

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Easter Sunday



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

# Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

Give thanks to our Good God whose unfailing love lasts forever!

**Give thanks to our Risen God whose unfailing love lives forever!**

We gather together in the dawn of a new day. We look toward the tomb to seek the Enfleshed Word.

**The stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

We find God alive in the searching, in the garden, in our hope-filled spaces.

**Alleluia! Christ lives and finds us with unfailing love!**

\* OPENING HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" # 216

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!

All creation, join to say, Al-le-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Lives again our glorious King, Al-le-lu-ia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Al-le-lu-ia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Al-le-lu-ia!

Where your victory, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Christ has opened paradise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Al-le-lu-ia!

Following our exalted Head, Al-le-lu-ia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al-le-lu-ia!

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Resurrected God, you are the God of new beginnings, of new dawns and new mercies. Enter into our presence again. When we move toward the tomb, remind us that you come with life.**

**When we despair at the world unfolding around us, assure us of your redemptive power. When we long for your voice, speak a word of hope, encouragement, and peace. May we reflect your image as resurrection people in covenant with 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, rolled up in a place by itself.

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he

saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

#### HYMN: "Christ Arose!" # 224

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain

Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)

SERMON: "Resurrection"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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)

**Giving God, receive this portion of the gifts you have given to us.**

**May our time, treasure, and talent be magnified and multiplied for your glory. AMEN.**

## HYMN: "I Come With Joy" # 420

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's  
communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and  
strangers now are friends.

the Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world he loves that makes us one, the love that  
makes us one.

## HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

...and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women,  
youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the  
north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.**

### PRAYER (UCC BOW)

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...we praise you with joy.

**Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe  
speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one  
who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!**

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ's death, O God, we proclaim.**

**Christ's resurrection we declare.**

**Christ's coming we await.**

**Glory be to you, O God.**

...your grace that is able to make all things new.

**Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our  
lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ  
and the Holy Spirit, lives for ever. AMEN.**

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

**O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love, and  
strengthened by your life, we humbly accept your call to go into  
this world to live with hope, and to share your joy. You  
commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have  
been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God.  
AMEN.**

\* CLOSING HYMN: "He Lives!" # 226

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, Whatever others say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

**Chorus**

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me Along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, Salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,  
The day of His appearing will come at last. (Chorus)

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find;  
None other is so loving, so good and kind. (Chorus)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

### **ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION SPRING GATHERING: TRIVIA NIGHT**

Pastor Laura is looking for SEVEN friends to join her and fill a "St. Philip's UCC" table on **Friday, April 28** at 6:30pm at St. John UCC (Chesterfield). The cost is \$20/person to support the mission and ministry of the STL Association. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. We don't care if we win or lose - - you definitely don't have to be a "trivia person" to join the fun! Please reach out to Pastor Laura with questions or for more information.

### **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.



## **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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## TOUR THE HOLY LAND FINAL EPISODE

Tour of the Holy Land (on video) continues after church on **Sunday April 23**. We will view the third episode of "Walking the Bible" a PBS series by Bruce Feiler, which focuses on Joseph, the Egyptian Captivity, and the Exodus.

The video lasts about 45 minutes and snacks will be provided.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| 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 |

## 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:

andreatukin@gmail.com  
or (314) 566-8633.

| Sunday   | Monday                          | Tuesday | Wednesday  | Thursday | Friday | Saturday            |
|--|---------------------------------|---------|--|----------|--------|---------------------|
| 9 Easter Sunday<br>9:30 Easter Breakfast<br>10:30 Worship In-person,<br>Facebook<br>10:45 Sunday School  | 10                              | 11      | 12<br>noon Lunch<br>Bunch @<br>O'Charley's<br>5:30-7:00<br>LOGOS | 13       | 14     | 15                  |
| 16<br>9:30 Worship In-person,<br>Facebook<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:15 Spring Congregational<br>Meeting<br>11:30 Worship and Picnic in<br>the Park (Suson) | 17<br>4:45 ECC<br>Board Mtg     | 18      | 19<br>5:30-7:00<br>LOGOS   | 20       | 21     | 22                  |
| 23<br>9:30 Worship In-person,<br>Facebook<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:15 Tour the Holy Land<br>Presentation  | 24                              | 25      | 26<br>5:30-7:00<br>LOGOS   | 27       | 28     | 29                  |
| 30<br>9:30 Worship In-person,<br>Facebook<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:15 Book Club   | 1 May                           | 2       | 3<br>5:30-7:00<br>LOGOS  | 4        | 5      | 6<br>MPR<br>Rental  |
| 7<br>9:30 Worship In-person,<br>Facebook<br>9:45 Sunday School   | 8<br>7:00 Church<br>Council Mtg | 9       | 10<br>5:30-7:00<br>LOGOS   | 11       | 12     | 13<br>MPR<br>Rental |



**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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Joyce Brand  
Grace Heady  
Virginia Hladnick  
Marilyn Milne  
Jeanette Monroe  
Sue Myers

Jered Nagle  
Shirley Nottelmann  
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# Thank you to all who helped beautify our Church with Spring flowers.



Barbara Barnes . . . . . in memory of Marvin & Clara Barnes,  
and Roy & Faye Harvey

Lois Decker . . . . . in memory of Roger & Jeff Decker

Ray Hoffstetter . . . . . in memory of Muriel Hoffstetter

The Knoll Family . . . . . in memory of Gail and Bradley Knoll

Jeannine Navratil . . . . . in memory of Robert Navratil

Carl & Donna Philips . . . . . in memory of Rex & Vida Philips,  
and George & Mary Kendrick

Art Kuhn/Paul Shrout . . . . . in memory of Arthur,  
Consuela & Ted Kuhn,  
and Rev. Stanley and Nettie May Shrout

Mike & Kathy Shelton . . . . . in memory of our parents

Don & Patty Siewing . . . . . in memory of Billie & our parents