



ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 12, 2024

## Preparation for Worship

*A Christian community either lives by the intercessory prayers of its members for one another, or the community will be destroyed.*

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**Opening Voluntary** *Serene Alleluias from a Soul Longing Towards Heaven*  
(from *L'Ascension*)

Olivier Messiaen  
(1908-1992)

## Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## Introit

*This Is My Song*

arr. Jason Krug

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

—Lloyd Stone, 1934

## ✠ Opening Sentences

✠ **Hymn 258** ([see page 13](#))

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

DEO GRACIAS

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,  
 you have raised Jesus from death to life,  
 and crowned him Lord of all.  
 We confess that we have not bowed before him,  
 or acknowledged his rule in our lives.  
 We have gone along with the ways of the world,  
 and failed to give him glory.  
 Forgive us, and raise us from sin,  
 that we may be your faithful people,  
 obeying the commands of Jesus Christ,  
 who is the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives.

*silent prayer*

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✦ Response

Fintan O'Carroll

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody.

MUSIC: Fintan O'Carroll, 1981 ©

## ✦ 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 of Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-14

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem***Steal Away*

arr. John Rutter

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus;  
Steal away, steal away home,  
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.

Green trees are bending,  
Poor sinner stands a-trembling;  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul;  
I ain't got long to stay here.

—Wallace Willis, ca.1862

**Sermon**

## Prayers of the People

John W. Wurster

*silence and stillness*✠ **Hymn 465** ([see page 14](#))*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

CONVERSE

✠ **Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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.**

## Offertory

*Gifts may be given any time at [www.saintphilip.net](http://www.saintphilip.net)*

## Offertory

*Come By Here*

arr. Kyle Pederson

Come by here, my Lord, come by here.

O, Lord, come by here.

Someone's prayin', Lord, come by here.

O, Lord, come by here.

Someone's cryin', Lord, come by here.

O, Lord, come by here.

In the morning...

In the evening....

In my waking...

In my sleeping...

In my pleading...

Waiting, caring, loving, blessing, hoping...

grieving, longing, falling, hiding...

healing, aching, laughing, praising...

seeking, finding, breathing, dying...

You are here.

Come by here, my Lord, come by here.

O, Lord, you are here.

– African American spiritual (adap. Pederson)

## ✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Great and mighty God,

we praise you that Christ has ascended

to rule at your right hand.

We thank you that Christ alone is Lord of our lives.

**By your Spirit,**

**give us freedom to love with his love,**

**and to embrace the world with his compassion.**

**Accept the offering of our lives,**

**that we may obey your commands to serve**

**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ✦ Hymn 293 [\(see page 15\)](#)

*Loving Spirit*

OMNI DIE

## ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

## Voluntary

*Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr*

BWV 715

Johann Sebastian Bach

(1685–1750)

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

### Liturgist

Rhonda Sands

### Musicians

Bell Canto | Matthew Dirst – organist | St. Philip Choir | Justin Langham – director of music  
Cecilia Duarte, soloist

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Stephen Paine to the glory of God, in celebration of Mother's Day and in honor of Jane Larkin.

## WORSHIP NOTES

Our *Book of Common Worship* offers this explanation of Ascension Sunday: "Near the conclusion of the season of Easter, we commemorate the ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. On this day in particular, we give thanks for Christ's sovereign rule over all creation, as well as his priestly intercession for us at the throne of God's mercy. We proclaim with joy that Jesus is already Lord of heaven and earth and head of the Church, and watch with longing for the day when he will come again in the glory of God's new creation."

Today's worship service includes traditional Negro Spiritual music. The Black composers of this music are unknown to history and therefore unable to receive royalties directed to their estates for the use of their songs. To remedy this inequity, a fund has been created and approved by the Session where we will collect voluntary "royalties" for using this music. Anyone may donate to the fund by going to the [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net) homepage and selecting *Make a Contribution*, then selecting Negro Spirituals as the fund. Members can also access this page on the MyStPhilip app (also linked to from the homepage). You may also contribute by writing a check with *Negro Spirituals* in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. This small gesture of reparation seeks to help heal the long history of injury to Black persons. Contributions received over the course of the year will be donated annually to a local organization supporting Black musical traditions.

