

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

**By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.**

Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

**Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.**

This is the victory that overcomes the world,  
**Through Jesus our risen Christ. AMEN.**

\* OPENING HYMN: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" # 558

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need thy tender care,  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us;  
For our use thy folds prepare.

Refrain    Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
              Thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
              Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
              Thou hast bought us, thine we are

We are thine; do thou befriend us;  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock; from sin defend us;  
Seek us when we go astray. (Refrain)

Early let us seek thy favour;  
Early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,  
With thy love our spirits fill. (Refrain)

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**O Source of all living things, we praise you for the power of recurring re-creation of life we see around us, and for the timeless resurrection of Jesus our Christ. May these signs inspire us to manifest your presence in our relationships and actions, that those cries of joy first heard on Easter morning may echo through the centuries to our time and place. 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: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SCRIPTURE: John 10:1-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper

opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

HYMN: “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought” # 545

He leadeth me; O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
What-e'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;  
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine;  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis thy hand that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;  
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by thy grace, the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God thro' Jordan leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;  
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

SERMON VIDEO: “Sheep”

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "The Lord's My Shepherd"

## 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)

**We hear the voice of Jesus the Shepherd, O God, and seek to follow his course for our lives. We bring our gifts now before you as results of our search. Accept them and use them so that others may join in the quest. Bring others to the gates of your promised land, and let them hear you calling them to come, enter in. AMEN.**

\* CLOSING HYMN: "To God Be the Glory" # 72 1-3

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(Refrain) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## FLOOR WAXING SCHEDULE

**May 19-20:** No access to MPR  
bathrooms or hallways - must  
use office bathroom

**May 26-29:** No access to MPR  
or office bathroom - must use  
MPR bathroom

## 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!

Registration forms are available on  
the credenza outside church or you  
can register online at:

[stphilipsucc.com](http://stphilipsucc.com)

Contact Andrea Tukin if you have  
any questions.

## BOOK CLUB

We will meet after church on **Sunday, April 30** to discuss *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman, and we will share a potluck lunch. Consider joining Book Club. We always have a good time, and reading the book is not required to attend the meetings and discussion.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Dori Hudson	1
Olivia Stevenson	1
Mike Shelton	5
George Brand, III	8
Stacey Witte	9
Lindsey Rawlings	11
Kimberly Kelly	14
Pam Henson	15
Shirley Oldani	16
Carl Philips	17
Emily Meininger	19
William Matthews, Jr	20
Jason Yung	21
Sue Bowles	23
Sheannon Hladnick	26
Brandi Armistead	26
Haylee Womack	27
Sandy Stevenson	29
Laura Brym	31

ST. PHILIP'S UCC PRESENTS

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# 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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## LITURGISTS NEEDED!

St. Philip's is in need of liturgists for the Sundays Pastor Laura is physically at "the other church".

A sign up sheet is up on the bulletin board. THANK YOU to those who have volunteered already! If you're considering it, please reach out to Pastor Laura with any questions or concerns you might have. Having proactive volunteers sign up instead of needing to scramble to find someone the week of makes God smile (Pastor Laura can only assume 😊).

### LUNCH BUNCH

Please join the Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, May 10** at noon. We will meet at Bob Evans located at 6520 S. Lindbergh by the South County Target.

See the YELLOW signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Sandy Stevenson at 636-333-2244 by Sunday, May 7th to signup.

### LOGOS SCHEDULE

LOGOS will meet on Wednesday, May 3 and 10. We gather from 5:30-7:00pm and would love for members of the congregation to join us!

### 9 MILE GARDEN FAMILY EVENT

Everyone is welcome to join the Young(er) Adults for an evening of fun at [Nine Mile Garden](#) located at 9375 Gravois Road, Affton, MO on **Friday, May 19**. 9 Mile Garden is a family-focused entertainment district and home to Missouri's first food truck garden.

We will meet around 5:30pm for food trucks and live music. You can [sign up here](#) or let Pastor Laura or Andrea Tukin (314-566-8633) know if you plan to join or just come join us. In the case of inclement weather, Andrea Tukin will text message anyone signed up about cancellations/rescheduling.

### 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.

## **"HELP BEVERLY GET A CAR"**

You will remember that Beverly, Beatrice, and Lucy have often joined us for church and special services. They are all three students at Eden Seminary finishing their second year. Last month we helped Beatrice go back to Kenya for her mother's funeral. Now, maybe we can find it in our hearts to help Beverly.

While Beatrice and Lucy are finishing their Masters in Theology this May, Beverly is in the 3-year Master of Divinity program. As part of her training, she is planning to take this summer Clinical Pastoral Education at St Louis University Hospital. This is a 40 hour a week program for 10 weeks. But she really has no way to get there on public transportation and Uber is too expensive, so she is looking to buy a car. Do you have an extra car that you would like to sell, or would you like to contribute to her need? Beverly has a GoFundMe page which is "Help Beverly get a car". Or you can hand me money again after church!

Thanks so much,  
Dori Hudson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 noon Lunch Bunch @ Bob Evans 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 Floors Waxed (see article for details)	20 Floors Waxed
21 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School Floors Waxed	22 4:45 ECC Board Mtg	23	24	25	26 Floors Waxed	27 Floors Waxed
28 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club Floors Waxed	29 Memorial Day Floors Waxed	30	31	1 June	2	3



**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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Ken Behnn  
Joyce Brand  
Grace Heady  
Virginia Hladnick  
Marilyn Milne  
Jeanette Monroe

Jered Nagle  
Shirley Nottelmann  
Paul Shrout  
Lily Swanson  
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