

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



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

## Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways - adapted from Psalm 106

Let's thank the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**God's love endures forever.**

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare God's praise?

**Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. Our God is worthy of our praise!**

Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people that we may enjoy your blessings.

**Let us worship our good God, who blesses us with infinite love and abundant grace. AMEN!**

\* OPENING HYMN: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" # 23 1-3

Praise, my soul, the god of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who like me, should sing God's praise?  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all our days.

**Praise to God for grace and favor shown to all who are oppressed.**

**God shows steadfast love forever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious is God's faithfulness!**

Motherlike, God tends and spares us, knowing well our fragile frame.

Fatherlike, God gently bears us, tenderhearted, slow to blame.

Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me praise God's name!

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Lord Jesus, we gather to worship you today with hearts full of joy and appreciation for the beauty of your diversity and extravagant welcome. We invite your Holy Spirit to this space to celebrate your goodness and presence in our gathering time together. Prepare our hearts to receive what you have for us today. 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 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume

them, and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’?

Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

#### SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

HYMN: "Here at Thy Table, Lord" # 384 1-3

Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,  
O let us feel thee near, in loving power;  
calling our thoughts away from self and sin.  
As to thy banquet hall we enter in.

Sit at the feast, dear Lord, break thou the bread;  
fill thou the cup that brings life to the dead;  
that we may find in thee, pardon and peace;  
and from all bondage win a full release.

Come then, O holy Christ, feed us, we pray;  
touch with thy pierced hand each common day;  
making this earthly life full of thy grace,  
till in the home of heaven we find our place.

SERMON: "Invitation to the Banquet"  
Rev. Laura Mignerone

ANTHEM: "Table of Plenty"

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)

**Take our offerings and tithes, O God, bless them that they may be used to share your love and blessing in our community and the world. May these offerings provide for the least of these needs and the proclamation of your word to those seeking hope. AMEN.**

## CLOSING HYMN: "I Love to Tell the Story" # 480 1-3

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

**Chorus:** I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet,  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. (Chorus)

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. (Chorus)

\* 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.

**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!

**ONLINE AUCTION to benefit HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

The UCC online auction to benefit Habitat For Humanity will close tonight at 8 pm. It's not too late to place your bid!

<http://biddingowl.com/ucchabitat>.

Remember... all proceeds will directly benefit Habitat for Humanity St. Louis! Please help in the effort to build affordable housing in our community. Contact Terri Karcher with any questions.

## **FALL BOOK STUDY - UPDATE**

Pastor Laura just got a copy of the fall book study book, and realized that **no one else needs to get a copy**. She will lead the study, but **no one needs to get anything or read anything ahead of time**.

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.

To join from smartphone/tablet/computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8352544400>

To dial in from cell phone/landline:

1-312-626-6799 and then 8352544400#

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!).

## **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.



## **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!! See the October CRIER for details.

### **LOGOS FALL SCHEDULE**

October 18

November 1, 15, 29

December 13



**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**SATURDAY,**  
**OCTOBER 21**  
**6:00-7:30pm**

All are welcome to this event in the parking lot at St. Philip's.

Please consider hosting a 'Trunk'. For more information on this event, contact Jacqueline Fechter in the ECC. Thank you.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

|                      |    |
|----------------------|----|
| Chuck Knoll          | 6  |
| Richelle Fischer     | 9  |
| Claire Vogt          | 12 |
| Samuel Vogt          | 12 |
| Doug Stevenson       | 17 |
| Betty Moore          | 17 |
| Andrea Tukin         | 19 |
| Kevin Mahoney        | 20 |
| Linda Boucher        | 22 |
| Rev. Laura Mignerone | 23 |
| Bruce Eason          | 25 |
| Jamie Kotthoff       | 26 |
| Patrick Moran        | 29 |

| Sunday   | Monday                                | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday                               | Thursday                    | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| 15<br>9:30 Worship in-person,<br>Facebook<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:15 Fall Congregational<br>Meeting          | 16                                    | 17<br>2:00 Fall<br>Book Study<br>(Zoom) | 18<br>5:30-7:00<br>LOGOS                | 19                          | 20<br>7:00<br>Concert<br>Eric Moeller                  | 21<br>5:00-8:00<br>Trunk R<br>Treat                    |
| 22<br>9:30 Worship in-person,<br>Facebook<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>10:15 Book Club                               | 23<br>Happy Birthday<br>Pastor Laura! | 24<br>2:00 Fall<br>Book Study<br>(Zoom) | 25<br>November<br>CRIER<br>Articles Due | 26<br>6:00-9:00<br>Quilters | 27   | 28<br>Youth @<br>Habitat for<br>Humanity               |
| 29<br>9:30 Worship in-person,<br>Facebook<br>9:45 Sunday School  | 30<br>4:45 ECC<br>Board Meeting       | 31<br>2:00 Fall<br>Book Study<br>(Zoom) | 1 November<br>5:30-7:00<br>LOGOS        | 2                           | 3<br>3:00-7:00<br>Vendor Fair<br>& Spaghetti<br>Dinner | 4<br>9:00-3:00<br>Vendor<br>Fair<br>Set clocks<br>back |
| 5 Standard Time Begins<br>9:30 Worship in-person,<br>Facebook - All Saints Day<br>Observed<br>9:45 Sunday School | 6<br>7:00 Church<br>Council Mtg       | 7<br>2:00 Fall<br>Book Study<br>(Zoom)  | 8                                       | 9                           | 10   | 11   |
| 12<br>9:30 Worship in-person,<br>Facebook<br>9:45 Sunday School  | 13                                    | 14<br>2:00 Fall<br>Book Study<br>(Zoom) | 15<br>5:30-7:00<br>LOGOS                | 16                          | 17   | 18   |



**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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