

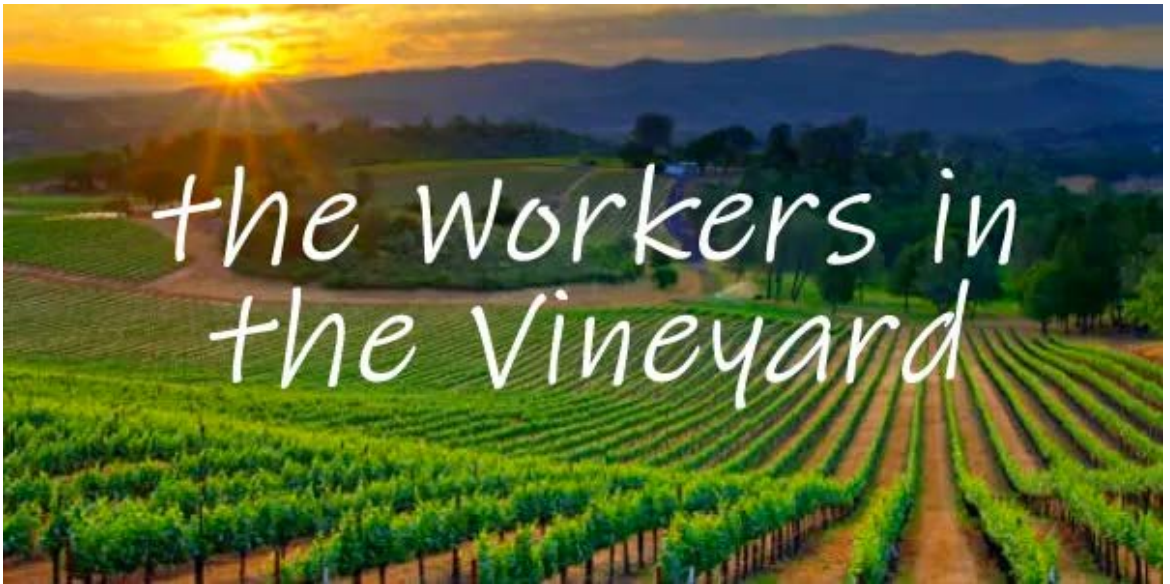
# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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September 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



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

## Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways inspired by Psalm 145:1-8

Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!

**Great is our God and greatly to be praised.**

Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!

**This generation will tell the next generation so they may tell the next generation of the Holy One's magnificent and mighty acts.**

Bless the name of the Holy and Sovereign One forever and ever!

**We declare the abundant goodness, gracious righteousness, and holy love of our God. Praise the Holy One!**

\* OPENING HYMN: "Take Time to be Holy" # 572

Take time to be holy, speak off with thy Lord,  
abide in him always, and feed on his word,  
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing God's blessing seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret, with Jesus alone,  
By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul;  
each thought and each motive beneath his control;  
thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy 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: Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?"

And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'"

And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

### SCRIPTURE: Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation" # 714 1-3

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;  
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

SERMON VIDEO: "It's Not Fair"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Bread of Life"

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)

**Great God, please receive our gifts for the glory of your name and the blessing of your people. May we be dedicated stewards of your abundance and use these gifts for the benefit of your kingdom. AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN: "Because He Lives" # 562 Verses 1-3

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive;  
he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my  
Savior lives.

**Refrain** Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy that gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because  
he lives. (Refrain)

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know  
he reigns. (Refrain)

\* 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!

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2023

Along with voting on the budget for the upcoming year, members will also vote on whether to call Rev. Laura Mignerone as the permanent part-time pastor of St. Philip's UCC.

The meeting will be held immediately after the church service. It's very important that you come and vote so your voice can be heard.

### LUNCH BUNCH

Please join the Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, October 11** at noon. We will meet at Outback Steakhouse located at 5240 S. Lindbergh. Lunch Specials are available.

See the ORANGE signup sheet on the bulletin board or call Lois Decker at 314-843-0183 by Sunday, October 8th to signup.

### 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 has arrived and it is time for Festival of Sharing. Outreach Ministry is collecting 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 HAS RETURNED!

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 Tugin, St. Philip's Youth Director, at [andreatukin@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

# **SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**11:00 to 3:00**

**ST. JOHN UCC**

**920 EAST GRAVOIS, ST. CLAIR, MO 63077  
636-629-3235**



***Serving Family Style – All You Can Eat***

*Dine In or Carry Out*

Sausage, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce,  
Dessert and Beverage



**Adults \$15.00 – Children 5-12 \$7.00**

**Children 4 & under – Free**

*Be sure to visit our bazaar and bake sale!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	3	4 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	5	6 5:00pm Carpet Cleaning - no access	7 all day Carpet Cleaning - no access
8 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 11:00-3:00 St. John Sausage Dinner	9 7:00 Church Council Mtg	10	11 noon Lunch Bunch @ Outback Steakhouse	12	13	14 8:00-noon ECC CPR Training
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 5:00-8:00 Trunk R Treat
22 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	23	24	25	26 6:00-9:00 Quilters	27	28 Youth @ Habitat for Humanity



**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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*In  
our  
Thoughts  
and  
Prayers*

*Aster*

Iveta Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

The Jennings Family

Mary Ann Krewson

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