

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 28, 2024

Preparation for Worship

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
beyond all thoughts and fantasy, that God,
the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.*

—Thomas à Kempis, 15th century

Voluntary

Sonata in F Major: Allegro

Carl Philip Emanuel Bach
(1714-1788)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Introit

The Lord is My Light

Justin Langham

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life,

Of whom shall I be afraid?

Thy wicked enemies stumble and fall.

If hosts should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.

—Adap. Psalm 27: 1-3

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 412 [\(see page 8\)](#)

God, Reveal Your Presence

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✦ Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,
 we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
 for we have done wrong.
 We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
 We have turned from our neighbors
 and refused to bear the burdens of others.
 We have ignored the pain of the world
 and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
 In your great mercy, forgive our sins
 and free us from selfishness
 that we may choose your will
 and obey your commandments
 through 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

First Reading

Ephesians 3:14-19

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

Anthem*The Lord is my shepherd*Howard Goodall
(b. 1958)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

— Adap. Psalm 23

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-15

N.T. pg. 97

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

Sermon

Count on It

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

✦ **Hymn 36** ([see page 9](#))*For the Fruit of All Creation*

AR HYDY NOS

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**from *The Confession of Belhar*

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.
We believe that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered
the powers of sin and death,
and that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church
to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life
for society and the 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. Richard Shephard

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

—Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Generous God,
you are rich in mercy and boundless in love.
We offer our thanks for all of your gifts.
Help us to use well all that we have received,
as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

✦ Hymn 366 [\(see page 10\)](#)

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Sonata in F Major: Allegretto

C.P.E. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Pastor

John Wurster

Liturgist

Nancy Johnson

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | St. Philip Summer Chamber Choir | Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Melissa and Guy Aldrich in loving memory of Emmett F. Barnes, Jr. father of Melissa.

WORSHIP NOTES

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

- 2 Samuel 11:1-15 – *David assaults Bathsheba and arranges the death of her husband.*
- Psalm 14 – *Fools do corrupt and abominable things, believing there is no God.*
- 2 Kings 4:42-44 – *Elisha feeds a hundred people with a few loaves and ears of grain.*
- Psalm 145:10-18 – *You open your hand, O Lord, and give food to all in due season.*
- Ephesians 3:14-21 – *May you know the love of Christ and receive the fullness of God.*
- John 6:1-21 – *Jesus feeds five thousand people with five loaves and two fish.*

MUSIC NOTES

C. P. E Bach wrote his organ sonatas in the 1750s for Princess Amalie of Prussia, Frederick the Great's sister, who was an accomplished keyboard player and organist and a key collector of musical manuscripts. The **F major Sonata** Wq. 70/3, fourth in a set of six, is typical of the fashionable *galant* style of composition that was the rage in mid-century Berlin especially. It neatly embodies the two dominant moods common to much of Emanuel Bach's keyboard music: an irrepressible sense of joy with occasional moments of introspection. Its opening and closing movements serve today as our opening and closing voluntaries, respectively.

Our **introit** is a brand new setting of the opening of Psalm 27 meant to capture the impact of the foundational belief in salvation through Jesus Christ. The three parts of this short work convey the excitement and triumph over fear through modulating return of the opening material, and is driven by a rhythmic ostinato (repeated pattern) in the organ accompaniment and

catchy, syncopated melody in the choral parts. Today's **anthem**, Howard Goodall's setting of another beloved Psalm, was originally composed in 1994 as the theme to the popular BBC series, *The Vicar of Dibley*, and has become a new classic due to its warmth, tranquility, and accessibility. The opening melody, which was sung by a boy soprano on the original recording, creates a peaceful mood that continues throughout the piece, contrasted by a dramatic middle section that then resolves to a calm conclusion.

One of many arrangements of the popular tune, our **offertory** is a relatively reserved setting of the familiar SLANE hymn tune. Like many other hymn tunes, SLANE is based predominantly on the pentatonic scale, but demonstrates a wide vocal range. The arrangement is laid out with minimal changes to the original hymn version, preserving and appropriately displaying the beauty of the tune and its normally paired text.

– Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

IN OUR PRAYERS

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 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 - 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.

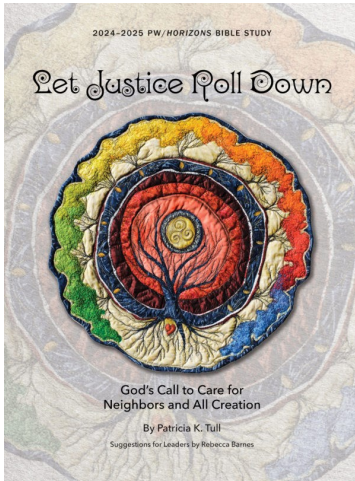
If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please mail: deacons@saintphilip.net

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY



Bible study books for the coming year have arrived! Bible study in our circles is a vital part of our mission and we look forward to the lessons from "Let Justice Roll Down" by Patricia K. Tull. We'll be studying and praying about God's call to care for neighbors and all creation.

We'll have the books available in the Gathering Area before and after worship this Sunday and all Sundays in August or you can pick yours up from Lorrie in the Church Office. The cost is \$10 for the regular version and \$15 for the large print, payable through St Philip's on-line payment portal, cash (please have exact amount), or by check.

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) 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.

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:

nnl@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 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 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 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

1 God, re - veal your pres - ence: glad - ly we a - dore you,
 2 In God's ho - ly pres - ence, hear the harps re - sound - ing;
 3 Foun - tain of all bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;

and with awe ap - pear be - fore you. Ho - ly is your tem -
 see the crowds the throne sur - round - ing: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -
 all my trust is in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly an -

ple: all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly bow with deep - est
 ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their voic - es
 gels on your glo - ry gaz - ing, we a - dore, ho - san - nas

rev - erence. You a - lone now we own as our
 blend - ing. Turn your ear to us here; hear, O
 rais - ing. Let your will ev - er still rule your

God and Sav - ior: praise your name for - ev - er!
 Christ, the prais - es that your church now rais - es.
 church ter - res - trial, as the hosts ce - les - tial.

Despite multiple layers of translation and revision, this text embodies the mystical piety of one of the German Reformed Church's greatest hymnists and spiritual leaders of the early 18th century. It is here set to a slightly earlier tune from that tradition.

Hymn 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

AR HYDY NOS

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784
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Hymn 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

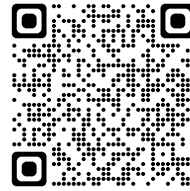


thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Pritchard, 1831, alt.

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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.

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. 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 or 713-622-4807.