



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Voluntary

Toccata Seconda (Libro Primo)

Girolamo Frescobaldi
(1538-1643)

Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Introit

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. John Rutter
(b. 1945)

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our joyful hymn of praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

4. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces, human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven, [Refrain]

✦ **Opening Sentences**

Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega,
the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

In Jesus Christ we see the fullness of God.

Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.

If Christ is for us, who can be against us?

✦ **Hymn 475** ([see page 11](#))

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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✦ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you
 with our whole heart and mind and strength.
 We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
 help us amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be,
 that we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways
 to the glory of your holy name.

silent prayer

✦ Response

Justin Langham

Lord, Je - sus Christ, — Lamb of God, — Have mer-cy on
 us. — Lord Je - sus Christ, — Lamb of God, — Have mer-cy on us.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response

John Weaver

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the
 Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is
 now, and will be for - ev - er. A-men. A - men. A - men.

✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

Conversation with Children

Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination**First Reading**

Amos 5:18-24

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Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.****Anthem***The Road Home*Stephen Paulus
(1949-2014)

Tell me, where is the road
 I can call my own
 That I left, that I lost
 So long ago?
 All these years I have wandered
 Oh, when will I know
 There's a way, there's a road
 That will lead me home

 After wind, after rain
 When the dark is done
 As I wake from a dream
 In the gold of day
 Through the air there's a calling
 From far away
 There's a voice I can hear
 That will lead me home

 Rise up, follow me
 Come away, is the call
 With the love in your heart
 As the only song
 There is no such beauty
 As where you belong
 Rise up, follow me
 I will lead you home

— Text by Michael Dennis Browne

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:30-33

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Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.****Sermon**

*Leaves of Grass, Streams of Righteousness,
 and the Kingdom of God in America*
silence and stillness

William Yoo

✠ **Hymn 652** ([see page 12](#))*A Grateful Heart*

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✦ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of Belhar*

We believe that the church must together
 come to know the height and the breadth
 and the depth of the love of Christ.
 We believe that together we are built up
 to the stature of Christ, the new humanity.
 We believe that we must together
 know and bear one another's burdens,
 thereby fulfilling the law of Christ.
 We believe that we are called
 to admonish and comfort one another;
 to suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;
 to pray together;
 and together serve God in this world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The 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.

Offering

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Bob Chilcott
 (b. 1955)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
 Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
 Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
 Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
 Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

 Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
 O sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art;
 Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we thank you
 for the majesty of your work,
 the wisdom of your word,
 and the generosity of your grace.

**Let the gifts of our lives bear witness
 to your goodness and mercy,
 your faithfulness and justice,
 and your steadfast love for all. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 645 [\(see page 13\)](#)

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

✦ Charge and Blessing

Please be seated in silence for the closing voluntary, or kindly depart quietly.

Closing Voluntary

Intermezzo from *Symphonie VI*

Charles-Marie Widor
 (1844-1937)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Douglas Duerr

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Justin Langham, director | Matthew Dirst, organist and pianist | Thomas O'Neil, soloist

FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Elizabeth Duerr and Douglas Duerr to the glory of God in memory of Chris Duerr and in honor of Dr. William Yoo, speaker for the 2024 Duerr Lecture Series.

WORSHIP NOTES

DUERR LECTURE SERIES—Preaching this morning and speaker for the series, Dr. William Yoo joined the faculty of Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, in 2014 and is Associate Professor of American Religious and Cultural History, and Lead Professor of the Master of Divinity Program. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (B.S.), Westminster Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Emory University (M.Th. Candler School of Theology and Ph.D. Graduate School of Religion). He is also a minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA. In demand as speaker and academic lecturer and author of many articles in Presbyterian publications, Yoo's 2022 book, *What Kind of Christianity: A History of Slavery and Anti-Black Racism in the Presbyterian Church*, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, won the 2023 Religion Communicators Council Award of Excellence. As a scholar and teacher, Yoo is interested in studying the fullness of history. His lectures invite us to behold how its lessons and legacies may inspire and infuriate us.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16—*God's covenant with Abraham: I will make of you a great nation.*
- Psalm 22:23-31—*In the great congregation I will praise the Lord, my deliverer.*
- Romans 4:13-25—*Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as righteousness by God.*
- Mark 8:31-38—*Jesus says: Deny yourselves; take up your cross and follow me.*

