

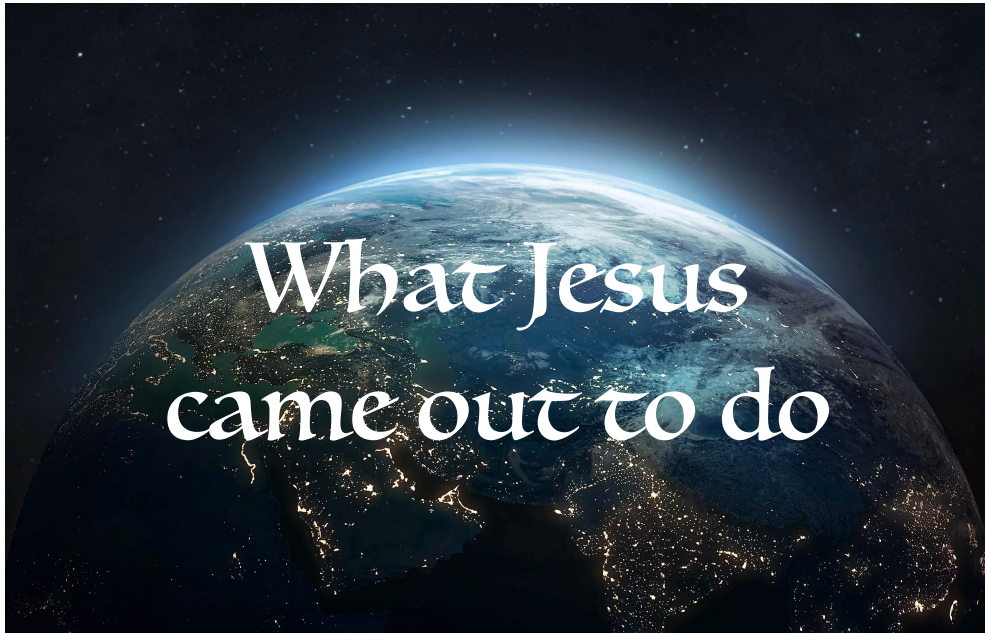
St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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February 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



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(text in bold read in unison)

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways -

Inspired by Psalm 147:1-11, 20c and Isaiah 40:21-31

To whom can we compare you, O Holy One?

We lift up our eyes,

We wait upon the Eternal, our God.

How good it is to sing praises to our God.

A song of praise is fitting!

Let us worship God together.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth, you who spread the heavens like a curtain, and make us a tent to live in, gather us in the shelter of your love, and renew our strength, that with wings as eagles we might not grow weary as we walk with you. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" # 66 Verses 1,2,4

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy
great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in
might;

thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praises we render: O help us to see that only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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: Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain and spreads them like a tent to live in, who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom, then, will you compare me, or who is my equal? Says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and assert, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.

Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

SERMON: "What Jesus Came Out To Do"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "There Is A Balm in Gilead" # 501 Verse 1-3

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)

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge He'll ne'er refuse to lend. (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: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

* 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 bring our gifts and pray that they may be for the building up and lifting up of your people, for the binding of wounds and the healing of hearts, for shelter and for covering and clothing those in need. With these gifts we offer our songs of praise as we hope in your steadfast love. AMEN.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING, POURING, SHARING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior, AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Precious Name" # 625 Verses 1-3

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;
it will joy and comfort give you; take it then, where'er you go.

(Refrain)

Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from every snare;
if temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer. (Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14

We will have an Ash Wednesday Service in connection with LOGOS this year! Come join us for free dinner at 6:00pm in the MPR with our LOGOS families (a sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board so we can plan for food), and then we will have our Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

BOOK CLUB

Join the Book Club on **Sunday, February 18 at 10:15am** for a pot-luck lunch to discuss "Flight Behavior".

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to our members
who will be celebrating this month.**

We will sing on the 1st Sunday of each month.

"Happy Birthday to You!,

Happy Birthday to You!,

Happy Birthday Everybody!

and God Bless You!"

JoAnn Leber	1
Rachel Fischer	3
Lily Swanson	3
Elizabeth Vogt	9
Heather Harvey	12
Kathy Vogt	17
Wes Cummings	18
Harrison Fischer	18
Gavin Armistead	20
Cara Holdener	21
Virginia Hladnick	23
Emily Mikusch	27
Joan Hemingway	28
Dave Schiele	28

FEBRUARY LUNCH BUNCH

Come enjoy Valentine's Day with the Lunch Bunch at **Joe Bocardi's** on Watson and Elm (8556 Watson Road 63119) at 12 noon on **February 14, 2024!**

Sign up by February 11 on PINK sign up sheet on the bulletin board, or call Lois Decker at 314-843-0183.

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.

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.

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!

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!

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 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.

WILLING WORKERS

Dear Church members,

The group of ladies, who have worked on Vacation Bible School projects for many years, are resuming our get-togethers for just 'lunch and conversations' - - or 'lunch and work on a project'. We now have named ourselves the Willing Workers, taking on the name of a group from years ago.

Our meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at my house. We will meet on **February 8th at noon**. Please bring your own lunch, etc. I will have tea and coffee. After lunch we will work on 2 projects. We will bag beans and bags of rice that will go to the Isaiah 58 food pantry and the VA's food pantry. We will also be writing notes in Valentine's cards to send to shut-ins and people who are sick on St. Philip's prayer list.

Future projects will be discussed at our February 8th meeting to help people throughout our community. If you have any questions and/or would like to join us, please call me at 314-843-3605. **We hope you will join us.** Thanks, Virginia

P.S. If you know of someone to add to the Valentine's card list, contact Virginia with their name and address. The group would be happy to send a card to a shut-in or sick person that may be on **your** prayer list.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	5 7:00 Church Council Mtg	6	7	8 noon Willing Workers 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	9	10 6:00-10:00 ECC Parents Nite Out
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	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



**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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Lou Cherry
Grace Heady
Ron Hemingway
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