

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Transfiguration Sunday



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

Transfiguration Sunday

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

From the rising of the sun to its setting

God speaks to us and summons us.

God gathers us in covenant,

God's glory shines forth.

Let us worship God!

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* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so we call to you: be present as we worship. Gather us, that we may hear your voice and respond to your ways of righteousness. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "Gather Us In" # 284 Verses 1-3

Here in this place, the new light is streaming, shadows of doubt are vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in; our spirits inflame.

Call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery; we are the old, who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in - the rich and the haughty, gather us in - the proud and strong;

give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we receive new life in the waters; here we receive the bread of new birth;

here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the bread that is you;

nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that true.

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: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you."

So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho."

But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?"

And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

SCRIPTURE: Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON VIDEO: "Shine Bright"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" # 595 Verses 1,2,4

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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: "I'll Fly Away" - 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)

Mighty God, you live, and you do not leave us. With these gifts, we do not leave each other, but use them in mutual support. Bless those who receive and benefit from these gifts. May they know your presence with them. With these gifts, our prayers rise up to you. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "Because He Lives" # 562 Verses 1-3

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal, and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my
Savior lives.

Refrain Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;
because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy that gives;
but greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because
he lives. (Refrain)

And then one day I'll cross the river; I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know
he reigns. (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 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.

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
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
10 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	11	12	13 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	14 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	15	16 11:00-4:00 MPR Rental



**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

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Ron Hemingway

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