

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

Creator God, you call us.

**We say yes to your invitation and we gather as one to worship you.**

Creator God, you invite us to stay with you.

**You never leave us, you never forsake us, you abide with us, and we gather as one to worship you.**

Creator God, you love us.

**Extravagant is your welcome, great is your faithfulness, your grace overflows, and we gather as one to worship you.**

\* OPENING HYMN: “Come Thou Almighty King” # 27 Verses 1-3

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise, one God, all glorious, o’er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us, ancient of days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
our prayer attend, come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour!  
Thou who almighty art, new rule in every heart,  
and ne’er from us depart, Spirit of power.

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for being with us today and always. You have gathered us here to celebrate you—our Creator, our Mother, our Father—with the gift of your Holy Spirit. Let our worship be all about you as we humbly pray for the Holy Spirit to keep our hearts, minds, and souls in tune with the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. 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 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is eight lives, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

SCRIPTURE: John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

HYMN: “Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult” # 337 Verses 1-3

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying “Christian, follow Me”;

Long ago apostles heard it, by the Galillean lake,  
turned from home, and toil, and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world’s golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, “Christian, love me more.”

SERMON: “Spirit of Truth and Love”

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: “Mother Dearest Mother Fairest”

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)

**May these gifts be our testimony of our faithfulness to you, Abiding  
God, even as we offer to you all that we are and all that we have for  
your glory, honor, and praise. AMEN.**

\* CLOSING HYMN: "Let There Be Peace on Earth" # 677

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow;

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

\* 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

## 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.

## BOOK CLUB

We will meet after church on **Sunday, May 28** to discuss 'The Great Alone' by Kristin Hannah. It is a historical novel which follows a family's move to the Alaskan wilderness and the ensuring challenges they face there.

Consider joining us to read this book. Having read the book is not necessary to attend the meeting and we always have a good time!

## 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Please consider reserving some time in your summer to help with Vacation Bible School. It will be held the **week of July 10** and is an important ministry for our church! No amount of time is too small! We can always use you.

### Ways you can help make the week successful:

- Help decorate on **Saturday, July 8** (we will be there 9 until about 1). There will be food for volunteers (bagels, coffee, juice and then lunch). If you can only come for an hour, we'll take you! [SIGN UP HERE](#) or on [Sign up Sheet on Bulletin Board](#)
- Consider volunteering one morning or all: take a part in the bible story skit, help distribute snacks, help at crafts, help lead recreation games, be a group leader and go to stations with children. [Give your availability/interests HERE.](#)

Questions? Please contact Andrea Tukin at [andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com) or (314)566-8633

Thank you for your support,  
Andrea Tukin, Cindy Lewis, Jordan Lewis, Rachel Fischer, and Pastor Laura  
~ Learning Ministry

## 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 😊).

## **"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



## 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Mother's Day 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	15	16	17	18	19 5:30 9 Mile Garden Floors Waxed	20 Floors Waxed (see article for details)
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 Pentecost Sunday- wear red 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 6:30 Spiritual Life Mtg	2	3 MPR Rental
4 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	5 7:00 Church Council Mtg	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	12	13	14	15	16	17



**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 Behnen  
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