

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 30, 2024

**Voluntary**

*Impromptu (from the Pièces de fantaisie)*

Louis Vierne  
(1870-1937)

**Greeting**

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

**Introit**

*Sing Ye A Beautiful Song Unto the Lord*

Antonín Dvořák  
(1841-1904)

Sing ye a joyful song unto the Lord.  
Who hath done marvelous things.  
Praise the Lord all the earth!  
Sing praises, shout, and be joyful!

Let the sea roar and all that is therein,  
The round world and all they that dwell there,  
Lift your voices, floods and tempests.  
Mountains, clap your hands for joy.

Let the fields laugh and sing, with waving corn,  
And let all the trees of the forest be joyful!

—Psalm 98:1, 4-5, 7, 8 & 96: 11-12

✦ **Opening Sentences**

Strange One. Fabulous One. Fluid and ever becoming One.

**You are as close to us as our own breath,  
yet your essence transcends all that we can imagine.**

You are mother, father, and parent.

**You are sister, brother, and sibling.**

Embodied in us, your creation,  
**we recognize our flesh in all its forms is made holy in you.**

With thanksgiving, we celebrate your glorious manifestations.

**May we delight in the ways you have created us:  
diverse, unique, surprising, and beautiful.**

Let us worship God!



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2. For all gen - ders here, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4. For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for all gen - ders here, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for gay, bi, and straight, the chal - ice of grace,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

*Refrain*



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus-tice and



joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus-tice,



jus-tice and joy!

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Wonderful God,  
 since the beginning, you have been revealing yourself to us in different forms,  
 but we struggle to understand.  
 In Jesus, you took on the flesh of an infant,  
 made yourself vulnerable, and risked everything,  
 all in hopes of deepening your relationship with us.  
 Like our ancestors who responded to your coming out with violence and rejection,  
 we acknowledge we turn away from your revelation in unexpected people and places.  
 By your Spirit, make us the kind of community  
 where all your children can find home, family, and embrace.

*silent prayer*

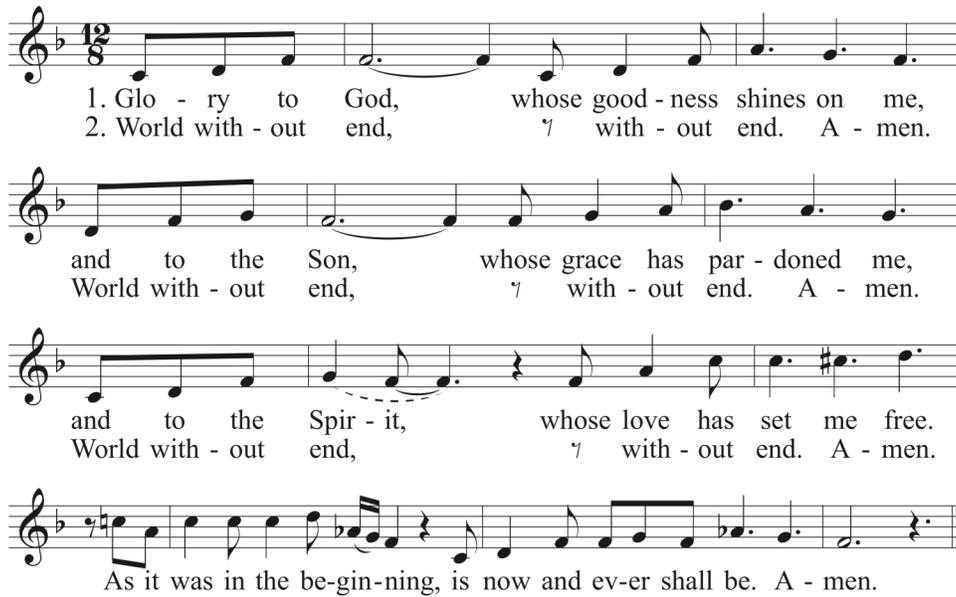
Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## ✦ Response

Paul Vasile



1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2. World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

## ✦ The Peace

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

## Conversation with Children

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

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Mark 5:24-34

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

## Anthem

*I Choose Love*

Mark Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love.  
 In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,  
 I await the sun again, I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.  
 In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,  
 I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.  
 When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,  
 I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

## Sermon

## Tell It Like It Is

John Wurster

*silence and stillness*

## ✦ Hymn

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

NEW DIMENSIONS



1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3. As we stand, a world di - vi - ded by our own self -  
 4. We are ev - ery race and gen - der, all ex - pres - sions,  
 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lis - ten to the si - lenced?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glo - bal vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it



wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney,



now and ev - er, here for - ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

## ✦ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

God has created the peoples of earth  
to be one universal family.  
In reconciling love,  
God overcomes the barriers between people  
and breaks down every form of discrimination.  
The church is called to bring all people  
to receive and uphold one another  
as persons in all relationships of life:  
in employment, housing, education, leisure,  
marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights.  
Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all discrimination  
and ministers to those injured by it.  
Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians  
who exclude, dominate, or patronize persons,  
however subtly, resist the Spirit of God  
and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

The church does not identify limited progress  
with the kingdom of God on earth,  
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.  
In steadfast hope,  
the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

## 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 Anthem

*A Horse With Wings*

Ricky Ian Gordon  
(b. 1956)

I wanna cry.  
I wanna feel the world around me whirling by.  
I wanna cry for those that live,  
and those that die.  
You sing a lullaby.  
I wanna cry.

