

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Tenth Sunday After Pentecost



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(text in bold read in unison)

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways—adapted from Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

The Holy One is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Holy One is good to all, with compassion for all God's creation.

The Holy One upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Holy One is just in all ways and always kind.

The Holy One is near to all who call on God, to all who call in truth.

The Holy One fulfills the desire of all who are in fear and also hears their cry and saves them.

The Holy One watches over all who love the Divine Presence and will make wickedness no more.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Holy One, and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.

* OPENING HYMN: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 5

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and we who have need come, receive the abundance of substance provided freely for our bodies and souls. Incline our ears, and let us come to God to listen, so that we may live.

Our Creator makes an everlasting covenant with us as God has with our ancestors. We ask for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in this sacred space, so we can recommit ourselves through word, love, and action to our everlasting covenant with our God in Jesus' name. 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: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me."

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

HYMN: "Break Thou the Bread of Life" # 321

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I see thee, Lord
my spirit pants for thee, O living Word.**

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

O send thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me;
touch thou my longing eyes that I may see;
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;
Teach me to love thy truth, for Thou art love.

SERMON: "Loaves and Fishes"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

SPECIAL MUSIC

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)

O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's name. 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: "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" # 684 1-3

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.

With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and weary wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears, and warhorns sound their
warning

God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,
that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want and fear, life's goodness celebrating,
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

END OF SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 5:30-7:00pm

Hey friends! I'm looking forward to seeing you all before the school year starts! We will be having a taco bar/dessert for dinner, playing a few games, and giving back to St. Philip's for the evening.

The plan is to do some cleaning that the cleaning crew does not normally do: vacuuming pews, washing windows in the sanctuary, dusting/cleaning choir loft and the windows/doors in the gathering area. Just a quick and fun way to say thank you for another great year of LOGOS fun!

Please make sure to RSVP here or email me if you can make it AND let me know if you think you need another option for a picky eater (I'll bring some hot dogs or something else too!). If you are able to come, it would be awesome if you were able to bring the following (all or some): windex, paper towels, shop vac.

I'm also attaching a QUICK survey for the upcoming school year. I'd love to get you dates asap for the year, but have a few questions.

Can't wait to see you and hear about your summers!

Have a great week,

Andrea

LUNCH BUNCH
AUGUST 9

Please join us for St. Philip's August Lunch Bunch at **noon** on Wednesday, **August 9** at Liliana's Italian Kitchen located at 11836 Tesson Ferry in the Plaza 21 by Dobbs Tire Center.

See the **YELLOW** signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, August 6.

If you have any questions, contact Sandy Stevenson at 636-333-2244.

ST. PHILIP'S PARKING LOT IS GETTING A MAJOR FACELIFT!!

On Tuesday August 15 and Wednesday August 16 - weather permitting. It would be best to avoid church on those two days. If you need to come to church, please park on the front lawn - just follow the cones. Our ECC staff and families will be parking on the lawn for those two days also.

Any questions please contact Mike Shelton at 314-603-4478

ALOHA SUNDAY August 20, 2023

Get into the spirit of "Aloha" by wearing a Hawaiian shirt or any flowered or bright colored shirt to worship.

If you have a lei, wear that too! If not, we are happy to provide you with a lei. There will be a box of leis at church. We are asking you to choose a lei to wear, but not to return it to the box. Please take it home with you. We cannot recycle the leis at this time.

Not attending church services yet? We invite you to wear a Hawaiian shirt at home and be part of the spirit of Aloha!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

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
6 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	7 7:00 Church Council Mtg	8	9 noon Lunch Bunch @ Lilliana's 5:30-7:00 LOGOS end of Summer Service Proj	10	11	12
13 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	14	15 Parking Lot Re-do	16 Parking Lot Re-do	17	18	19
20 Aloha Sunday 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School noon Rank Club	28	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



**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.



Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Mary Ann Krewson

Marilyn Milne

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