

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday



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

Palm Sunday

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

PROCESSIONAL ANTHEM: "He Is Exalted"

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

Open the gates, for on this side of Jerusalem, a grand parade of Rome brings the pomp and circumstance of power and prestige to the streets for the Passover Feast.

Open the gates, for on the other side of Jerusalem, a humble procession enters the city among the lives of the Jewish poor and marginalized.

Entering through the gates, we ride in on horses with the powerful armor of Rome, bind the festal procession with power. Let the feast begin!

Entering through the gates, Jesus comes riding on a donkey and the crowd binds the festal procession by laying down palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna!"

Open to us the gates of God and together we will proclaim.

"Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!"

* OPENING HYMN: "All Glory Laud and Honor" # 192

All glory, laud, and honor, to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal son;
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One.

The company of angels are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and love and anthems before thee we present.

To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise,
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises; now hear us as we pray,
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

God of humble entries, we lay down our branches on the path ahead and give thanks for this day you have created. For this is the day you have made, and we rejoice in it together. As we walk with Jesus and his followers into Jerusalem today, open the gates of our hearts that we might enter your realm with joy and thanksgiving. In the name of the One who came humbly, we pray. 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: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every

knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately. This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, an on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet, Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

HYMN: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" # 191 Verses 1-3

Ride on, ride on in majesty! As all the crowds hosanna cry;
through waving branches slowly ride, O Savior, to be crucified.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

SERMON: "Hosanna!"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "O Worship the King"

Cara Schamburg

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)

O God of Welcome and Waving Palms, as the crowd offered to you their praise and the palms on the road, so we share these gifts out of the abundance you have provided. May they be for the healing salvation and work of justice you are bringing about in the world through your unending love. AMEN and AMEN.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Lead On, O King Eternal" # 632

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home;
through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears;
thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

BOOK CLUB

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

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.

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!

Our last Lenten Book Study night will be Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00pm. Below is the zoom link. 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 314-322-1051 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. Annual 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

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 11:30am

ALL are invited to join St. Philip's families at their outdoor worship service followed by a picnic lunch at Suson Park. There will be plenty of time for visiting the animals and playing afterwards!

Bring a lunch and a blanket/chair to sit on (if you'd like). Please let Andrea know if you plan to attend:

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or (314) 566-8633.

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Relations Committee is meeting for the first time with Pastor Laura on Wednesday, April 12. This committee is an advisory group to the pastor and a support for the pastor's leadership. As an advisory group, the committee shares the ideas, dreams, hopes, expectations and concerns of the congregation with the pastor. Confidentiality and trust are essential to the work of this appointed committee.

Our committee's role is two-fold. First, we serve as a resource for our new pastor to learn about St. Philip's and as a sounding board if that is what she needs us to be. Second, are open to the concerns/needs of the congregation and bring to the committee anything that needs to be discussed. Pastor Laura's door is always open for conversations with members. However, some may feel more comfortable bringing their concerns, hurts, celebrations that need to be discussed with Pastor Laura to a Pastoral Relations Committee member. We can raise any concerns that you may have and keep them confidential, if you desire.

We are encouraging open and honest communication between the pastor, church leadership and the congregation so that our shared ministry may be fulfilled.

You may contact any member of the Pastoral Relations Committee at any time:

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to our members
who will be celebrating this month.**

We will sing on the 1st Sunday
of each month.

*“Happy Birthday to You!,
Happy Birthday to You!,
Happy Birthday Everybody!
and God Bless You!”*

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| April Schillinger | 1 |
| Ben Kotthoff | 3 |
| Steve Werner | 4 |
| Gwen Swanson | 8 |
| Judy Parkinson | 10 |
| Stan Parkinson | 10 |
| Karen Walker | 15 |
| Al Bowles | 23 |
| Steve Hladnick | 24 |
| Eloise Schamburg | 25 |
| Lucy Vogt | 27 |
| Kate Hausman | 28 |
| Mary Darr | 28 |

LOGOS SCHEDULE

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

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 |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| 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 LOGOS | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:30 Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Spring Congregational Meeting 11:30 Worship and Picnic in the Park (Suson) | 17 4:45 ECC Board Mtg | 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 |
| 30 9:30 Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club | 1 May | 2 | 3 5:30-7:00 LOGOS | 4 | 5 | 6 |




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.



*In our
Thoughts
and
Prayers*

Joyce Brand
Grace Heady
Virginia Hladnick
Marilyn Milne
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Shirley Nottelmann
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