

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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

## Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

Give thanks and praise to the Holy One!

**We bow down in reverence as we, the temple of the Living God, gather for worship.**

Sing praises with your whole heart!

**We exalt our God who is faithful and steadfast in love.**

Hear the word of our great and glorious God!

**We listen in anticipation for the Sovereign One remembers God's people.**

\* OPENING HYMN: "What Is This Place" # 289 1-3

What is this place where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor  
walls and a roof sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.  
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,  
and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling, sparks that are sown in us like seed.  
Names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.  
We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard;  
God's free redeeming word.

And we accept bread at this table, broken and shared, a living sign.  
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.  
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase;  
God's justice and God's peace.

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**God of Many Names, we gather as a people formed by you. You drew us from the primordial and gestational waters. You give us breath and life and being. You meet us in the sanctuary and on the sofa. You call us by name with purpose, care, and love.**

**May our time together in this space, online or onsite, remind us of our connectedness to you, each other, and all creation. May you be glorified, honored, and worshiped in spirit and in truth. May we be rooted, challenged, and encouraged in love. We welcome your presence among us. We seek your guiding Spirit. We place our trust in you. 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: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.

The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see

them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.” Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “because, “ she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

## SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## HYMN: “The Church’s One Foundation” # 272 1-3

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.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

## SERMON VIDEO: “The Rock”

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Rock of Ages"

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence

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 OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

\* 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, the heavenly host:**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Dedication - Worship Ways (Together)

**Giver of every gift, we give thanks for your provision that allows us to live a generous life. Use our offerings of time, talent, and treasure to expand your kingdom. May these gifts be magnified and meet the needs of this community and your world. AMEN.**

\* CLOSING HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" # 66 1-3

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in  
might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of  
goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life  
of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but  
naught changeth thee.

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
ONLINE AUCTION  
SEPTEMBER 3**

The online auction to benefit Habitat For Humanity -- will begin on Sunday, September 3. Please watch your email this week for more information. If you have any questions, contact Terri Karcher.

**LUNCH BUNCH  
SEPTEMBER 13**

Please join us for St. Philip's September Lunch Bunch at **noon** on Wednesday, **September 13** at Hessler's Pub & Grill located at 11804 Tesson Ferry (Tesson Ferry and Baptist Church Road.

See the GOLD signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, September 10.

If you have any questions, contact Dolores Zikes at 314-282-0197.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE....**

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY  
AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED  
by AUGUST 27**

The St. Louis UCC churches are organizing an online auction to benefit Habitat For Humanity. The auction will be held in the fall so right now we are collecting the items that will be auctioned. Please consider donating:

- a gift certificate or item(s) from your business/employer
- tickets to sporting/concert/cultural events
- a gift certificate for your talent/skill, i.e. handyman, gardening, organizing, sewing, cooking/baking, etc.
- a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant/store
- use your imagination!

Please contact Terri Karcher with questions and donations:

314-842-8739  
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## **BOOK CLUB**

We will meet on **Sunday, August 27** to discuss *Karolina's Twins*. Our next selection is *All The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel is set in WW II France and has been described as a gorgeous tale of soaring imagination. The date for the discussion has not yet been set, but will probably be on September 24 or October 1.

Books are checked out from the library in kit form, so members do not need to locate copies on their own. We meet after church, share a potluck lunch, and always have a good time.

For more information contact Barbara Barnes (314 843-4157)  
Consider joining us!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School noon Book Club	28 4:45 ECC Board Mtg	29	30	31	1 September	2
3 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	11 7:00 Church Council Mtg	12	13 noon Lunch Bunch @ Hessler's Pub & Grill	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	25	26	27	28	29	30



**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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Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

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Marilyn Milne

Jeanette Monroe

Jered Nagle

Jeannine Navratil

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