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- Acts 1:1-11 – *Forty days after his resurrection, Jesus ascends into heaven.*
- Psalm 47 – *Clap, shout, and sing with joy: the Lord reigns over all the earth.*
- Psalm 93 – *The Lord reigns in majesty, high above the mighty waters.*
- Ephesians 1:15-23 – *Christ is seated at God's right hand, above every earthly power.*
- Luke 24:44-53 – *Jesus interprets the Scriptures; then he is carried up into heaven.*

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families* – CJ Miller; Russell Bahruth; Ralph Cherillo; Susan Mitchell; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; 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; Terese Murphy- cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; 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; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

*Homebound* – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; John Bobbitt; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

*Friends of St. Philippians* – Jennifer Schenk and Amy Syres from Second Mile Haiti - friends of the Church & Society Class; Barbara Goodson from Have Shears-Will Travel - friend of the Church & Society Class; 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; 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](mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net).

## MUSIC NOTES

This morning's **opening voluntary** comes from one of Olivier Messiaen's most magical works, a 1930s suite on the subject of the Ascension of Christ. "Serene Alleluias" lives up to its name: this is a gently ecstatic variation-style work, yet one that relies on its composer's spiritually infused and highly detailed way of organizing pitches and rhythms. The **closing voluntary** is one of several Bach settings of the German chorale tune *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr* (All Glory Be to God on High). With the lightly decorated melody riding above a sturdy four-part texture, Bach supplies imaginative links between phrases, as he seems to have done during congregational singing throughout his career.

*Finlandia*, the hymn on which our **introit** is based, was taken from a symphonic poem of the same name by the Finnish composer Jean Sibelius, and represents his patriotism for his native Finland. American poet Lloyd Stone wrote the text to Sibelius' hymn as an international song of peace in 1934, creating a powerful combination of tune and text. *Finlandia* is frequently sung or performed in alternative arrangements, like this one for handbells by Jason Krug.

Today's **anthem** and **offertory** are both creative arrangements inspired by Negro Spirituals, and convenient previews for our Spring Spiritual Celebration concert later today at 5pm. John Rutter's version of "Steal Away," a spiritual believed to have been written by a slave of a Choctaw freedman (formerly enslaved person) in the Indian Territory in the early 1860's, illustrates beautifully the changing text using a variety of textures, including dramatic choral interjections and subtle trumpet calls.

"Kum ba yah," a spiritual with less settled origins, was known to be sung in the Gullah culture in the islands off the coast of South Carolina and Georgia. In this new version composed just a few years ago, Pederson offers a new perspective on the phrase "come by here, Lord" from invitation to declaration, morphing the repeated phrase to "you are here" after a stirring musical climax. The improvisatory nature of the piano accompaniment is also intended to "symbolize the creative movement of God's spirit," according to the composer. We hope you will join us for these and more powerful spirituals later today.

—Justin Langham and Matthew Dirst

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# SPRING SPIRITUAL CELEBRATION

**TONIGHT** | **5:00 pm**

Featuring orchestra, soloists, and the  
the combined choirs and handbells  
of St. Philip Presbyterian and  
First United Methodist Church  
Missouri City.

Traditional Spirituals  
with music by:  
H.T. Burleigh  
Stephen Foster  
Antonin Dvořák  
and John Rutter

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## 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. May 19 - The Big Thicket National Preserve in East Texas - A Convergence of Ecosystems - Life of all types abounds in the Big Thicket. This national preserve protects the incredible diversity of life found where multiple habitats meet in southeast Texas. Hiking trails and waterways meander through nine different ecosystems, from longleaf pine forests to cypress-lined bayous. It is a place of discovery, a place to wander and explore, a place to marvel at the richness of nature. - Presented by Sandra Ramos - Texas Coastal Program Manager for the National Parks Conservation Association and National Park Geek Ambassador - This presentation is in conjunction with St. Philip being an Earth Care Congregation. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes:

[churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** – 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@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., with an in-person option in the office conference room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom link, send a note to [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@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 the day. Of current interest is the growing awareness of the effect of Christian Nationalism on our country's social policies. This "ism" has been defined as a concept that is exploiting Christian principles for political purposes." Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson ([sjj10223@gmail.com](mailto:sjj10223@gmail.com)) to be added to our mailing list.



