

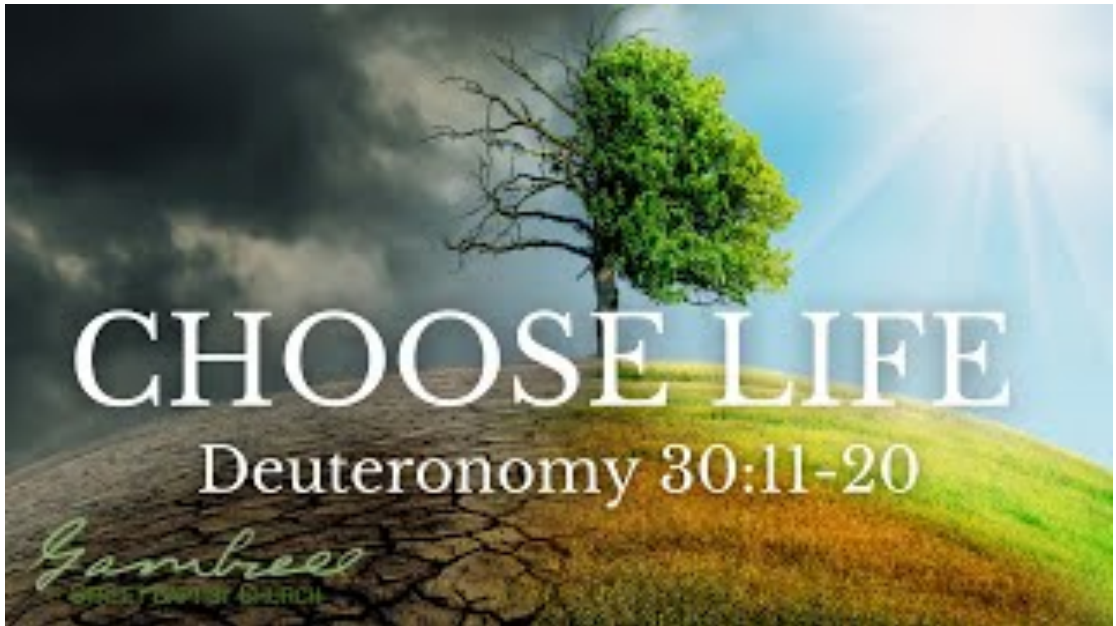
# St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Third Sunday of Easter



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

## Third Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP - Worship Ways

Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

**“Peace be with you.”**

When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

**“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?”**

Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love and light dwells within us.

**Let our lives be witnesses of these things.**

Help us to be instruments of Christ’s peace to all in need of God’s healing love.

**Let us worship our God of peace and love!**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

**Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart so that we can meditate in your peace, abide in your mercy, be filled with your justice, and be made new by your love. In your name, we pray. AMEN.**

\* OPENING HYMN: “Abide With Me” # 636 1-3

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens, God with me abide;  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;  
earth’s joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

## 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: Deuteronomy 30:11-20

"Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'

No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.

Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

## SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

## SERMON VIDEO: "Choices"

Rev. Laura Mignerone

## HYMN: "Open Me Eyes, That I May See" # 586

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

## 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: "Trust and Obey"

\* 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)

**Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. AMEN.**

\* HYMN: "Precious Name" # 626 1-3

Take the name of Jesus with you,  
child of sorrow and of woe;  
it will joy and comfort give you;  
take it then, where'er you go.

(Refrain) Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Take the name of Jesus ever,  
as a shield from every snare;  
if temptations round you gather,  
breathe that holy name in prayer. (Refrain)

O the precious name of Jesus!  
How it thrills our souls with joy,  
when his loving arms receive us,  
and his songs our tongues employ! (Refrain)

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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 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



## **MAY 19 WORSHIP**

Join us for a special Pentecost worship experience on **Sunday, May 19 at Camp MoVal at 10:30am!** Many of us will already be down at MoVal for our shared retreat with St. John UCC on May 18, and we will close out our time together that weekend with a wonderful worship experience (in the Fireside Room--FULLY accessible, climate controlled, accessible bathrooms, etc.).

Because of this special opportunity to worship together with our sister church, ALL are invited to come to MoVal Sunday morning for worship (even if you don't come to any of the rest of the retreat--no cost to come Sunday morning for worship!). We already have a few volunteers to carpool and shuttle folks from St. Philip's to MoVal that morning. Please watch for info about how to make those arrangements.

**There will NOT be worship at St. Philip's building location on May 19** (nor will there be worship at St. John's building location). We will plan to record the worship experience at MoVal and upload it to Facebook LATER (the internet isn't strong enough at MoVal to livestream).

And, if carpooling or catching the service online later still aren't the best options for you, we invite you to find a nearby congregation to worship with that morning (there are several UCC congregations just a few miles in any direction from St. Philip's)--bring greetings from St. Philip's on our behalf and imagine how we might build up a partnership with a UCC neighbor!

If you need assistance figuring out the best option for you/your family for May 19, please reach out to Pastor Laura.

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



**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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