

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Fourth Sunday in Lent



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

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

God's love is for all of creation.

**The vastness of God is for human, animal, soil, and sun, all together as God's beloved.**

God has not come into the world in Jesus to condemn us.

**Jesus has come to live God's love in the flesh.**

While the world is dim with injustice and the feeling of loneliness,

**It is in Jesus that the light of love illumines our path of friendship.**

**Come, let us join our lives with our great Friend, whose love is for the whole world. Let us worship God!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**O God who is our Friend, the vastness of your love flows through all of creation, and this is cause for rejoicing. For all the harshness and condemnation that we see in the world, you have come to us out of love, compassion, and to save us from ourselves. We acknowledge our belief that you have come to redeem, to heal, to restore, and forgive, not just some of the world, but all of the world. May our worship embody the love and light you bring in Jesus, in whose name we pray. AMEN.**

\* OPENING HYMN: "For Beauty of Meadows" # 696

For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,  
for flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,  
for all you created and gave us to share,  
we praise you, Creator, extolling your care.

As stewards of beauty received at your hand,  
as creatures who hear your most urgent command,  
we turn from our wasteful destruction of life,  
confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace,  
all nature around us is ours but on lease;  
your name we would hallow in all that we do,  
fulfilling our calling, creating with you.

## 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: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom, but the people became discouraged on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us."

So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

## SCRIPTURE: John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so

loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Those who believe in him are not condemned, but those who do not believe are condemned already because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

SERMON VIDEO: “Life-Giving Covenant”

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: “How Great Thou Art” # 33

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed.

Refrain Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. (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: "Nearer My God to Thee"

\* 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)

**Thank you, God, for loving us to the very ends of the earth and back.**

**Your willingness to say yes to coming in the flesh to redeem our world through love and no to the powers of oppression has led us to give of ourselves generously this day. Take these gifts and multiply them across this world that you love so extravagantly. AMEN.**

\* CLOSING HYMN: "Trust and Obey" # 556 1,2,4

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!

While we do his good will, he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

## **Refrain**

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be  
happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he will richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey. (Refrain)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey.

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE



## St. Philip's Easter Flowers

Let's help beautify the sanctuary with spring flowers for Easter. Easter Lilies, Azaleas, and Hydrangeas are available.

The spring flowers will decorate the sanctuary at St. Philip's on **Easter**

**Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. You may take your plants home after the Easter Sunday service or make arrangements to pickup the following week if unable to attend.

Make check payable to 'Walter Knoll Florist'

Name \_\_\_\_\_

_____	Easter Lilies	\$12.50
_____	Hydrangea - Blue	\$20.00
_____	Azalea - Pinks	\$20.00
_____	Mum	\$10.00
_____	Tulip - Assorted	\$10.00

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

You can drop your order form and payment in the offering plate or turn in to Carol in the church office **by noon on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**.

## ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 30 - CANDY DONATIONS

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.

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](mailto:jordanlewis0623@gmail.com)

## EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt happening March 30th! We will need volunteers to help hide eggs and run game/craft stations. Please reach out to Jordan or Andrea if you are willing to help! Contact Jordan at 314-541-4659 or [jordanlewis0623@gmail.com](mailto:jordanlewis0623@gmail.com)

## **EASTER BREAKFAST**

Join us on Easter Sunday, **March 31 at 9:30am** for breakfast in the MPR followed by Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am. In order to get a headcount for table/chair setup, see the Yellow signup sheet on the bulletin board, contact Carol in the church office, or call Carole Armistead at 314-560-6658. Please **signup by Thursday, March 28.**

Also please indicate what dish you will bring from the suggested list or bring your favorite dish that you would like to share with everyone.

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

Karen Moran	2
Pam Schiele Stang	4
Joyce Thuston	5
Dawn Knoll	11
Scott Karcher	14
Frances Kalbfleish	15
Samuel Slavik	18
Jason Karcher	21
Clara Hornung	26
Meghan Mikusich	27
Holly Slavik	27
Elaine Kimker	28
Kali Hladnick	29
Shirley Nottelmann	29
Shirley Illert	30

## **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 see our website, [stphilipsucc.com](http://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](mailto:andreatukin@gmail.com)



## LUNCH BUNCH

Please join us for the March Lunch Bunch at **noon** on Wednesday, **March 13** at Maggie O'Brien's located at 3828 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

See the LIME signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, March 10.

If you have any questions, contact Hilda Leonard at 314-487-7948.

## WILLING WORKERS UPDATE

At our **next meeting on Thursday, March 14 at noon** (at Virginia's house), 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

## 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. 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.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY!

During Lent, each Wednesday evening **through 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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	11	12	13 noon Lunch Bunch 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	14 noon Willing Workers 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	15	16 11:00-4:00 MPR Rental
17 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:15 Book Club	18	19 1st Day of Spring	20 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	21	22	23 MPR Rental
24 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	25 noon Easter Flower Orders Due 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	26	27 5:30 LOGOS 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	28	29 4:00 Good Friday Worship	30 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt
31 Easter Sunday 9:30 Easter Breakfast-MPR 10:30 Easter Worship	1 April	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 Easter Breakfast-MPR 10:30 Easter Worship	8 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 5:30 LOGOS	11 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	12	13



**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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LaDonna Kay Anderson

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