



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 14, 2024

## Preparation for Worship

*To your name, Lord Jesus,  
help me to bow the knee  
and all its worshipping,  
bow the head  
and all its thinking,  
bow the will  
and all its choosing,  
bow the heart  
and all its loving. Amen.*

— from the Book of Common Worship (2018)

## Voluntary

*Courante from Cello Suite No. 3 in C major*  
BWV 1009

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

## Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

## Bell Introit

*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky*

arr. Jason Krug

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true and only Light,  
Sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shade of night;  
Day-spring from on high, be near;  
Day-star, in my heart appear.

— Charles Wesley (1740)

## ✦ Opening Sentences

God calls  
God gathers  
God challenges  
God moves  
God liberates  
God saves

**Guide us and our lives, O Holy One, so all creation might flourish.**

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,  
 in your presence we confess  
 our failure to be what you created us to be.  
 You alone know how often we have sinned  
 in wandering from your ways,  
 in wasting your gifts,  
 in forgetting your love.  
 By your loving mercy,  
 help us to live in your light  
 and abide in your ways,  
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*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

Amos 7:7-15

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

**Anthem***Think on These Things*

Mark Patterson

Whatever is pure, whatever is true,  
 Whatever is noble and just and good:  
 Think on these things, live by these things,  
 Rejoice together in these things,  
 and the God of peace will be with you.

When the cares of life confound you,  
 When the storms of doubt sweep in,  
 Turn to God with all things in prayer,  
 And a peace beyond all knowing will guard you and guide you.

– Inspired by Philippians 4:4-9

**Sermon****A Major Purpose**

Omar Rouchon

*silence and stillness*

✦ **Hymn 731** ([see page 9](#))

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

REPTON

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
 whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in God,  
 whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
 and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
 male and female, of every race and people,  
 to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
 Ignoring God's commandments,  
 we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
 accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
 and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love,  
 the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
 to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,  
 God delivered the children of Israel  
 from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,  
 God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
 like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
 God is faithful still.**

## 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

*The Call*

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
 (1872-1958)

Come my Way, my Truth, my Light;  
 Such a Way, as gives us breath,  
 Such a Truth, as ends all strife,  
 Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength;  
 Such a Light, as shows a feast,  
 Such a Feast, as mends in length,  
 Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;  
 Such a Joy, as none can move,  
 Such a Love, as none can part,  
 Such a Heart, as joys in love.

—George Herbert (1633)

#### ✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

We offer these gifts to you, O God,  
 as we strive to live generously in a world with great need.  
**As we rejoice in the richness of your creation,  
 we pray that our gifts may help fulfill your will that  
 all will be made well and whole. Amen.**

#### ✠ Hymn 19 [\(see page 10\)](#)

*God of Great and God of Small*

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL

#### ✠ Charge and Blessing

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

#### Voluntary

*Allegro from Sonata in E minor*  
 Op. 14, No. 5

Antonio Vivaldi  
 (1678-1741)

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

### Liturgist

Melissa Aldrich

### Musicians

Barry Stills, cellist | Bell Canto, Jane Malczewskyj, conducting | Matthew Dirst, organist  
St. Philip Summer Chamber Choir | Saïd Pressley, soloist | Justin Langham, director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by daughters Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson, Colleen Nelson, and Florence McKelvey Bunch to the glory of God and in loving memory of their mother Dorothy Blackwell.

## WORSHIP NOTES

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

- 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19—*Returning the ark to Jerusalem, David dances before the Lord.*
- Psalm 24—*Lift up your heads, O gates, that the King of glory may enter!*
- Amos 7:7-15—*God shows the prophet Amos a plumbline, a vision of justice.*
- Psalm 85:8-13—*Love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.*
- Ephesians 1:3-14—*We were chosen in Christ from the beginning to give glory to God.*
- Mark 6:14-29—*Herod puts John the Baptist to death; reports of Jesus spread.*

## MUSIC NOTES

J.S. Bach and Antonio Vivaldi were giants of the Baroque and masters of their craft, who penned some of the most important works for the cello in all of Western art music. Bach's suites for solo cello and Vivaldi's cello sonatas, both firm staples in the modern cellist's repertoire, share a common structure of short, multi-movement pieces that are highly rhythmic and tuneful. Both opening and closing **voluntaries** feature the instrument's dexterity, warm tone and register, and boundless expressive capability.

