

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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

Ash Wednesday

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (Worship Ways)

Gather the people. Prepare a holy meeting.

Today, we acknowledge the fragility and preciousness of life.

Gather the people. Return to God with our whole selves—mind, body, and spirit.

We rend our hearts not our clothes. We open ourselves to the pain of the world with compassion and grace in the way of Jesus.

Gather the people. Seek the Holy One gathered with us.

We offer a sacrifice of praise. Dust to dust, ashes to ashes, we are here to worship!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Worship Ways)

Giver of Life, we honor your presence among us. Receive our words praising you, our prayers seeking you, and our hopes needing you. Bind us as a community that declares the greatness of your name, affirms the belovedness of your holy creation, and witnesses and workers in the kingdom. Dwell in the places that we gather as we encounter you anew. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” # 589

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart,

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In-a my heart, in-a my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
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In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

ASH WEDNESDAY REFLECTION

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

HYMN: "There Is a Balm in Gilead" # 501

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. (Refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus, and say, "He died for all!" (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.

But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

WORDS OF GRACE

HYMN: “In Remembrance of Me” #403

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.

In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God’s own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbor in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted;

drink and remember too.

That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.

In remembrance of me, always love.

In remembrance of me, don’t look above, but in your heart look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

SENTENCES

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

...With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim.

Christ's resurrection we declare.

Christ's coming we await.

Glory be to you, O God.

...Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our

lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. AMEN.

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

* CLOSING HYMN: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" # 518

This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to
find.

In faith we gather round the table to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

JOINT WORSHIP PLANNING MEETING

We've rescheduled our joint Worship Planning Meeting with St. Philip's UCC's Spiritual Life Committee and St. John UCC's Worship Team for **Sunday, February 18 at 2:00pm** at Pastor Laura's home. All who are interested in talking about all things worship related are invited to participate.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ST. PAT'S DINNER

Samuel United Church of Christ
320 N. Forsyth Boulevard
Clayton, MO
Saturday, March 9
4:00 - 7:30pm

Call 314-727-9540 or 314-374-4183 for tickets or reservations. Suggested donation \$20 Adults / \$6 children.

All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity.

CAMP MO-VAL SATURDAY, MAY 18 - SUNDAY, MAY 19 (DAY ONLY and OVERNIGHT OPTIONS)

Join us for an outdoor getaway and spend some time in God's creation with your church family! Activities for the day will include bible study, group games, crafts, outdoor activities and games along with meals and snacks. There will be whole group activities along with options for adults to enjoy other adults while the kids get to be kids! Stay for the day or consider spending the night in one of Mo-Val's updated, climate controlled cabins complete with more evening fun. The following morning we will have a beautiful outdoor worship on the lake.

For more information or to register, you will find registration form links and/or attachments in this email. The same forms and information will be found on our website, stphilipsucc.com and available on the credenza in the gathering space.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura or Andrea Tugin at (314) 566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY!

We're trying something new! During Lent, each Wednesday evening, **February 21-March 27**, we'll meet at **6:00pm** at St. Philip's to discuss and learn about spiritual practices of our faith. No book, no preparation needed ahead of time, each week will stand on its own (so if you need to miss a week or two, fear not—you can come and fully participate whichever weeks you can!).

AND, fun fact: LOGOS also meets on Wednesday evenings every other week. So... come at 5:30pm for free dinner with the LOGOS families (and for a light dinner on the weeks LOGOS doesn't meet), and on the weeks LOGOS meets, the adults and older kids will join us at 6:00pm for our Lenten Bible Study together!!!!

A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board so that we can plan for food needs each week. All are welcome! Contact Pastor Laura with questions.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Our Lenten project will benefit the food pantry at Isaiah 58 Ministries, on South Grand Boulevard, which provides food for needy residents in the South City and the South County area. While any shelf stable food and canned items are accepted, there is a special need for the following items:

Beef Stew	Oatmeal	Toilet Paper
Canned greens	Canned Fruit	Laundry Detergent
Sardines	Coffee	Bar Soap
Hearty Soup	Hot Chocolate	Deodorant
Cooking Oil =<48 oz	Shelf stable Milk	Multi-purpose Cleaner
Peanut Butter-smooth	Shampoo	Paper Towels
Deluxe Mac n Cheese	Dish Soap	Razors/Shave Cream
Salt-free Season (Mrs. Dash)		

They also need season-appropriate clothing and shoes for all ages (They have limited storage space, so please donate spring or summer clothing). Items will be collected during Lent, starting on Sunday, February 18. Thank you in advance!

SPRING RETREAT PLANNING MEETING

Want to help plan our retreat with some awesome folks from St. Philip's and St. John? We're meeting at Freestyle Brew Co. in Eureka (halfway for both churches) on **Sunday, March 3 at 12pm** to get those plans in motion. Come join the fun planning team!

LOGOS MINISTRY

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.

Need ideas on feeding 30 people? Here are some meals we've had in the past that have been successful for our group:

- Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad
- Baked potato bar with soup
- Chili & hot dogs
- Taco night! (beef, chicken or pork)
- Build your own sub/sandwich night
- Lasagna
- Ham or Turkey & Cheese Sliders
- Pulled pork & macaroni & cheese
- Enchiladas
- Chicken Alfredo
- We'd love to try your ideas too!!

If you are interested, please see the schedule on the Bulletin Board.

Thank you for your support,
Andrea Tukin

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 30

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is just around the corner on March 30th! We are looking for candy donations to help fill our eggs. A basket will be located at the front entrance of church.

Candy MUST be SMALL and INDIVIDUALLY wrapped pieces. The basket will be available starting 2/18. If you would prefer us to shop, Andrea or Jordan will take your kind donation. Thank you for your support!! If you have any questions, contact Jordan Lewis at jordanlewis0623@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BABYSITTING ON SUNDAYS

Babysitting is available during the church service in the first classroom on the right in the Early Childhood hallway. If you are interested in teaching **Sunday School** or helping with the younger children, please contact Andrea Tukin or see the GREEN sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. There is also a PINK sign up on the bulletin board to do **Children's Time** during the service. Lessons can be provided for you.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	12	13	14 Ash Wed. noon Lunch Bunch @ Joe Bocard's 5:30 LOGOS 6:30 Worship	15	16	17
18 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club 2:00 Joint Worship Planning Meeting @ Pastor Laura's	19	20	21 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	22	23	24 11:00-4:00 MPR Rental
25 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School noon MPR Rental	26 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	27	28 5:30 LOGOS 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	29	1 March	2
3 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	4 7:00 Church Council Mtg	5	6 5:30 LOGOS 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	7	8	9
10 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	11	12	13 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	14 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	15	16 11:00-4:00 MPR Rental



**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.

Violets



Iveta Boyanchek

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