



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 7, 2024

## Voluntary

*Fanfare*

Craig Sellar Lang  
(1891-1971)

## Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

## Introit

*Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor* (excerpt)

arr. Roy Ringwald

Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

—From “The New Colossus,” a sonnet by Emma Lazarus (1883)

## ✠ Opening Sentences

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**maker of heaven and earth.**

PS. 124:8

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

PS. 118:24

## ✠ Hymn 331 [\(see page 9\)](#)

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

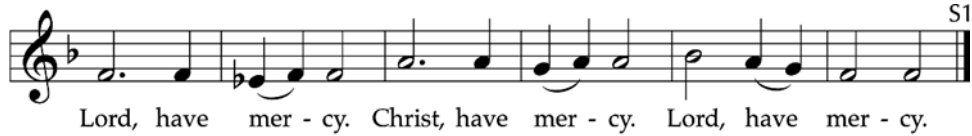
NATIONAL HYMN

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

The grace of God overflows for us  
through Christ Jesus  
who came into the world to save sinners.  
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

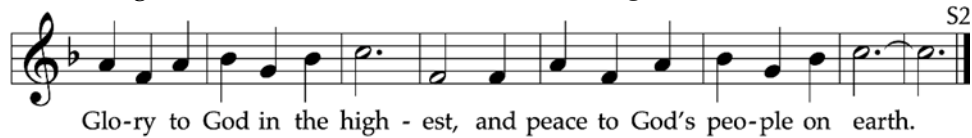
**Merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you**  
**with our whole heart and mind and strength.**  
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**In your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

*silent prayer*



## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**



## ✦ 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

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy  
what you say to us today. **Amen.**

## Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1-6

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem***Steal Away*

arr. Braeal W. Dennard

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

My Lord calls me.  
 He calls me by the thunder...

Green trees a-bending,  
 Poor sinner stands a-trembling...

My Lord calls me.  
 He calls me by the lightning...

The trumpet sounds within-a my soul.  
 I ain't got long to stay here.

—Wallace Willis, sometime before 1862

**Sermon**

John Wurster

*silence and stillness*✠ **Hymn 274** ([see page 10](#))*You, Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

PICARDY

✠ **Affirmation of Faith**from *Nicene Creed*

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son  
 is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Offering

### Offertory Anthem

*Create In Me a Clean Heart*

Allen Pote  
(b. 1945)

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 And renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not, from thy presence, O Lord,  
 Take not thy holy spirit from me.  
 Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,  
 Uphold me with thy loving spirit in me.

— Adapt. Psalm 51

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
 People will come from north and south  
 and from east and west  
 to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

According to Luke,  
 when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,  
 he took the bread, blessed and broke it,  
 and gave it to them.  
 Their eyes were then opened,  
 and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table.  
 Our Savior invites those who trust him  
 to share the feast that he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### Great Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God.  
 All your works, the height and the depth,  
 echo the silent music of your praise.  
 In the beginning your Word summoned light,  
 night withdrew, and creation dawned.  
 As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth  
 and life appeared.  
 When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance,  
 you created in your image man and woman, the stewards of all creation.  
 You gave us breath and speech,  
 that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise,  
 and to celebrate the creation you call good.

All holy God,  
 how wonderful is the work of your hands!  
 When sin had scarred the world,  
 you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation.  
 As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
 as a father joyfully welcomes his own,  
 you embraced a people as your own  
 and filled them with longing  
 for a peace that would last  
 and for a justice that would never fail.  
 Through countless generations  
 your people hungered for the bread of freedom.  
 From them you raised up Jesus, your Son,  
 the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are satisfied.  
 He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer;  
 he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down.  
 But with a love stronger than death,  
 he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
 and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,  
 that the bread we break and the cup we bless  
 may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.  
 May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer,  
 strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.

Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation,  
 we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ  
 Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

### **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.**

### **Communion of the People**

### **Communion Music**

### **Prayer after Communion**

God of abundance,  
 with this bread of life and cup of salvation  
 you have united us with Christ,  
 making us one with all your people.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit  
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
 and continue forever in the risen life  
 of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

✦ **Hymn 340** ([see page 11](#))

*This Is My Song*

FINLANDIA

## ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

### Voluntary

*Rigaudon*

Georg Boehm  
(1661-1773)

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

### Liturgist

John Lemen

### Musicians

Jane Malczewskyj, organist & pianist | St. Philip Summer Chamber Choir | Justin Langham, director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Jacquie Colton to the glory to God and in memory of her parents' wedding anniversary, Melvin and Mary Louise Colton.