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MUSIC NOTES

Longtime organist at St Peter's in Rome, Girolamo Frescobaldi pioneered a new kind of keyboard music in the early 17th century, which he modeled after the highly rhetorical and flamboyant violin sonatas of his contemporaries. In a preface to his first book of toccatas (literally, "touch" pieces), the composer himself explained how to play such works on either the organ or the harpsichord, making appropriate adaptations at either instrument. The second work in this volume, today's **opening voluntary**, combines multiple short sections connected less by shared material than constantly shifting figuration.

Our **introit** today is a jewel in the extensive and beloved output of English composer John Rutter: his setting of the well-known hymn of the same name, "For the Beauty of the Earth." Published in 1980, it has been described as "one of Rutter's more popular, enduring anthems," in no small part due to its joyous character, lovely contrasting themes, and accessibility for choir and listener alike.

Seemingly a simple folk arrangement of a relatively short length, *The Road Home* has found resonance in choirs of all shapes and sizes since its inception in 2013. Composer Stephen Paulus found inspiration in a tune from the 1835 collection *The Southern Harmony Songbook* called "The

Lone Wild Bird," from which the text was then derived. May the powerful marriage of tune and text in today's **anthem** offer a comfort and hopefulness in what lies at the end of our journey through Lent..

As was the case with today's introit, the **offertory** is another example of an alternate setting of a familiar hymn by an important figure in 20th-century English choral music. This arrangement of "Be thou my vision" by Bob Chilcott sets the familiar hymn text with a new tune that retains a similar character to the original hymn tune, but creates a haunting, folk-like musical texture to support it. The simplicity of Chilcott's setting allows the beauty and meaning of the text to soar to new heights.

Charles-Marie Widor, who served for 64 years as organist at St-Sulpice in Paris, was one of the most influential figures of his day. His ten organ symphonies treat the instrument orchestrally, in both large-scale form and by exploiting the varied tone colors of the French Romantic organ. The Intermezzo from his Sixth Symphony, today's **closing voluntary**, juxtaposes crackling reeds and broad foundation sounds in a lively scherzo-like movement.

—Justin Langham and Matthew Dirst

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families — Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Helen Deleon; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Kelley McBride — son-in-law of Ada Fuller; Alice Woodall-Chisholm — cousin of Mary McGuire; Sheila Kinsky and her children — sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore — mother of Chuck Johnson; Carla Burns — cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley — father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart — niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi — mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud — cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound — Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

Friends of St. Philippians — Paul Feagan — friend of Jacqui Colton; Annette Covey — friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters — friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden — friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton — friends of William Rowe; Magdalena Rustomji — friend of Mickey & Ken Meyers; Caitlan Prescott — friend of Mary McGuire; Tom Barnett — friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach — friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez — friends of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis — friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield — friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: deacons@saintphilip.net

Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.



Presents

Dr. William Yoo

When the Fullness of History Inspires and Infuriates Us:
Settler Colonialism, Slavery, and Christianity in the United States



February 25, 26 & 27, 2024
Lectures will be presented live
and live-streamed.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 25

7:00 p.m.

“Even Christianity Can Reap but Small Harvest”: The Resilience of Christian Faith and the Limits of Evangelizing Missions in the Age of Settler Colonialism
Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Monday, February 26

12:00 p.m.

Join Dr. William Yoo for the informal Brown Bag Lunch at Noon in the Dining Room.
This is a great opportunity to get to know the speaker and ask questions about any subject.
Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. The tables will be arranged in a large open square
so there can be comfortable conversation. The lunch concludes at 1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

To “Tremble for my Country”: The Development of American Christianity in the Age of Slavery
Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Tuesday, February 27

7:00 p.m.

When the Church Seeks a More Perfect Union: What Conservatives and Progressives Get Right and Wrong about Christian History in the United States
Fellowship Hall & Live-streamed

Lecture is free and open to everyone.

Registration for in-person and live-stream attendance is recommended.