**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB** – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **May 9** at 7:00 p.m. This will be a social gathering at The 401 (6700 Ferris St, Bellaire). 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](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

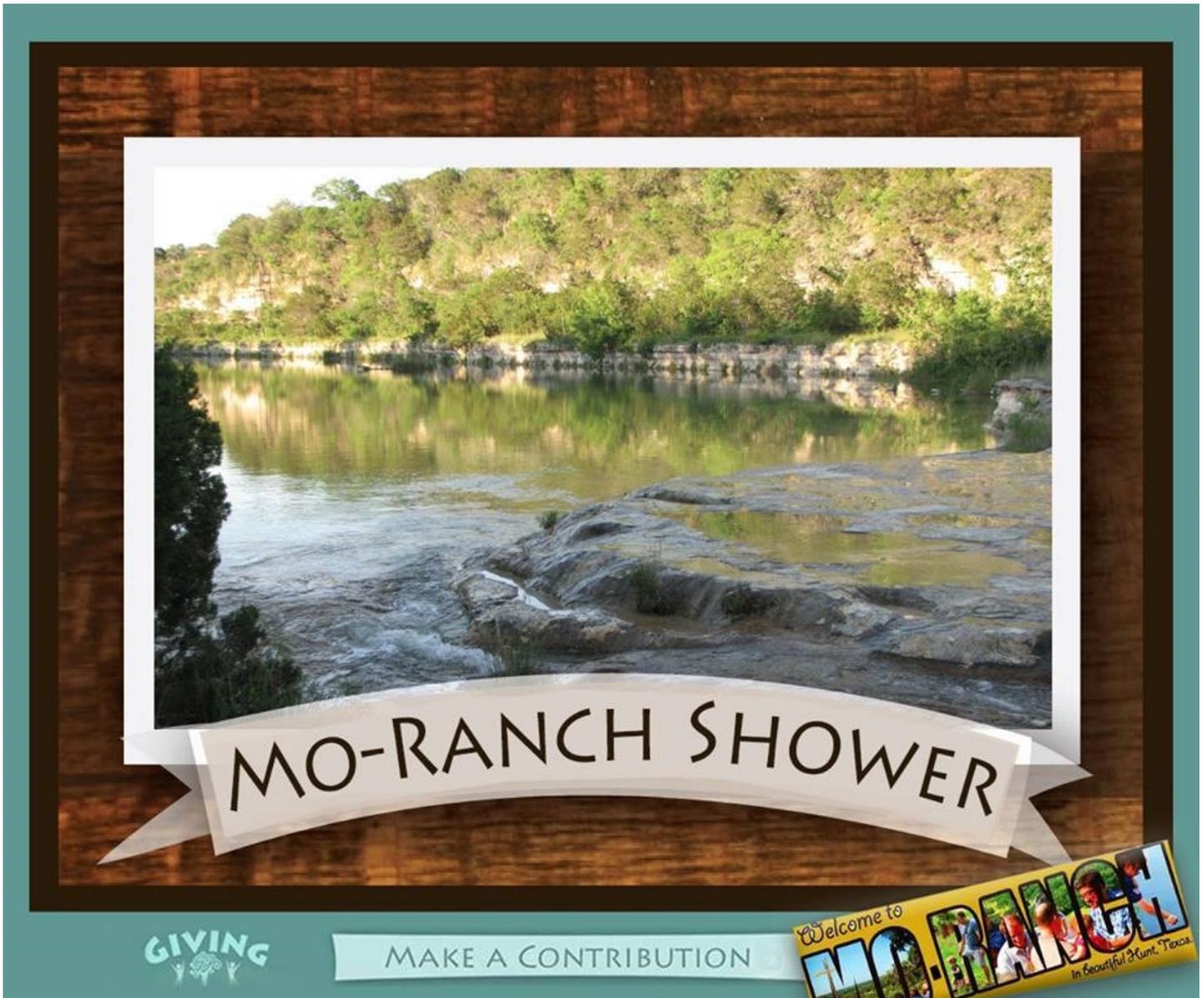
**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP** – Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We are studying *They Walked With God* by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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



It is a St. Philip tradition to gather funds to assist the housekeeping staff at Mo-Ranch with their work. Each year during the retreat, we present this “Mo Shower” gift as a tangible sign of the congregation’s care and support for the ranch.