## WORSHIP NOTES

To receive communion today, please come forward via the center aisle, for a piece of bread. The bread may be dipped in the chalice of grape juice and consumed or you may take a small cup of grape juice from the tray. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available, just ask the servers as you come forward. Those with mobility challenges may receive communion in their seats, just signal the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. This month's Communion Offering supports St. Philip's Mission Partner **Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston**. Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston (IM) brings people of diverse faith traditions together for dialogue, collaboration, and service, as a demonstration of our shared beliefs. Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston believes that, through service and dialogue, it is possible for very diverse people to know one another and find common ground, while still embracing our personal beliefs and cultures. They celebrate the strength of one another's shared beliefs through four areas of service: Meals on Wheels, Refugee Services, Interfaith Relations and Community Partnerships, and the Vic Samuels Center for Volunteerism and Civic Service which includes Volunteer Houston and Serve Houston. Visit [imgh.org](http://imgh.org) for more information.

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

- 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 – *David becomes the new king, a shepherd to the people of Israel.*
- Psalm 48 – *Let Mount Zion rejoice in the greatness of the Lord our God.*
- Ezekiel 2:1-5 – *The Lord sends Ezekiel as a prophet to the house of Israel.*
- Psalm 123 – *We lift our eyes to you, O God; we have had our fill of contempt.*
- 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 – *God's grace is sufficient for us; power is made perfect in weakness.*
- Mark 6:1-13 – *Prophets are not honored at home; Jesus commissions the twelve.*

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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**.



## MUSIC NOTES

Today's Opening Voluntary "Fanfare" is a majestic piece with a boisterous melody played on the tuba stop. Composer C. S. Lang (1891-1971) was a New Zealand-born British organist and music teacher. He was known for his personal magnetism and determination to awaken "the budding musicianship of every sort of pupil".

The Closing Voluntary "Rigaudon" is a variation by Georg Boehm (1661-1733), a leading organist and composer in Germany around the 1700s. His main contribution to music was the development of the "chorale partite", where a chorale melody became the basis of a set of variations. Today's voluntary demonstrates this form of music in a dance-like variation from "Suite in D dur".

Today's choral selections honor but a sample of the vast array of American musical traditions. Our **introit**, an intersection of several American figures, is an excerpt of a setting of the final stanza inscribed on the bronze plaque found on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty. Emma Lazarus, active in aid to Jewish refugees fleeing antisemitism in Europe, agreed to include her words on the statue, viewing them as an expression of empathy towards these and other immigrants. The

song's original version was composed by famed American songwriter Irving Berlin, a Jewish immigrant himself, and was included in the 1949 musical "Miss Liberty."

The American Negro Spiritual is ingrained in every aspect of this country's history, extending far beyond a single musical genre, and they must be remembered and celebrated as part of any patriotic occasion. Songs like "Wade in the Water," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "**Steal Away**" were first songs of enslaved people with hidden meanings, not only as prayers of faith, but containing codes and messages for other slaves. In this case, "steal away" would have indicated that slaves escape their slave-owners via the underground railroad.

Our **offertory** is a setting by American composer Allen Pote of Psalm 51, which carries a much-needed message of calm and humility during a turbulent and uncertain time for our country. The musical treatment of the text, through sudden but smooth modulations (changing from one tonal center to another) embodies the cleansing from sin through God's unfailing love that the psalm embodies.

— Notes by Justin Langham and Jane Malczewskyj

## 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.*

*The family of Olivia Ford Munson upon her death on June 5. A memorial service will be held on August 9 at St. Francis Episcopal Church.*

*St. Philipians 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. Philipians* - 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)

## 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 **July 11** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto: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 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))

# MUSIC MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE

DO YOU... **PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?**

HAVE YOU EVER... **SUNG IN A CHOIR?** **PLAYED HANDBELLS?**

OR WANT TO LEARN?

COME BE A PART OF THE  
MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP!

SUNDAY, JULY 14

9:15 AM **LEARN HANDBELL BASICS**

9:45 AM **ORGAN TOUR** WITH MATTHEW DIRST

10:15 AM **JOIN US FOR CHOIR**

OPEN TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, & ADULTS





## Hymn 331

## God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

TEXT: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt.  
 MUSIC: George William Warren, 1892

NATIONAL HYMN  
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## Hymn 274

## You, Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep-herd. You, Lord, are both  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our



prince and slave. You, peace-mak - er and sword-bring - er  
 on the cross, shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory;



of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 beg-gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing  
 have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing



in - stant; you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 in - stant; you who are both gift and cost.  
 in - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.  
 in - stant; you, who are our death and life.

When it was first published, the author called this text "Christus Paradox," because so many attributes of Christ stand in tension with each other. Mindful of the works of Søren Kierkegaard, she drafted it on a commuter bus after "a particularly bad day" of prison ministry.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1984  
 MUSIC: French melody, 17th cent.  
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## Hymn 340

## This Is My Song

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1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

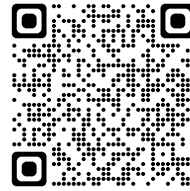
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.



**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). 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 Church Office, [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net) or 713-622-4807.