

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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October 1, 2023

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Blessing of the Animals



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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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

We gather as God's people to celebrate the beauty of our diversity.

Let us love each other as God loves us, beautifully and wonderfully
made in God's image.

We give thanks for who we are, Beloved of God.

Let us open our hearts to God's spirit of love and unity.

We celebrate the gifts of all gathered here today.

Let us worship God with all we are and celebrate the beauty of all God's
creation.

* OPENING HYMN: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" # 61

Refrain: (Repeat refrain before every verse)

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning, that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Lord, open our eyes to see the beauty in each person we meet. Help us freely share your love with all your creation. We give thanks for beautifying your creation and for making a diverse world. Help us to be kind, compassionate, and loving to all. We thank you, O Lord, for allowing us to grow in our welcome and learn about other cultures as we share your amazing grace and love with each other and 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 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to

him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?"

And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of them two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

HYMN: "Rock of Ages" # 214 Verses 1-3

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

SERMON: "Walk the Talk"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Lead Us to the Water"

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)

Holy One, we ask that you bless these offerings and tithes so they can multiply to be a blessing for our community, our mission, and worldwide. Accept our offerings and tithes, O God, as a testimony of your goodness in our lives. AMEN.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together) Ministry Matters

Lord, this special communion reminds us of being members of a global community. We have feasted at your table. As you have nourished us, may we go into your world to bring a feast of peace and hope to others, listening with loving ears and acting with loving hearts, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN: "For Beauty of Meadows" # 696

For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,
for flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,
for all you created and gave us to share,
we praise you, Creator, extolling your care.

As stewards of beauty received at your hand,
as creatures who hear your most urgent command,
we turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace,
all nature around us is ours but on lease;
your name we would hallow in all that we do,
fulfilling our calling, creating with you.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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.

ST. PHILIP'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

Collection of dental items for Festival of Sharing will conclude on Sunday, 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.

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!

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!

VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

Friday, November 3 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Saturday, November 4 9:00am - 3:00pm

Mark your calendar! Many items will be for sale at the Vendor and Craft Fair here at St. Philip's. The Friday sale runs at the same time as the Friday evening Spaghetti Dinner. Booths are available - - contact Carole Armistead for a reservation form or if you have any questions.

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.

LET'S ROCK!

Join us for a concert at St. Philip's UCC on Friday, October 20 at 7:00pm! We'll rock out with Eric Moeller, who, in addition to being the Associate Pastor at St. Peter's UCC in Washington, is also a very talented musician, songwriter, and performer.

His style is progressive Christian rock music, and the evening will be a worshipful experience. Good music, a good message, and a rocking fun time! Invite your friends—all are welcome!

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 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!! See the October CRIER for details.

LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE

October 4 & 18

November 1, 15, 29

December 13

ST. PHILIP'S FALL BOOK STUDY

On Tuesdays at 2:00pm, October 17-November 21, we will gather via Zoom to work our way through "Living the Kin-dom: Exploring the Lord's Prayer as a Spiritual Practice for Social Transformation" by Riva Tabelisma.

Please see the PINK sign up sheet on the bulletin board (or let Pastor Laura know) to order a book (\$24—please indicate "Fall Book Study" on your checks/envelopes given through St. Philip's UCC). If you'd like to participate but cannot afford the book, please reach out to Pastor Laura.

Also, if Zoom is an issue for you, please reach out to Pastor Laura. (This winter, after Christmas, we plan to do an evening "Beer and Bible" style gathering - - so if Tuesdays at 2:00pm don't work in your schedule, fear not - - we're trying to balance schedule needs with an evening option after the first of the year!).

SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

11:00 to 3:00

ST. JOHN UCC

**920 EAST GRAVOIS, ST. CLAIR, MO 63077
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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
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 11:00 Memorial Service	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 2:00 Fall Book Study (Zoom)	18 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	19	20 7:00 Concert Eric Moeller	21 5:00-8:00 Trunk R Treat
22 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	23 Happy Birthday Pastor Laura!	24 2:00 Fall Book Study (Zoom)	25 November CRIER Articles Due	26 6:00-9:00 Quilters	27	28 Youth @ Habitat for Humanity
29 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	30 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	31 2:00 Fall Book Study (Zoom)	1 November 5:30-7:00 LOGOS	2	3 3:00-7:00 Vendor Fair & Spaghetti Dinner	4 9:00-3:00 Vendor Fair



**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

Joyce Brand

Victoria Dawson

Bob Eillson

Grace Heady

Virginia Hladnick

The Jennings Family

Mary Ann Krewson

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