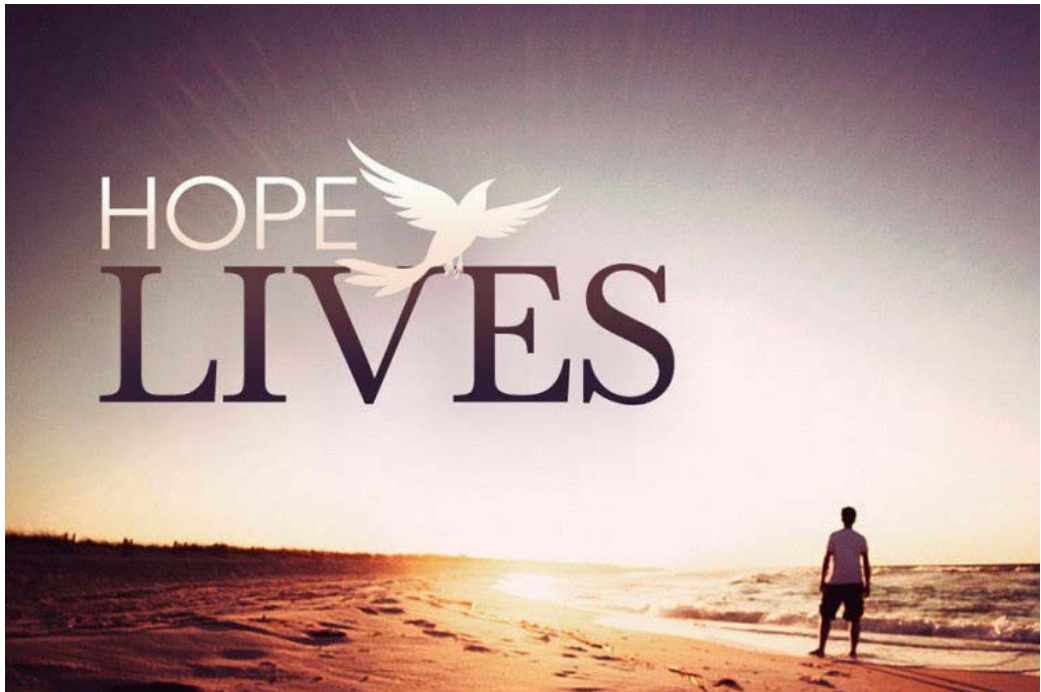


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April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter



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

Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

Thomas said, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." We are in a liminal space, confused between brokenness and new opportunities.

Dear God, fill us with the power of Resurrection to embrace newness. We are hiding like the disciples behind closed doors with fear and doubts, waiting for your appearance.

Come into our midst now, penetrate into our closed hearts bringing your peace.

Refresh us, O God, and empower us.

As we worship today, blow into us your gentle spirit.

* OPENING HYMN: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 5

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A life

beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. 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: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribably and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples

rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

HYMN: "Because He Lives" # 562 Verses 1-3

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my
Savior lives.

Refrain Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy that gives;
but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days
because he lives. (Refrain)

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know
he reigns. (Refrain)

SERMON: "Believing"
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)

Gracious and loving God, receive the gifts we bring this day, and
everyday. Accept them, multiply them, and use them as you will
for the building of your kingdom of love and grace in our world
today. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" # 431 1-3

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
in my love's baptismal river I have made you mine for ever
go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.

Go, my children, since forgiven, at peace and pure,
here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
here you heard my Son's dear story, here you touched him, saw his glory,
go, my children, sins forgiven at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
grown in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you;
go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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:

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

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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School the week of July 10.

At Hero Hotline VBS, your kids will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up! With singing, dancing, games, skits, snacks and crafts, it's going to be a great time!

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.

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

ST. PHILIP'S UCC PRESENTS

COKESBURY'S

HERO HOTLINE

**Called Together
to Serve God!**



JOIN US JULY 10-14 FROM 9AM - 11:30AM

\$20/ PER CHILD (\$35 MAX PER FAMILY)

PRE - K (AGE 3) THRU 6TH GRADE

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 10:15 Tour the Holy Land Presentation	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 MPR Rental
7 9:30 Worship In-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	8 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	11	12	13 MPR Rental
14 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	15	16	17	18	19	20



**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
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