This year’s “Mo-Shower” will help Mo-Ranch build a new laundry services facility. The new building will provide space for additional machines to make caring for the ranch’s laundry needs more efficient and more manageable for the staff. The new building will have:

- closer proximity to the hotel-style rooms
- more storage for fresh linens, allowing for efficient change-over of rooms
- in-door break room accommodations (currently, staff have no air-conditioning in the laundry facility and so sit outside for breaks and lunch)

Please consider donating to this gift in support of Mo-Ranch. Anyone may donate to the fund by going to the [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net) homepage and selecting *Make a Contribution*, then selecting *MO SHOWER / Gifts* as the fund. Members can also access this page on the MyStPhilip app (also linked to from the homepage). You may also contribute by writing a check with *MO Shower* in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office.

## A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS & A CALL TO PRAY

The congregation is being asked to submit recommendations for persons to serve as Ruling Elders (Session), Trustees, and on the Central Mission Endowment Council.

We ask that the congregation wrap this process in prayer. Take some time to pray over the names in the church directory. Who do you believe exhibits spiritual leadership to take St. Philip to the next step? Who has a contagious passion for God? Who might enlarge our vision, empower our members, and embrace a bit of risk? How about you?

### Thank you for your help! Your 2024 Nominating Committee:

Laura Burgess (chair), Selena Brinegar, Jane Lee, Mickey Meyers, Dick Nunn, and Gay Van Osdall.

To suggest a candidate, please provide the candidate's name and your name in case we have questions. **Self-nominations are welcome.** In making recommendations, please elaborate on personal qualities, involvement in our church, and why you consider this person a good candidate for church leadership. Please use a separate form for each recommendation. If you are recommending a Ruling Elder, please indicate the ministry area(s) you think they would best serve: Education; Finance; Mission; Peacemaking & Social Justice; Personnel; Property; Stewardship; Welcome & Membership; or Worship & Music.

### The digital form is available at:

<https://www.emailmeform.com/builder/form/cb0FTE0I8JuCY5z> or by scanning the QR code.



[ LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS ]

### RULING ELDER

In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities for leading the congregation, those who undertake the ministry of Ruling Elder should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world. As members of the Session, they are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the congregation and for oversight of all the programs and ministries of St. Philip.

#### Currently serving as Elders:

Class of 2024 - *Melissa Aldrich, Beth Atkinson, Walker Fair, Angelina Fonseca, Nancy Higgs, Susan Leonard, Jon Martin.*

Class of 2025 - *Dan Boston, Laura Burgess, Maggie Dement, William Howard, Mary Thornton McGuire, Gary Whitney, Nancy Beck Young.*

Class of 2026 - *Selena Brinegar, Kate Burkart, David Castro, Ada Fuller, Kurt Grether, John Hartman, and Mickey Meyers.*

### TRUSTEE

The duties of the trustees are to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property on behalf of the congregation; and to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the congregation.

Currently serving as Trustees are *David Castle, John Van Osdall, and Casey Lambright.*

### CENTRAL MISSION ENDOWMENT COUNCIL

Members of the council decide the disbursements of the Central Mission Endowment Fund (CMEF). Persons serving on the council should be interested in mission outreach with available time for site visits.

Currently serving on the council are *Bob Ardell, David Castro (Mission Committee Rep), Maggie Dement (Session Rep), Dick Howard, Roderick James, Cathy Patterson, Peg Palisin, Jeanette Wennenwaser, and Jennifer Wilson.*

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# 2024 SUMMER ORGAN SERIES



**Sunday June 9 | 3:00 pm**  
Grant Smith, organist



**Sunday June 30 | 3:00 pm**  
Ben Kerswell, organist



**Sunday July 21 | 3:00 pm**  
Grace Roman, soprano  
Jim Roman, organist



**Sunday August 25 | 3:00 pm**  
Deux Voix | Justin Langham, trumpet  
Stephen Distad, organ

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## MISSION ACTIVITIES

### LIBERTY HS GRADUATION PRACTICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On June 1 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m, Liberty High School graduation coordinator Patsy Pina, needs 2 or 3 graduation rehearsal volunteers to assist with marking the graduation area layout outside the school and guiding students to and from their seats. The campus is located at 5407 Gulfton St. Sign up in the Gathering Area on Sundays during May or email [mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net) if you can volunteer.

