

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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First Sunday in Lent



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(text in bold read in unison)

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

The voice of God proclaims of Jesus, "You are my beloved, and I love you."

We, too, are God's beloved children, loved and embraced.

With all the voices reminding us that we are not enough or don't belong, it is tempting to forget our place in God's kingdom.

With the waters of baptism and the voice of God's promises, we can face the temptations of any wilderness or desert that would draw us away from the Source of our hope.

Embrace your belovedness.

We rejoice in God's unending love for us!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

God of waters and deserts, God of hope and horizons, we celebrate your presence among us and among all your people. You have proclaimed that Jesus was beloved and, tenderly, you have claimed us as your own. Open the skies. Break through the clouds. Fall softly upon our shoulders and say our names with joy. For this day and each day, no matter what the other voices may say, we are your beloved and we rejoice in your inbreaking kingdom. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly" # 340

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
patient and loving, he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling- calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we wait, then and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? (Refrain)

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me;
though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. (Refrain)

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: Genesis 9:8-17

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting

covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him.

And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

SERMON: “Covenant”

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: “Living for Jesus” # 610

Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please him in all that I do;
yielding allegiance, gladhearted and free,
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain

O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee,
for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
my life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
such love constrains me to answer his call,
follow his leading and give him my all. **(Refrain)**

Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
my dearest treasure - the light of his smile;
seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,
bringing the weary to find rest in him. **(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

* 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)

**Abundant God, receive these gifts of love from your servants and use
them for the breaking in of your kingdom of love and light. In the
name of Jesus, whose way calls us forth in service, we pray. AMEN.**

* CLOSING HYMN: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" # 339

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown, has broken every barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

BOOK CLUB

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

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.

WILLING WORKERS UPDATE

To bring you up to date....at our meeting on Thursday, February 8 we had 12 Willing Workers fill about 50 bags of beans and 30 bags of rice. In each bag a recipe was included. These were donated to the Affton Christian Food Pantry located on Heege Road here in Affton. We were trying to help support a local community food pantry. Donna and Carl Philips, along with Virginia, delivered the food to the pantry. They were so appreciative.

Also at the February 8th meeting, 11 Valentine's cards were sent to shut-ins with thoughts and prayers from the church.

At our **next meeting on Thursday, March 14 at noon**, we will meet to make about 20 adult bibs and lap robes which will go to the Green Park Nursing Home. All are welcome to join us. Bring your sandwich, and I will have coffee and tea. Hope to see you then. If you have any questions, please call me at 314-843-3605.

Thanks,
Virginia

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

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!

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.

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!

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 Tukin at (314) 566-8633 or andreatukin@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
10 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	11	12	13 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	14 noon Willing Workers 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	15	16 11:00-4:00 MPR Rental
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**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.



Iveta Boyanchek

Joyce Brand

Lou Cherry

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