

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Fifteenth 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

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways inspired by Psalm 149

Let our praise today be made new.

May we sing a new song, pray a new prayer, dance a new dance, and speak and hear a new word.

Let the faithful delight in the Holy One's marvelous acts.

From the seats in the sanctuary to the couches in our homes.

Let us glorify God with our voices, the work of our lives, and the joy of our souls.

Glory to God! Praise the Holy One!

* OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken" # 53

Morning has broken like the first morning,

blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,

like the first dew-fall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,

sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning

born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,

God's recreation of the new day!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

God who journeys with us, we give thanks to be gathered in your presence. May we acknowledge you in the brightness of the day and in the stillness of the night. Provide us a vision of your reign on earth and in our lives. Make us your witnesses to a world in need of hope and peace. Infuse us with your love, and may this time gathered as your people transform us to reflect your goodness in the world. 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 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall

eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord.

I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:15-20

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

HYMN: “How Great Thou Art” # 33

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 pow'r thru'out 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)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)

SERMON VIDEO: "Passing Over and Passing On"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Sing a New Song"

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)

Gracious God, thank you for the gifts you give and allowing us to be gift givers as well. May our generous offerings bear fruit to nurture our community, our neighbors, and all creation. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Pass it On" # 477

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone, you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.#

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

ONLINE AUCTION

to benefit

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Visit

<http://biddingowl.com/ucchabitat>

to see all of the auction items and place your bid. Please support this fundraiser of the St. Louis area UCC churches!

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30-10:30

Blessing of the Backpacks
and Sunday School

10:30-noon

Carnival & Potluck
games - face painting - prizes

(see Flyer on next page)

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.

BOOK CLUB

We will meet after worship on **Sunday, September 24** to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See*.

Our next selection is *Anxious People* by Fredrick Backman. We enjoyed several of his earlier books, including *A Man Called Ove*, so we have high expectations for this one! People Magazine described it as "Wry, Wise, laugh-out-loud funny...a wholly original story that delivers pure pleasure".

Consider joining us to read this book. We meet after church, share a pot-luck lunch, and always have a good time.

ST. PHILIP'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

Fall is just around the corner, and it is time for Festival of Sharing. Outreach ministry has decided to collect dental hygiene items, for distribution to children in Missouri schools who do not have these items at home.

Items needed include:

- adult tooth brushes (in single or two packs)
- children's toothbrushes (in individual or multipacks that can be separated while still being sealed)
- full-sized tubes of toothpaste (6 ounces or larger)
- dental floss

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Emergency Medical Information forms and Angel Team forms have been revised and will appear in Sunday bulletins soon. Please fill out new ones even if you have done so recently, as we have made some changes that we feel are important.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AND WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

On **Sunday, October 1, for our regular 9:30am worship**, we will gather outside on the church grounds for an outdoor worship experience!

AND, all are invited to bring an animal to be blessed during our worship experience (leashed/restrained; please be prepared to clean up after your animal). Be as creative as you'd like as you think about an animal to bring (a pet, a picture of a pet or animal—past or present, a stuffed animal, etc.). We'll celebrate God's magnificent creation and the animals that share it with us as we worship together outdoors!

If possible, please also bring your own chairs. AND, this is also World Communion Sunday, which we will celebrate with human communion elements and treats for pets too!

LOGOS IS RETURNING THIS FALL

We would LOVE to see you there!! LOGOS is a laid back, intergenerational ministry where families come together to grow in their relationship with God and each other.

Every other Wednesday from 5:30-7:00 pm, join us for dinner, family centered games, a simple bible study, crafts and more. It's a great opportunity for faith and family during a busy week. Anyone is welcome! All ages!

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Andrea Tukin, St. Philip's Youth Director, at andreatukin@gmail.com or (314) 566-8633.

LOGOS MEAL SIGN UP

Would you be interested in making a meal for our LOGOS ministry? If so, we'd love to try your cooking (and have you join us for an evening)! Receipts may be turned in for reimbursement.

Meals that have worked for our group in the past include: chili & hotdogs, spaghetti, tacos, ham & swiss sliders, baked potatoes, etc. We'd love to try your ideas too!!

LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

September 20

October 4 & 18

November 1, 15, 29

December 13



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Gabe Mignerone	9
Leona Gottschlich	10
Ollie Coleman	11
Jeannine Navratil	18
Ray Hoffstetter	20
Carole Armistead	20
George Brand	21
Cindy Lewis	21
Cara Schamburg	21
Sue Myers	23
Tom Nottelmann	23
Mary Dykstra	26
Susan Yung	26
Chris Fischer	28
Averi Henson	30
Hayden Henson	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	11 7:00 Church Council Mtg	12	13 noon Lunch Bunch @ Hessler's	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:30-noon Rally Day	18	19	20 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	21	22 October CRIER Articles Due	23
24 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	25	26	27	28	29	30
1 October 9:30 Outdoor Worship in- person, Facebook-Blessing of the Animals & World Communion Sunday 9:45 Sunday School	2 7:00 Church Council Mtg	3	4 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	9	10	11	12	13	14



**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.



*In
our
Thoughts
and
Prayers*

Aster

Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

Mary Ann Krewson

Marilyn Milne

Jeanette Monroe

Jered Nagle

Jeannine Navratil

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