

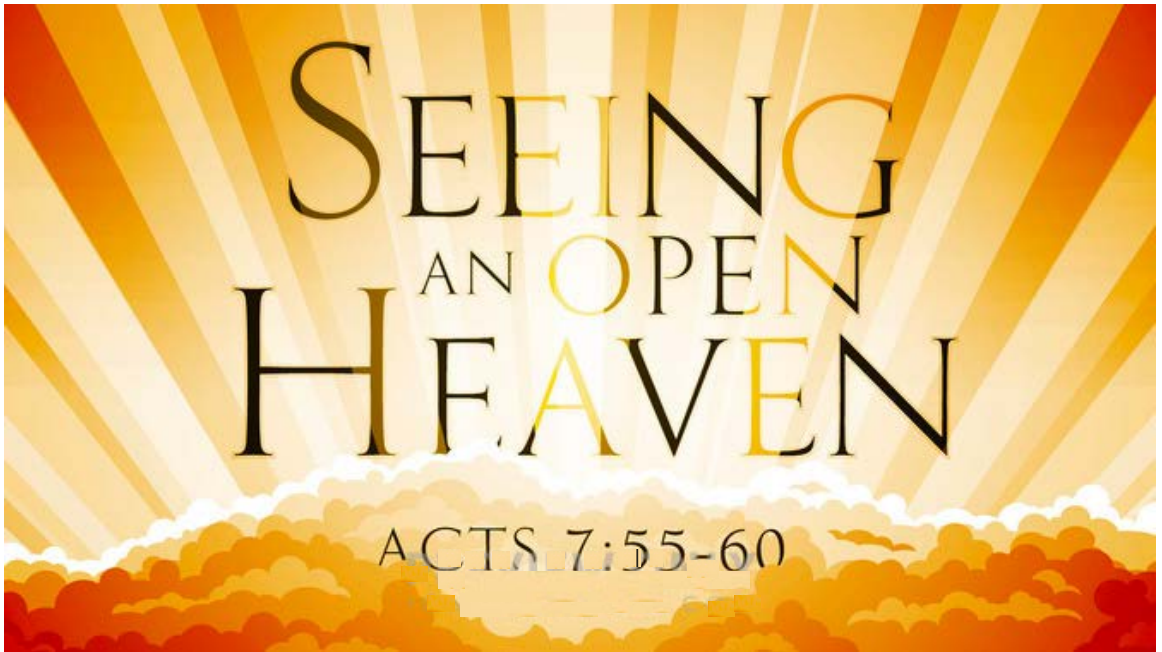
# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Music Director: Mike Orzel

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

- \* CALL TO WORSHIP - Ruth Duck "Bread for the Journey" (Responsively)  
Come to Christ, that living stone, rejected by the world, but in God's sight  
chosen and precious.

**We have responded to Christ's call, and seek to be built into a spiritual  
house, a living reminder of God's presence on earth.**

Once we were no people, but now we are God's people, called out of the  
darkness into God's marvelous light. Therefore we sing with the church in  
all ages:

**Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer. By your mercy we have  
been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead. AMEN.**

- \* OPENING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" # 272 1, 2, 5

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
our charter of salvation; one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Gracious God, we now open our eyes, ears, and hearts to listen to you.  
Please speak to us and give us your word, for we cannot live on bread  
alone. Please light up our insides with the work of the living Holy Spirit.  
We pray in the name of 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: Acts 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of  
God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I  
see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand  
of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed  
together against him.

Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the  
witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.  
While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my  
spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not  
hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

SCRIPTURE: John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.  
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so,  
would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go

and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?”

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

HYMN: “How Great Thou Art” # 33 Verses 1, 2, 4

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### **Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God how great thou art! (Refrain)

SERMON: "Believe"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "The Way, The Truth, The Life"

## 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)

**As Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, O God, may we find in him the source of our strength. As we carry gifts to you, empower our hands to lift others to Christ. As we offer our praise, place on our lips the good news of your love.**

**As we hear your word spoken, lead us to new wisdom to impart the truth of the gospel; your people are free! Accept all that we do in the name of the Christ who makes all things new. 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: "I Love to Tell the Story" # 480

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet,  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I hae loved so long.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

\* 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.

## 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 10 for the final session for this semester. We gather from 5:30-7:00pm and would love for members of the congregation to join us!

Summer Family Events are being planned for June 21, July 19, and August 9. More details to follow!



## 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 😊).

## 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.

## 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

## MAY 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!"*

Dori Hudson	1	Lindsey Rawlings	11
Olivia Stevenson	1	Kimberly Kelly	14
Mike Shelton	5	Pam Henson	15
George Brand, III	8	Shirley Oldani	16
Stacey Witte	9	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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 MPR Rental
4 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	5 7:00 Church Council Mtg	6	7	8	9	10



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

Jered Nagle  
Shirley Nottelmann  
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