### INTERFAITH MINISTRIES OPERATION IMPACT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Philip congregation is invited to volunteer with mission partner Interfaith Ministries on June 1 and/or June 8. We will only be delivering meal boxes that are light weight. No heavy bottled water packs will be distributed this year. Supplies and a list of homebound residents' addresses will be distributed at 9:00 a.m., we will be finished by 10:45 a.m. We are not meeting at the St. Philip church this year. All distribution for June 1 will be from the Midtown location at 3202 San Jacinto. If June 8 is a better date for you to volunteer, we still very much need folks to help in Mainland Galveston County. Pick-up will be at the La Marque location at 216 Byrd St., and deliveries will be to towns like Bacliff, Santa Fe, Texas City, La Marque, etc. Sign up in the Gathering Area to volunteer or email [mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net). You can register directly on the IMGH website at [Operation Impact - Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston \(imggh.org\)](http://Operation Impact - Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston (imggh.org)).



### LIBERTY HS GRADUATION GIFT SCHOOL SUPPLIES DONATION DRIVE

Liberty High School was selected by the Mission committee as the May communion offering recipient. To supplement the May communion offering, St. Philip Mission committee will hold a donation drive from through **June 2**. The graduation gifts of school supplies will be delivered Monday, **June 3** in time for graduation. Gently used supplies or new supplies can be dropped off at the Gathering Area on Sundays or dropped off at the church office. Liberty High School students will be blessed to receive tangible support in this way, helping future college students feel prepared to start the next educational chapter of their lives. Shopping lists are available for pick up at the Mission table in the Gathering Area. A registry of graduation school supplies if you wish to contribute by purchasing the supplies online and they will be shipped directly to the high school graduation coordinator. <https://www.amazon.com/registries/gi/guest-view/3OR6AXNQ6AKCK>



### PENTECOST

#### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

St. Philip's May communion offering mission partner recipient is Liberty High School. On May 19, St. Philip will collect a special Pentecost Offering which helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering collected will be retained for

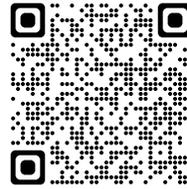
Liberty High School graduating senior activities to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own Houston community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency PC(USA).

### SAVE THE DATE:

### CCSC NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

During the month of June, the Mission Committee will be collecting non-perishable food donations for drop off at the Gathering Area mission table or at the church office. Examples of the different kinds of foods you can drop off include dry beans (1- or 2-pound bags), hearty soups, dry rice (1- or 2-pound bags), canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, boxed dry cereal, pasta sauce, baby food or formula, toilet paper, canned fruit (all types), canned vegetables (all types), and dry pasta/mac and cheese. Food donations will be collected from **June 2 to 30**. The food is especially needed in the summer months because children are out of school and their families must provide their breakfast and lunch, which are usually provided by the school.





### 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](http://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](http://saintphilip.net) and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto: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](http://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.

**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.

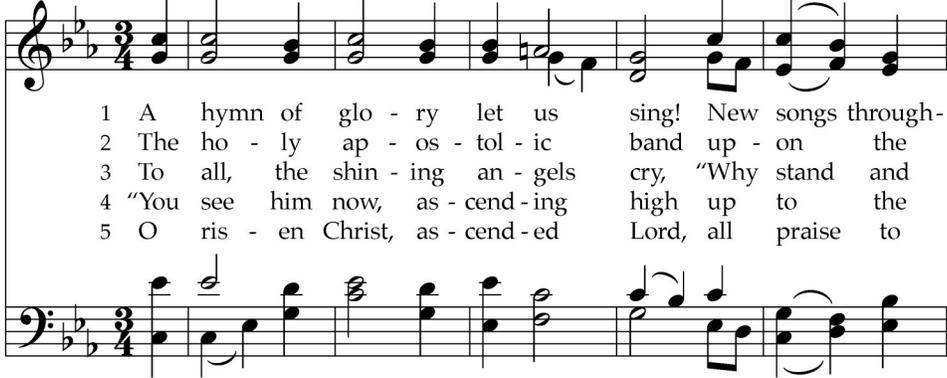
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## Hymn 258

## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

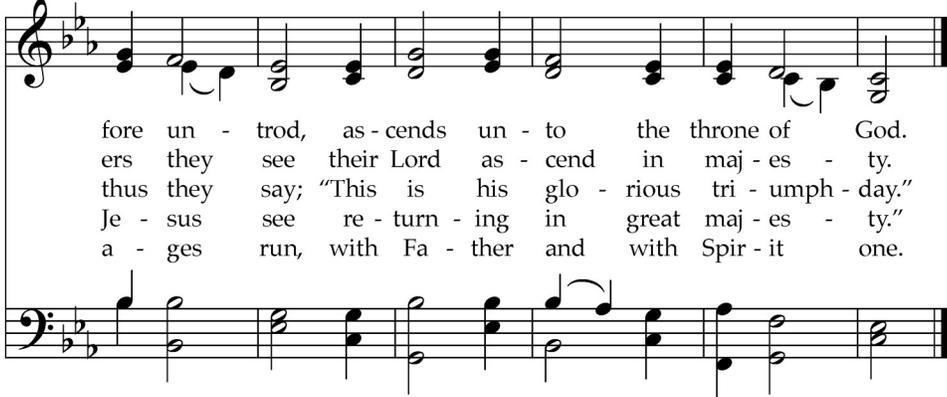
DEO GRACIAS



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the  
 3 To all, the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and  
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to



out the world shall ring; Christ, by a road be -  
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, and with his fol - low -  
 gaze up - on the sky? This is the Sav - ior!"  
 por - tals of the sky. Here - af - ter you shall  
 you let earth ac - cord. You are, while end - less



fore un - trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 ers they see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
 thus they say; "This is his glo - rious tri - umph - day."  
 Je - sus see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.

These stanzas have been crafted from various English translations of a much longer Latin hymn preserved in an 11th-century manuscript in the British Museum. This text celebrating Christ's majesty is well set to a 15th-century English tune commemorating a military victory.

TEXT: The Venerable Bede, 7th–8th cent.; trans. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.

DEO GRACIAS

MUSIC: "The Agincourt Song," c. 1415; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2012

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(alternate tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN with "Alleluia," 15)

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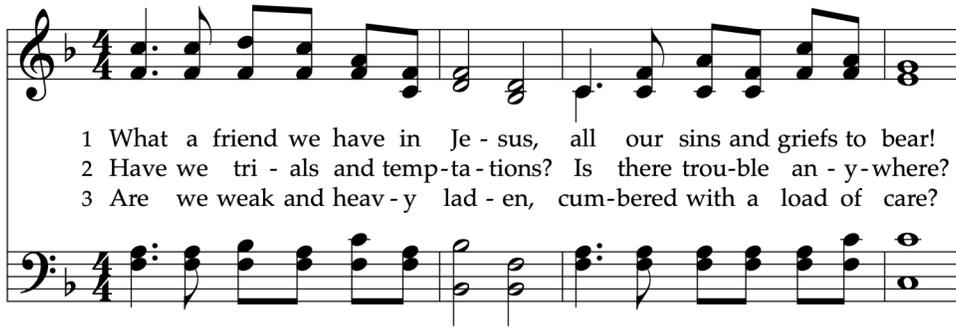
(alternate harmonization, 189)

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## Hymn 465

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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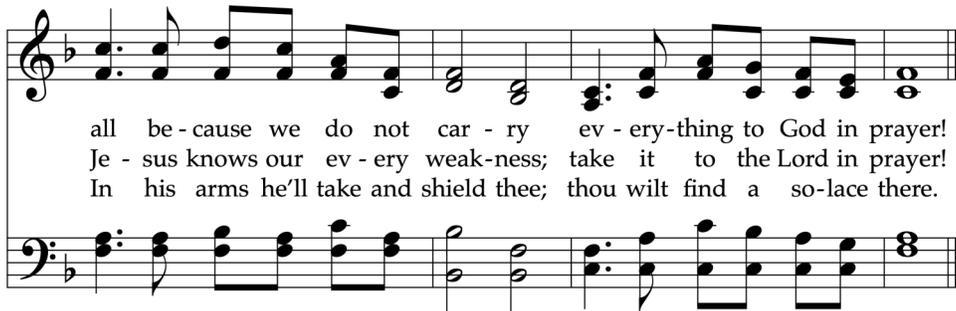
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

## Hymn 293

## Loving Spirit

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1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,  
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,  
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,  
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:  
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1986

MUSIC: Corner's *Gross Catholisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; arr. William Smith Rockstro, 19th cent.

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