

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Easter Sunday



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(text in bold read in unison)

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

We gather in the presence of God's love to celebrate the best love story ever told.

The Holy Story of the Risen Christ!

A story of the Risen Christ who came as a sacrificial lamb to heal a hurting world.

The Divine sign of God's love and grace.

The story of three women who rose early to care for Jesus' body in the tomb.

An act to honor God's loving presence sent to be among us.

These women arrived and saw an empty tomb; they were shocked and afraid.

They remembered the symbol of human shame of the old rugged cross.

But the story did not end with the crucified Jesus. An Angel of God appeared in the empty tomb, and their terror transformed into amazement.

God's love had once again been revealed.

The journey of the three women continued; they were asked to go out and spread the Good News of God's love, peace, and justice found in the Risen Christ!

Today, we receive this Good News; Christ is risen. He is risen indeed!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Resurrecting God, strengthen in us the will to go out, sharing your Good News of God's redeeming love. Guide us in telling the story of your endless love through our words and deeds. Remind us of your presence. Fill our hearts with your ways of love that bring about peace and justice for all. With your loving embrace, protect us in the face of terror and hateful actions. Bring us your hope found in the

excitement of eternal life and saving love exemplified in Jesus, the Risen Christ! AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" # 216

Christ the Lord is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!

All creation, join to say, Al-le-lu-ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Al-le-lu-ia!

Lives again our glorious King, Al-le-lu-ia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Al-le-lu-ia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Al-le-lu-ia!

Where your victory, O grave? Al-le-lu-ia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Al-le-lu-ia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Al-le-lu-ia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Al-le-lu-ia!

Christ has opened paradise, Al-le-lu-ia!

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (Worship Ways)

God of Grace and Glory, we are humbled by your faithfulness and love. Even if our fears spark terror and doubt, you never leave us. There is no other love greater than yours. You call upon all of creation to spread the Good News of your love and glorious light. Reminding us that your love is sweeter than the honey in the honeycomb. Comforting us even in the bitterness of life as we embrace the loving assurance of forgiveness found in Jesus Christ, whose grace and mercy bless us still. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.

SERMON: "Don't Be Alarmed"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "In the Garden" # 227

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

(Refrain) And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his
own, and the joy we share, as we tarry there, none has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling,
but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his voice to is calling (Refrain)

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

Anthem: "He Lives" - Cara Schamburg

* 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)

Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful for your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. AMEN.

HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" # 233 1-3

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love.

Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above.

There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood,

"Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now.

Alleluia! Christ is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget the promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay.

Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me.

where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION (UCC BOW)

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.

PRAYER (UCC BOW)

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!

... 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 for ever. AMEN.

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - Worship Ways (Together)

O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life. Fed by your love, and strengthened by your life, we humbly accept your call to go into this world to live with hope, and to share your joy. You commission us to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, and love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

* HYMN: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" # 229 1, 2, 4

That Easter Day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored, the glad apostles saw their Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed
those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

Come, risen Christ, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;
your own redeemed for ever shield from every weapon death can wield.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Thank you to all who helped beautify our Church with Spring flowers.



Carole Armistead in memory of loved ones

Judy Hickman in honor of Brian Malin
in memory of Russ Hickman

Ray Hoffstetter in memory of Muriel Hoffstetter

The Knoll Family in memory of Gail and Bradley Knoll

Art Kuhn/Paul Shrout in memory of
Arthur, Consuela, & Ted Kuhn
Rev. Stanley & Nettie May Shrout

The Lewis Family in memory of Joan & Larry Schumacher

Jeannine Navratil in memory of U.S.C.G. Robert Navratil DCMC

Carl & Donna Philips in honor of our children and grandchildren

Missy Ruffino in memory of Rick Yager

Mike & Kathy Shelton in memory of our parents

The Siewing Family in honor of family & friends

SPRING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING **Sunday, April 7, 2024**

Please plan to attend this very important meeting to be held immediately following the April 7 worship service. New committee and Church Council members will be voted on. Annual Reports are available just outside the sanctuary so that you can review them prior to the meeting.

CAMP MO-VAL

SATURDAY, MAY 18 - SUNDAY, MAY 19

DAY ONLY and OVERNIGHT OPTIONS

(Registration and Checks Due Sunday, April 7)

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 see our website, stphilipsucc.com and available on the credenza in the gathering space.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura or Andrea Tukin at (314)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 22-26

We hope you can join us at **Camp Firelight** for some fun, faith, and adventure!

We are currently in need of volunteers. If you are interested in being a "camp counselor" (really just helping out how/when you can) please fill out the following google form! [VBS Volunteer Interest Form \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com/forms/d/1Qwz...)

We appreciate your continuous love and support as we enrich the lives of our youth!

Sincerely,
The Learning Ministry

LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us for the April Lunch Bunch at **noon** on **Wednesday, April 10** at Pasta House located at 6214 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

See the signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, April 7.

If you have any questions, contact Shirley Illert at 314-541-5615.

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.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 9:30 Easter Breakfast-MPR 10:30 Easter Worship	1 April	2	3	4	5	6 MPR Rental
7 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Spring Congregational Meeting Retreat Registrations Due	8 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 5:30 LOGOS	11 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	12	13
14 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 11:00-4:00 MPR Rental	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	22 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	23	24 5:30 LOGOS	25	26	27
28 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	29	30	1 May	2	3	4



**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.



LaDonna Kay Anderson

Dave Boyanchek

Ray Hoffstetter

Iveta Boyanchek

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