I wanna pray,  
that all my wishes could come true after today,  
and should I put a word for you in,  
should I say  
an extra Kyrie?  
I wanna pray.

I wanna lie.  
I wanna think that things are better  
than they are.  
I wanna think we've gotten further,

and that far  
is just an inch away.  
I wanna lie.

A horse with wings,  
I wanna think of things like that  
and other things.  
I want two brothers, one who laughs,  
and one who sings.  
I hope the future brings  
a horse with wings.

I wanna know  
the things they told me way back then  
were really so.  
I wanna make a little mark before I go,  
not barely just get by,  
I wanna fly!

— Ricky Ian Gordon (1995)

## ✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Eternal God,  
 we thank you for the gifts you have given us in Jesus Christ.  
**Strengthen us by your Spirit**  
**so that we may use what we have received**  
**to the glory of your name**  
**and for your work in the world. Amen.**

## ✦ Hymn

### *Sing a New World into Being*

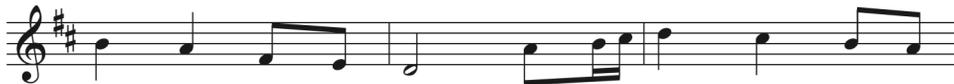
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1. Sing a new world in-to be - ing. Sound a bold and hope - ful  
 2. Sing a new world in-to be - ing where each gen - der, class, and  
 3. Sing a new world in-to be - ing where the home-less find a  
 4. Sing a new world in-to be - ing. Join the an - cient proph-ets'



theme. Find a tune for si - lent yearn-ings. Lend your  
 race brings its rain - bow gifts and col - ors to God's  
 home, where no chil - dren ev - er hun - ger but are  
 cry for a time of health and plen - ty when all



voice and dare to dream: dream a church where all who  
 lim - it - less em - brace; where the lines that once di -  
 filled in God's sha - lom; where all peo - ple work for  
 tears have been wiped dry; when com - pas - sion flows like



wor - ship find their lives and loves be - long. Sing a  
 vi - ded form in - stead the ties that bind. Sing a  
 jus - tice, where all hate and ven - geance cease. Sing a  
 wa - ters, pour - ing balm for all who grieve. Sing a



new world in-to be - ing. Sing as Christ in - spires your song!  
 new world in-to be - ing; risk trans - form - ing heart and mind!  
 new world in-to be - ing; raise the har - mo - nies of peace.  
 new world in-to be - ing; live the prom - ise you be - lieve!

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## ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

**Voluntary**

*Carillon du Longpont (from the Pièces en style libre)*

Louis Vierne

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

### Liturgist

Suzanne Kerr

### Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | Thomas O'Neill, soloist | St. Philip Summer Chamber Choir

Cecilia Duarte, soloist | Justin Langham, director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Suzanne Kerr to the glory to God and in celebration of David Kerr's birthday and with gratitude for their 36 years of marriage.

## WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 – *David laments the deaths of Jonathan and Saul, killed in battle.*
- Psalm 130 – *Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; in your word I hope.*
- Lamentations 3:22-33 – *The steadfast love the Lord never ceases; God's faithfulness is great.*
- Psalm 30 – *O Lord, you brought me up from the grave; my soul praises you.*
- 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 – *Give generously to those in need; for our sake, Jesus became poor.*
- Mark 5:21-43 – *Jesus heals a long-suffering woman and raises a girl from the dead.*

## MUSIC NOTES

Today's organ voluntaries come from Louis Vierne, long-time organist of Notre Dame, Paris. Vierne published four volumes of "fantasy" pieces, some of which are explicitly programmatic while others explore distinct tone colors of the instrument. His Impromptu, one of the latter type, fits within a humble genre popular since at least the time of Beethoven: as its name suggests, an "impromptu" is a spontaneous kind of piece, suitable for practically any occasion. This particular impromptu plays with the flute and reed stops of the organ to joyful and colorful effect.

Vierne also published two modest collections of pieces "in free style." His 24 Pièces en style libre, as he notes in the volume's preface, are appropriate for church use on either an organ or a harmonium. This collection's boisterous Carillon is based on the pattern of a bell peal at the Chapel of Longpont, a famous abbey just outside of Paris.

Czech composer Antonín Dvořák is no stranger to American audiences, having composed his two most famous pieces – Symphony No. 9 "From the New World" and his Cello Concerto – while living in New York from 1892 to 1895. Before returning to his native Bohemia, likely

stricken by homesickness, he composed ten settings of the verses from the Czech-language Bible that comprise his cycle of "Biblical Songs" for voice and piano. The final song, sung here with organ as today's introit, is a celebratory combination of text from Psalm 98 and 96.

