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Second Sunday in Lent



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*indicates that you may rise as comfortably able
(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

Do not be afraid to answer the call to discipleship.

What does the call require?

Letting go of our life as we know it. Following the way of the cross. Aligning our soul with God's.

We step out in the way of Jesus by losing our life to save it.

Do not be afraid to walk in the way of Jesus.

We answer the call, unashamed and unafraid. AMEN.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

O God, we are offered every opportunity to embrace the path that helps us gain the world at the expense of our soul. Instead, you have called us to yourself and to follow in the way of love and compassion. Teach us about Jesus' way and lure us away from the paths of self-absorption and greed. You have called us to discipleship, to self-emptying, and embracing your way with courage. May it be so. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" # 602 1-3

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward
way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company;
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over
wrong.

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 12:1-3, 17:1-7

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.”

Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.” When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you and will make you exceedingly numerous.”

Then Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.

I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes and be killed and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

SERMON VIDEO: “Why Covenant?”

Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" # 16 1-3

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, how I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

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: "The Old Rugged Cross"

* 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)

Giving God, Jesus invited us to give our lives away, take up our cross, and to follow. Rather than exchanging our souls, may the sharing of these gifts nurture our commitment to walk in your way. In the name and way of Jesus, we pray. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” # 558

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care,
In thy pleasant pastures feed us;
For our use thy folds prepare.

Refrain Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are

We are thine; do thou befriend us;
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock; from sin defend us;
Seek us when we go astray. (Refrain)

Early let us seek thy favour;
Early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
With thy love our spirits fill. (Refrain)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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.

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.

WILLING WORKERS UPDATE

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 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.

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
25 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School noon-3:00 MPR Rental	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 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	18	19	20 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	25	26	27 5:30 LOGOS 6:00 Lenten Bible Study	28	29	30 10:00 Easter Egg Hunt



**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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