Information found at: saintphilip.net

Scan the QR Code to register.



The Duerr Lecture Series Statement of Purpose

The Duerr Lecture Series was established in memory of W. Chris Duerr, member and elder of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, Houston. As part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Reformed Tradition, the lectures focus upon speakers and subjects that will enhance Christian faith in light of that tradition. Challenging speakers are chosen from the fields of theology, Bible and preaching to inspire and equip congregants for deeper faith and service.

- Mark 9:2-9 – *On a high mountain with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured.*

LENT AT ST. PHILIP

Join us for worship each Wednesday at noon as we journey through the season of Lent. Guest preachers from across the area will lead us. Lunch will be available in the Gathering Area at 12:30 p.m. Here's the schedule for this year's series:

February 28: Mark Plunkett, co-pastor of Spring Branch Presbyterian Church;

March 6: Kevin Keaton, Board of Pensions regional representative;

March 13: Becky Downs, pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church;

March 20: Jim Dement, former St. Philip member and interim pastor in El Campo.

Again this Lent, John Wurster will offer daily e-votions. These brief biblical reflections are sent by e-mail each morning. To join the e-votions list, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Those subscribed for last year continue on the list for 2024.

LENTEN LECTIO DIVINA PRAYER GROUP – The ancient desert mystics believed that scripture was like a love letter written to us by God, and the meditative scriptural reflection known as *Lectio Divina* ("divine reading") assumes that God speaks to us intimately, God is already praying in us, and we'll experience a profound encounter with the heart of God, rather than an intellectual study of scripture. Keaton is guiding a group through the four cycles of Lectio (read, reflect, respond, rest) every Monday morning at 9:00-9:20 a.m. for the season of Lent. To receive the Zoom link sent early Monday mornings, email Keaton at: keaton@saintphilip.net

ST PHILIP MO-RANCH RETREAT – It's time to sign up for the 2024 Mo-Ranch retreat. Whether it's your first time or your thirtieth, the St. Philip retreat at Mo-Ranch is a great chance to connect and learn with other St. Philippians. Bring your family and join your St. Philip friends in worship, workshops, and outdoor exploration including enjoying the river and rapids. This year's four days of fun for all ages starts on Thursday, **May 30th** and ends with worship on the hill on **Jun. 2nd**. Registration is open online at the St. Philip Web site or by calling the church office. See you in the Hill Country! Join your St. Philip family for worship, fellowship and fun by the Guadalupe River in the Texas Hill Country. Registration will be live on the St. Philip website by Friday or sign up in the Gathering Area **today**.

PRIMETIMERS TO VISIT THE BROOKWOOD COMMUNITY – On Tuesday, **Mar. 12**, the Primetimers will visit the Brookwood Community in Brookshire. From their website: *Founded in 1983, Brookwood is a God-centered non-profit residential and vocational community adults with disabilities.* St. Philip has a longstanding connection with Brookwood – several from our congregation have served in leadership over the years. Visit brookwoodcommunity.org for more information. Our day will begin with lunch in the Brookwood Café, where residents are hosts and servers. We will then be taken on a tour of the community, and finish the day with a visit to the fantastic gift and garden center, a shop full of handcrafted art made by residents. We will depart from St. Philip at 10 a.m. There is no cost for the tour, but lunch will be on your own. Please RSVP by Monday, **Mar. 4** by calling the Church Office (713-622-4807) or email omar@saintphilip.net with any questions.

EASTER 2024 DONATION DRIVE AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – Join the St. Philip March 2024 Easter mission project by donating items to fill Easter boxes benefiting The Women's Home residents. St. Philip members can also make a monetary donation (please choose the fund Designated Gifts online and put *The Women's Home Supplies* in the memo) and the Mission Committee will purchase the items still needed at the end of the collection period to fill the

Shampoo	Razors	Journals
Conditioner	Lotion	Day Planners/Calendars
Body Wash	Lip Balm	Note Cards
Toothbrush	Tissue Packs	Umbrellas
Tooth Paste	Socks	Mini Writing Tablets
Dental Floss	Reading Glasses	Pens/Pencils
Deodorant	Costume Jewelry	Individual Miniature packages
Mouthwash	Scarves	of Easter candies
Nail Files	Small make-up samples or "free gift"	Packets of Herbal Tea (Caffeine Free)
Nail Polish	type items	
Hair Ties/Elastics	Playing Cards	

boxes. Drop off your donated items in the Gathering Area collection boxes on Sundays through **Mar. 17**.

