

St. Philip's United Church of Christ

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Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER CONCERNS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We delight ourselves in the presence of Christ and his love for all creation.

Let us open our hearts to receive Christ's abundant love.

Christ calls us to see him as the vine and for us to become the branches.

Let us seek to produce much fruit in God's Garden where all are welcome.

Come, let us worship the Master Gardener, Creator of all that was, and is, and forever will be.

Amen.

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION - Worship Ways (Together)

Living God, we embrace your presence in our lives. Help us to grow stronger together in your garden of love. Plant us together in your peace. Root us together in your hope. Transform us together by your equal justice for all. In your loving presence, we pray. AMEN.

* OPENING HYMN: "God of the Fertile Fields" # 695 Verses 1-3

God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread;
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.

We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care
for people everywhere that all may live.

As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, your reign yet grows.
So let our toil be used, no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused your love bestows.

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: Matthew 5:33-37

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

SCRIPTURE: John 21:1-14

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?"

They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the

net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

SERMON VIDEO: "Yes and No"
Rev. Laura Mignerone

HYMN: "Lord You Have Come to the Lakeshore" #342 1-3

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

(Refrain)

O Lord, with your eyes you have search me,
and while smiling have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor. (Refrain)

You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. (Refrain)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silence

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy 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: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

* 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)

Compassionate God, may these gifts be blessed by your light that cultivates love for all creation. As our gardener, O God, sprinkle water on our dry branches of despair to bring us hope. Shine your light of peace on your weariness to bring us justice for all. With Christ as our vine, save us from all that seek to bring us harm. May these fruitful gifts be a blessing in your garden of love. AMEN.

* CLOSING HYMN: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" # 61

Refrain: **(Repeat refrain before every verse)**

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning, that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

St. Philip's SUMMER KICKOFF...

Sunday, May 5 10:30am

Join us for games, taco bar, bounce house,
and face painting for our Summer Kickoff!

(Worship and Sunday School are at 9:30am)

Dessert Potluck

We would like to invite the congregation
to bring a dessert to share for our
Summer Kickoff Taco Bar after church!

Any and all desserts are welcome!



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!).

CARPOOLING Sunday, May 19 -

We already have a few volunteers to carpool and **shuttle folks from St. Philip's parking lot** to MoVal that morning. **Leave: 9:15am** and **Return: no later than 1:00pm**. Signup sheet located on easel just outside the sanctuary.

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.

YOUTH SAVE THE DATES

May 5 10:30am (after Worship) - Summer Kickoff

May 8 5:30-7:00pm - Final LOGOS

Summer LOGOS

June 19 Whitaker Music Festival at Missouri Botanical Gardens

July 17 Pool Party

August 7 Campfire & Outdoor fun

Vacation Bible School

July 20 9:00am - Setup

July 22-26 9:00-11:30am each day

July 25 6:00pm - Ice Cream Social

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new Church Directory will be printed effective May 1. Please email or call the church office with any changes to your address or phone numbers. A draft copy will be available on the credenza outside the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 28 for you to make changes.

Many folks have eliminated their home phones / land lines. If you have done so, please indicate a cell phone number if you wish for it to be published.

Please **submit changes by Tuesday, April 30.**

Printed copies will be available on the credenza beginning May 1.

Thank you!

**ST. PHILIP'S
LUNCH BUNCH
MAY 8**

Please join the Lunch Bunch on **Wednesday, May 8** at Bandana's BBQ located at 11750 Gravois Road in Sunset Hills. Due to their 'no reservation' policy, we will be **meeting at 11:30am** to ensure seating.

See the RED signup sheet on the bulletin board and signup by Sunday, May 5.

If you have any questions, contact Ray Hofstetter at 314-843-9403.

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

LOGOS MINISTRY

Our Final LOGOS will be held on Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30 - 7:00pm.

Come join for smash burgers, ice cream sundaes, & outdoor fun!

**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.



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 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

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

Sincerely,
The Learning Ministry



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	29	30	1 May	2 5:30 Final Retreat Planning Meeting	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 11:30 Lunch Bunch @ Bandanas 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
19 NO IN-PERSON WORSHIP Camp MoVal Spring Retreat noon-4:00 MPR Rental	20 4:45 ECC Board Meeting	21	22 6:00 Spiritual Life Meeting	23	24	25
26 9:30 Worship in-person, Facebook 9:45 Sunday School	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	1 June	2



**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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