

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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May 21, 2023  
Seventh Sunday of Easter



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

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways (Responsively)

In this season of thought-provoking and preparation, we come to be renewed and refreshed.

We come to be inspired by the stories of love and joy

We come to listen for words of hope and renewal.

We come with open eyes, open minds, and open hearts. Blessed be our God.

Come, let us worship our God!

The One who holds all things in store for us in this season of refreshing.

\* OPENING HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" # 570 Verses 1-3

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.

In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!

With such I hasten to the place where God, my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.

And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - UCC BOW (Together)

Holy God, the earth is full of your glory, and so we worship you. Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us, and so we thank you. Our fears have been calmed in the bright light of the Resurrection Day, and so we praise you. Do not leave us, we pray. Let us abide forever in the assurance of your love; through the grace 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 1:6-14

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas,

Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

SCRIPTURE: John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.

I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

HYMN: "Take My Life" # 609 Verses 1-3

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing; unto god my praise I bring.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

SERMON VIDEO: "Ascension"  
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "You Raise Me Up"

## 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)

O God, most merciful and gracious, of whose bounty we have all received, accept, we pray, this offering of your people. Remember in your love those who have brought it and those for whom it is given; and so follow it with your blessing that it may promote peace and goodwill among all people and advance the realm of our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

\* CLOSING HYMN: "On Eagle's Wings" # 77 Verses 1-3

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no  
fear,  
under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. (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

## 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.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28 WEAR RED

The main sign of Pentecost is the color red. The symbols of Pentecost are those of the Holy Spirit and include flames, wind, the breath of God and a dove.

This is an invitation to wear red to church next Sunday, May 28.

## LUNCH BUNCH

Please join the St. Philip's Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, June 14 at noon. We will meet at Pasta House located at 6214 S. Lindbergh.

See the BLUE signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Dolores Zikes at 314-282-0197 by Sunday, June 11th to signup.

## 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!

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING MAKE OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR A SUCCESS?? THEN SEE BELOW!

## 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 during VBS: 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.](#)
- Help create decorations (use survey above or talk with Andrea Tukin)

Questions? Please contact Andrea Tukin at [andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com) or (314)566-8633 or any of the below Learning Ministry Team Members

Thank you for your support,  
Missy Ruffino, 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 ☺).



## 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.

## 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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OR RETURN FORM AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH OFFICE  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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- <b>Wear Red</b> 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 noon Lunch Bunch @ Pasta House	15	16	17
18 Father's Day 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	19	20	21	22	23	24



**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

Jeanette Monroe

Joyce Brand

Jered Nagle

The Eason Family

Shirley Nottelmann

Grace Heady

Paul Shrout

The Hickman Family

Lily Swanson

Virginia Hladnick

The Werner Family

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