

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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*indicates that you may rise as comfortably able
(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 103

Bless the Holy One with our whole selves. Praise the Maker of our being!

Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.

The Sovereign One endows us with many gifts and equips us to do good work.

Remember the mighty deeds and the good works of our God.

Holy Love entered the world without condemnation but with grace and forgiveness, mercy and compassion, redemption and restoration.

Hallelujah! We give thanks for the mighty deeds and the good works of our God!

* OPENING HYMN: "Surely the Presence of the Lord" # 263 Sing Twice

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face;

surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

God who calls, it is you who gathers us together and forms us as a community. It is you who makes us uniquely individual and who designs us for companionship. Let us journey together this day in your presence reminded of our interdependence with one another. May we see your glory and be inspired to demonstrate your goodness and care through our lives. 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 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of the and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth.

As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” # 86

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

SERMON: "Forgiveness"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Sweeter As the Day Goes By"
by Art Kuhn and Paul Shrout

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)

Merciful God, receive our humble offerings as a testimony to your provision and a demonstration of our love. May they be magnified and multiplied for the benefit of our community and all creation. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: "Be Still My Soul" # 566

Be still, my soul; for God is on your side;

bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Trust in your God, your savior and your guide,

who through all changes faithful will remain

Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend

through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still my soul; for God will undertake

to guide the future surely as the past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my sou; the waves and winds still know

the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on

when we shall dwell with God forever more,

when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,

sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

* 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!

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.

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)

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

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 will be collected through October 1.**

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

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17
9:30-NOON

FREE!
ALL ARE
WELCOME

Blessing of the Backpacks &
Sunday School 9:30-10:30
Carnival & Potluck 10:30-Noon

Join us for lots of fun including
potluck • carnival games
• face painting •
prizes • parachute games

ST. PHILIP'S U.C.C.
NO NEED TO RSVP - CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
15 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Fall Congregational Meeting	16	17	18 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	19	20	21



**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

Iveta Boyanchek

Marilyn Milne

Joyce Brand

Jeanette Monroe

Victoria Dawson

Jered Nagle

Bob Eillson

Shirley Nottelmann

Grace Heady

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