

# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Fifth Sunday in Lent



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

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

New life rises!

**That which rises, must first fall and die.**

Single grains merely remain as they are unless they are released to the ground.

**The grains of the earth that fall will multiply and nourish.**

Come, die to the self and live a life of service to the Living God.

**And God will raise us up anew. AMEN.**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**God of grains and grace, we gather today seeking to follow in the way of Jesus. The path he chose for his disciples was one of service and it requires of us that we lay down our desires, our ambitions, and serve you with our whole heart. May our worship this day inspire our dying and rising with you as we seek to love and serve like Jesus. 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: Acts 2:43-47

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

SCRIPTURE: John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him."

Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I

am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.? He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SERMON: "Covenanting Together"  
Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "My Hope is Built" # 537 1-3

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (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: "Lead Me To Calvary"

\* 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)

**O God who causes our lives to rise, we lay down to you the  
abundance you have given us and allow it to fall so that you may  
multiply it to give life to your world. May it be so. AMEN.**

\* CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" # 337 Verses 1-3

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day His sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow Me";

Long ago apostles heard it, by the Galillean lake,  
turned from home, and toil, and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE



## 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



**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)



**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>**.

**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.

## **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)



## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 Mikusch	27
Holly Slavik	27
Elaine Kimker	28
Kali Hladnick	29
Shirley Nottelmann	29
Shirley Illert	30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 MPR Rental
7 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Spring Congregational Meeting	8 7:00 Church Council Mtg	9	10 5:30 LOGOS	11 5:00-6:00 Girl Scouts	12	13
14 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	15	16	17	18	19	20



**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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Joyce Brand

Lou Cherry

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