

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Second Sunday of Easter



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(text in bold read in unison)

Second Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

As we join in worship this day, we might feel like the disciples, overwhelmed by grief. After all, the state of the world is so uncertain now.

But our resurrected Christ comes to us, saying, "Peace be with you."

We might feel like Thomas, looking for physical signs that the unbelievable could be true. After all, nothing like this has ever happened before.

But our resurrected Christ comes to us, saying, "Here are the marks on my body."

Can we really believe that Jesus is here again?

Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on us. Christ's peace is with us. We don't need to be afraid.

Our resurrected Christ calls us to worship, and we receive the peace of Christ.

Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Resurrected Christ, you have taught us how the unbelievable can be possible. When there is so much to fear in the world, we can find peace in your presence. As we worship, breathe your Spirit on us, that we may carry it with us. Help us comfort our neighbors. Help us serve a world of need. We pray this with thanksgiving for your work among us. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "Breathe on Me Breath of God" # 254 Verses 1-4

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew.

That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but lie with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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: 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched without hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar,

and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON: "Reappearing"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" # 234 1,2,4
Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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: "Because He Lives" - Art Kuhn

* 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)

God of the Resurrection, help us use these gifts to offer hope where there is sorrow, peace where there is chaos, and love where there is fear. We can do incredible things because your Spirit lives within us. 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.

* HYMN: "Thine is the Glory" # 218

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb,
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom,
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife,
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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.

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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 \(google.com\)](#)

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

Sincerely,
The Learning Ministry



WILLING WORKERS - APRIL MEETING

On **Thursday, April 11 at noon**, the Willing Workers will meet at my house to begin making items for Vacation Bible School. The theme is *Camp Firelight - a Summer Camp Adventure with God*. The camp call-out is "Whenever I'm afraid I put my trust in you" - Psalm 56:3.

We will be cutting and glueing so bring your scissors. Also bring a sandwich for lunch. Hope to see you then.

Virginia Hladnick
314-843-3605

P.S. The 21 adult bibs and 4 laprobes made at our March meeting were delivered to Green Park Nursing Home. These were very much appreciated.

APRIL 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!"



April Schillinger	1
Ben Kotthoff	3
Gwen Swanson	8
Judy Parkinson	10
Stan Parkinson	10
Karen Walker	15
Al Bowles	23
Steve Hladnick	24
Eloise Schamburg	25
Lucy Vogt	27
Kate Hausman	28
Mary Darr	28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 noon Lunch Bunch @ Pasta House 5:30 LOGOS	11 noon Willing Workers @ Virginia's 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
5 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Summer Kickoff	6	7	8 5:30 LOGOS	9 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	10	11



**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

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