By measures of both quality and quantity, Charles Wesley is one of, if not the greatest hymn-writer of all time. Today's **introit** is an arrangement of one of his more beloved tunes and text, here performed by our wonderful handbell ensemble. The text of our choral **anthem**, a lovely modern setting inspired by Philipians 4, encourages us to think on all the things that are

noble and good. The simplicity of these words is matched by a simple choral texture that combines tender melodicism sensitive to the text with subtle rhythmic vitality, a hallmark of Mark Patterson's compositional style.

A timeless classic in the concert and church realms, our **offertory** is the fourth of five "Mystical Songs" by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. Each movement sets poetry by fellow Englishman, 17th-century poet George Herbert, whose simple but direct verse has an intrinsic spirituality that is reflected in the musical treatment. "The Call," consisting almost entirely of one-syllable words, epitomizes simple but direct, with allusions to both old and new testaments. 'Come' is both the poet's call to God, as well as the poet's response to God's call.

— Notes by Justin Langham

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Mac River Marlen was born to Nancy Waldrop and Justin Marlen of Red Lodge, Montana on July 4, 2024. Ruthie and Al Waldrop are proud grandparents!*

*St. Philippians and their families – Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; 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 Kever-son of Pam & Frank Kever; Raquel Calhoun -sister-in-law of Pam Kever; 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 - Annie Joseph – friend of Jeanie Flowers; 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 AT  ST. PHILIP

## 2024 SUMMER ORGAN SERIES



**Sunday July 21 | 3:00 pm**

Grace Roman, soprano  
Jim Roman, organist

Free Admission

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### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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**.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

### 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 **August 8** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *Beartown* by Fredrik Blackman. Watch your email for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at:

[nml@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nml@lambrightlaw.com).


## MISSION ACTIVITIES

**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 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 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))

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# BACK TO SCHOOL


Since 1986, CCSC has been helping low-income students prepare for the first day of school. This year's program will provide 4,000 students with school supplies, a backpack and a \$50 gift card for clothing. Here is how you can help.

## 1. VOLUNTEER


**July 27: Supply Bag Assembly**  
Package school supplies into pre-K through 12th grade bags. Various tasks for volunteers ages 5+.

**August 2-3: Community Event**  
Distribute school supply bags, backpacks and gift cards to clients. Various tasks for volunteers ages 15+. Bilingual (English/Spanish) volunteers needed for some roles.

Please register in advance to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/3URRkgH>. Groups of 10+ volunteers are asked to contact the Youth Services Manager at [shans@ccschouston.org](mailto:shans@ccschouston.org) to ensure a volunteer shift.



## 2. SPONSOR A STUDENT



**\$75 provides new clothing/shoes, a backpack and a grade-level school supply package for one student.**

Donate online at [ccschouston.org/backtoschool](http://ccschouston.org/backtoschool) or scan the QR code at left.

Mail a personal check to:  
CCSC, P.O. Box 27924, Houston, TX 77227  
Please note "Back To School" in the memo.

Donors, as always, are invited to support Back To School in whatever amount they find comfortable.

[ccschouston.org/backtoschool](http://ccschouston.org/backtoschool)

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a morning hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

TEXT: German hymn, c. 1800; trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858, alt.  
 MUSIC: Joseph Barnby, 1868

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## Hymn 731

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

REPTON



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -  
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere  
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling  
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so  
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the  
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an  
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -  
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on  
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -  
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



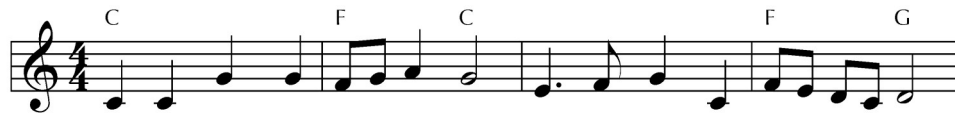
ly they speak: the strong, who once were weak!  
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.  
 cerns they own: God's love through them is known.  
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

The first three stanzas of this text are organized around the three great virtues—faith, hope, and love—mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:13. These have indeed been the marks of the faithful people of God always and everywhere, and the final stanza sums up our gratitude for them.

## Hymn 19

*God of Great and God of Small*

GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL



1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,  
 2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,  
 3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,  
 4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,  
 God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,  
 God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,  
 God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

*Refrain*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Although it uses remarkably simple language, this text affirms a great mystery: beyond all our powers of explanation, God holds together all the opposites that seem to pull us in one direction or another. Yet God is present to them all and also to us; for that we give praise.

TEXT: Natalie Sleeth, 1973  
 MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1973; arr. Beverly A. Howard, 2012  
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GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL  
 7.7.7.7 with refrain

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**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.**

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**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). 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.