American composer Mark Miller has a reputation for writing genuine and personally expressive music, and today's anthem is no exception. Composed in response to the tragic shooting at Mother Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston in 2021, the work sets simple but powerful combination of text and melody that repeats and builds from solo voice to full choir, reminding us all that in the face of pain, war, brokenness, inequality, and prejudice, we have the agency and responsibility to choose love.

One of many songs penned by prolific creator of musical theater, opera, and art song Ricky Ian Gordon, A Horse With Wings epitomizes his unique blend of beautifully accessible cabaret-style music with original text that invites wide interpretation and imagination. His 2010 album of the same name is a collection of this and other art songs sung by the composer.

— Notes by Justin Langham and Matthew Dirst

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Colleen Nelson, Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and family upon the death of Dorothy Blackwell on June 6. A memorial service will be held on July 13 at 2 p.m. at St. Philip.*

*St. Philippians and their families – Rev. Louise Row; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Roderick James; Susan Estill; Carolyn Vestal; Bill Morris; Diane Clarke; CJ Miller; Russell Bahruth; Ralph Cherillo; Susan Mitchell; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; 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; Tyler Keever-son of Pam & Frank Keever; Raquel Calhoun -sister-in-law of Pam Keever; Jerry Isbell – son-in-law of Bill & Karen Morris; Terese Murphy- cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; 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; Joan Boelens; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.*

*Friends of St. Philippians - 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)



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### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON SUMMER RECESS AND RETURN SEPTEMBER 8

#### ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

St. Philip offers a variety of weekday activities for young and seasoned which are on summer recess. Please visit our website ([saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net)) to see what you have to look forward to in the fall.

**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. For more information, email Keatan King at: [keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **July 11** at 7:00 p.m. Watch your email for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nml@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nml@lambrightlaw.com).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP**—This group will conclude its current study of Christian Nationalism with its zoom meeting on Monday, **June 24**. A new study will begin in September. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at [sjj10223@gmail.com](mailto:sjj10223@gmail.com).

#### MISSION ACTIVITIES

**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), dry pasta and mac and cheese. Food donations continue through **June 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.

**REGISTER NOW! KIDS MEALS' PACKING**—St. Philip mission partner Kids Meals will host a group from St. Philip on Monday, **July 8**, from 12:30 - 2:30 PM, to prepare sack lunches for children at home from school during the summer. Sign up now through July 7. **YOU MUST REGISTER VIA THE LINK PROVIDED BELOW FOR THE EVENT DATE OF JULY 8, REGISTRATION LINK:**

<http://stphilip.kidsmealsinc.volunteerhub.com/>

**SAVE THE DATE CCSC BACK TO SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**—Join the St. Philip group of volunteers to distribute school supplies to children on Saturday, **August 3**, from 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM. Sign up in the Gathering Area during the month of July or email [mission@saintphilip.net](mailto:mission@saintphilip.net) if you can attend. If you are not available August 3, there are other volunteer opportunities you can sign up for to support the Back to School event. **July 27** is the supply bag assembly day where children aged 5 and up can attend as well. Friday, **August 2** is the first distribution day and teenagers 15 and up volunteer as well. See the additional days and times to volunteer. You must register here to attend:

<https://bit.ly/3URRkgH>

Finally, if you are not able to attend the volunteer days but wish to support the students, CCSC has a Sponsor a Student program. For a \$75 donation, that purchases new clothes and shoes, a backpack and the grade level supply package for one student. You can sponsor a student here: [Back To School | Christian Community Service Center \(ccschouston.org\)](http://BackToSchool|ChristianCommunityServiceCenter(ccschouston.org))



#### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Beginning **July 5** and continuing through **August 9**, the church office will be closed on Fridays. This schedule helps us conserve energy and better cover staff vacations. We will return to regular Friday office hours on **August 16**.



**VOLUNTEER WITH**



**MONDAY,  
JULY 8  
12:30 - 2:30 PM**



**HELP PREPARE SACK LUNCHES!**

**VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER AT:**

[HTTP://STPHILIP.KIDSMEALSINC.VOLUNTEERHUB.COM](http://STPHILIP.KIDSMEALSINC.VOLUNTEERHUB.COM)



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Join us for an afternoon of varied repertoire, featuring works by Bach, Still, Bolcom, and Reubke. This program will include Bach's *Trio Sonata in C Major*, William Grant Still's pensive *Reverie*, William Bolcom's joyful *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*, and culminate with the monumental *Sonata on the 94<sup>th</sup> Psalm* by Julius Reubke.

**Ben Kerswell** serves as Cantor of Christ the King Lutheran Church and Associate Artistic Director of Bach Society Houston. He is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Organ Performance at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University, where he studies with and completed his Master of Music in Organ Performance under Ken Cowan.



**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.

**I Give Electronically** – in response to parents' hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.



**Lost & Found** – did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Office, [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net) or 713-622-4807.