other's company while we eat and play! Please let Andrea know if you plan to attend at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314) 566-8633.



Easter Flowers

Let's help beautify the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter. Easter Lilies, Azaleas, and Hydrangeas are available.

The spring flowers will decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9th.

You may take your plants home after the Easter Sunday service or make arrangements to pickup the following week if unable to attend.

Make check payable to 'Walter Knoll Florist'

Name _____

_____	Easter Lilies	\$12.50
_____	Hydrangea - Blue	\$20.00
_____	Azalea - Pinks	\$20.00
_____	Mum	\$10.00
_____	Tulip - Assorted	\$10.00

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

You can drop your order form and payment in the offering plate or turn in to Carol in the church office **by noon on Monday, March 27th**.

LOGOS SCHEDULE

LOGOS plans to meet on March 29 and every Wednesday in April. We gather from 5:30-7:00pm and would love for members of the congregation to join us!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Karen Moran	2
Pam Schiele Stang	4
Joyce Thuston	5
Dawn Knoll	11
Scott Karcher	14
Frances Kalbfleish	15
Samuel Slavik	18
Jason Karcher	21
Clara Hornung	26
Meghan Mikusch	27
Holly Slavik	27
Elaine Kimker	28
Kali Hladnick	29
Shirley Nottelmann	29
Shirley Illert	30

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	27 noon Easter Flower Orders Due 4:45 ECC Board Mtg	28 6:00 Lenten Book Study	29 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	30	31	1 April
2 Palm Sunday 9:30 Sunday Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	3 7:00 Church Council Mtg	4 6:00 Lenten Book Study	5 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	6 Signup for Easter Breakfast	7 2:00 Good Friday Worship	8 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
9 Easter Sunday 9:30 Easter Breakfast 10:30 Worship In-person, Facebook 10:45 Sunday School	10	11	12 noon Lunch Bunch @ O'Charley's 5:30-7:00	13	14	15
16 9:30 Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Spring Congregational Meeting 11:30 Worship in the Park	17	18	19 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	24	25	26 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	27	28	29



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.



Joyce Brand
Grace Heady
Virginia Hladnick
Marilyn Milne
Sue Myers
Jered Nagle

Shirley Nottelmann
Paul Shrout
Lily Swanson
Paula Williams



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