All members are also invited to assemble the 60 boxes on Saturday, **Mar. 23** at 10:00 a.m. in the Arts & Crafts Studio. This is a fun service project for all ages and an opportunity for the St. Philip community to come together in service during the Easter holiday! Sign up for the Easter box assembly in the Gathering Area on Sundays, in MyStPhilip, or email mission@saintphilip.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY – Ages 3 – Kindergarten – Room 104

ELEMENTARY – Grades 1-5 – Room 105

YOUTH – Grades 6-12 – Room 205

FAITH & LIFE – Room 200 – An adult class exploring how what we believe informs how we live. There are no materials required and no preparation is needed.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – We are beginning our study of Job in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Wisdom Books: Job, Prophets and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY – Room 201 – Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Mar. 3** - "Washed Ashore - Art to Save the Sea" - The Washed Ashore Traveling Exhibits feature collections of intricate beautifully designed, giant sea life sculptures made entirely of marine debris collected from beaches. The sculptures of marine life graphically illustrate the tragedy of plastic pollution in our oceans and waterways and to encourage conservation. Presented by Brad Parks - Conservation Education Director of the Washed Ashore Project. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL – TODAY – We will have Children's Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Conversation with Children*. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

LAMBETH STUDY – Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at:

keatan@saintphilip.net.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP – This group meets on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m., by zoom, to discuss social justice issues of our day. The next meeting on Monday, **Mar. 4**, will begin a study of Christian Nationalism with the book by Kaitlyn Schiess, *The Ballot and the Bible; how Scripture has been used and abused in American politics....* Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson (sjj10223@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to john@saintphilip.net. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome!

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Mar. 14** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Gunfight: My Battle Against the Industry That Radicalized America* by Ryan Busse. So watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP – Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that he has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at ggardne148@aol.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email: welcome@saintphilip.net.

Monday Morning Saints – 2nd Mon. of each month @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Circle – 3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m.

Note they will meet TODAY for this month.

Thursday Evening Circle – 1st Thurs. of each month @ 7:00 p.m.



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at saintphilip.net.

**AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,
we seek to be an inclusive,
grace-filled community,
engaging the world with open minds,
willing hands and generous hearts.**

**WE LONG
for deeper faith,
vibrant hope
and boundless love
for everyone, every day, everywhere.**

Thank you for joining us today! We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

Nursery care is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

A Hearing Loop is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your "T switch" to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY'S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to lorrie@saintphilip.net.

If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at saintphilip.net. We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

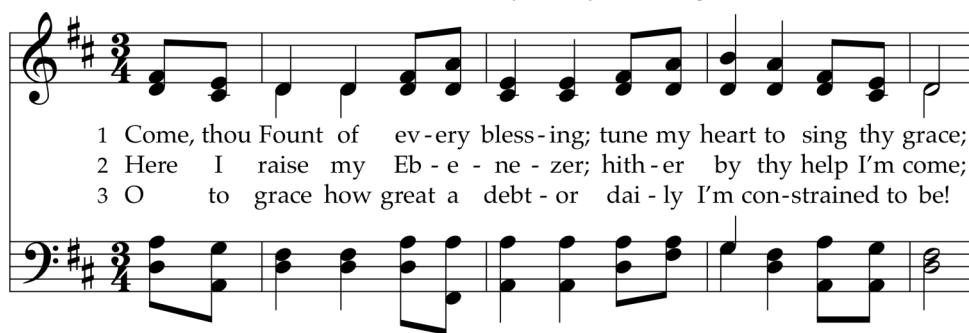
Are you interested in donating flowers to decorate the chancel on a Sunday morning? The 2024 flower calendar is available online at saintphilip.net, go to the calendar and look for the icon you see here or click [here](#). We have several open dates in February and March — and beyond.

Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

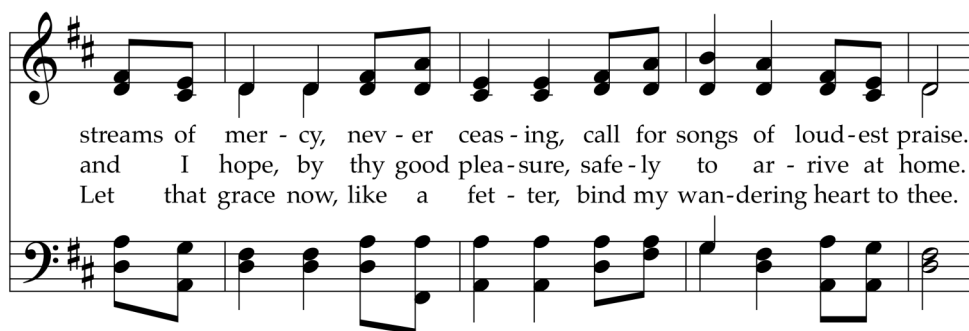
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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

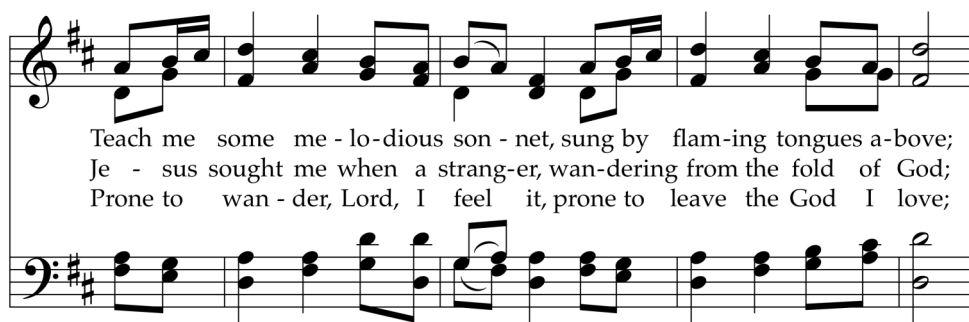
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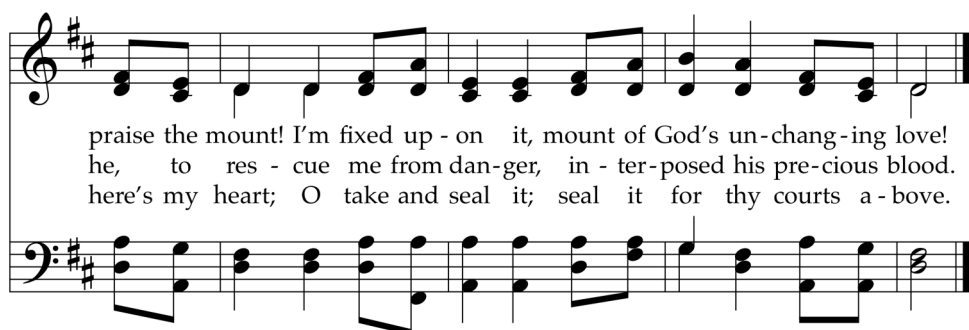
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part Second, 1813

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1 A grate - ful heart is what I bring, a song of
 2 Your name is known in all the lands. You feed the
 3 With sav - ing love you set us free, and still you

praise, my of - fer - ing. A - mong the saints I
 poor with gen - tle hands. Your word is true, your
 dwell in mys - ter - y with wis - dom none can

lift my voice: in you, O God, I will re - joice.
 works are just; in you, O God, the faith - ful trust.
 com - pre - hend. Your praise, O God, will nev - er end.

This paraphrase of Psalm 111 preserves the psalm's quality of providing a general list of God's praiseworthy characteristics rather than giving thanks for a particular act of deliverance. In the original text these attributes are organized as an acrostic on the Hebrew alphabet.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009

MUSIC: *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, 1783; harm. Edward Miller, 1790

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1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.
 MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

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The musical score is written for a hymn on page 14. It features a treble and a bass staff, both in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The treble staff contains a vocal melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "mur - mur stilled: all is right: cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry! take your part:". The music concludes with a double bar line.

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