



**THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP  
AT WORSHIP**

**MARCH 11, 2023**

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**A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**GEORGE A. HELLAND**

**NOVEMBER 28, 1937—FEBRUARY 24, 2023**

**PRELUDE****OPENING SENTENCES**

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

✠ **HYMN 687** ([see page 4](#))

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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✠ **PRAYER**

Eternal God,  
 our strength and our comfort,  
 our hope and our help,  
 your love cares for us in life  
 and watches over us in death.  
 We praise you for the great company  
 of all those who have kept the faith,  
 finished their race,  
 and who now rest from their labor.  
 Especially we thank you for George,  
 whom you have now received into your presence.  
 We are grateful for all he gave us,  
 for the memories that will abide with us,  
 and for the assurance that he lives forever  
 in the peace and joy of your unending love.  
 Take from us now our regrets and sorrows,  
 and grant us your grace, we pray,  
 that as we face the mystery of death  
 we may see the light of eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*silent prayer*

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

✠ **DECLARATION**

**REMEMBRANCES****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9  
 Romans 8:31-39

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

**SOLO**

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. Eric Nelson

**SERMON**

✠ HYMN 157 ([see page 5](#))

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

### 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.

✠ HYMN 326 ([see page 6](#))

*For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

✠ COMMENDATION

✠ BLESSING

✠ RECESSIONAL

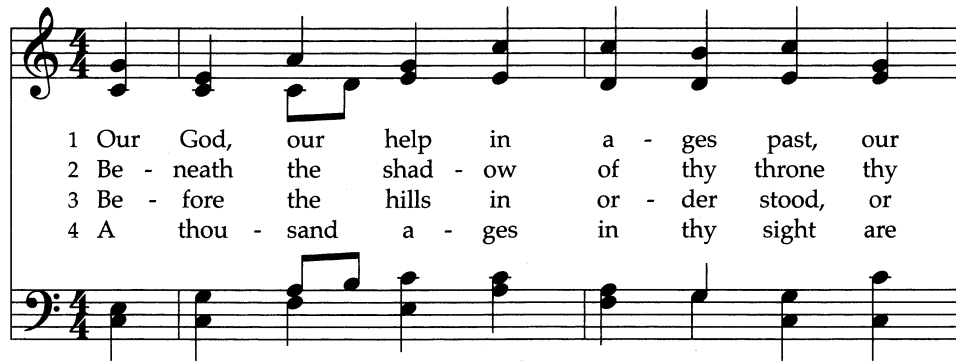
*Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception  
 in the Gathering Area adjacent to the Sanctuary.*

### Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster, pastor

Randall Swanson, organist

Sarah Bertrand, soloist



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.  
 MUSIC: Attr. William Croft, 1708

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## HYMN 157

*I Danced in the Morning*

LORD OF THE DANCE


Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)

F Dm Am Dm



1 I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, and I  
 2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but  
 3 I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame. The  
 4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's  
 5 They cut me down and I leapt up high. †


(Em) (A)  
 Gm C



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
 they would not dance and they would not foll - ow me. I  
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll


(D) (Bm) (F#m) (Bm)

F Dm Am Dm



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At  
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John. They  
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, and  
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but  
 live in you if you'll live in me, †

(Em) (A7) (G) (D)  
 Gm C7 Bb F



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.  
 came with me and the dance went on.  
 left me there on a cross to die.  
 I am the dance and I still go on.  
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

TEXT: Sydney Carter, 1963  
 MUSIC: American Shaker melody; adapt. Sydney Carter, 1963  
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LORD OF THE DANCE  
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1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine!  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;  
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet  
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864  
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE  
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**GEORGE HELLAND** was born in San Antonio on November 28, 1937 to Ruth Gorman Helland and George Archibald Helland, inheriting his intellectual curiosity from his mother, and his physical energy from his father. He died of Alzheimer's disease on February 24, 2023.

Growing up in San Antonio, after graduating from Alamo Heights High School he earned a mechanical engineering degree from the University of Texas at Austin where he became a devoted Longhorn fan. There he was a member of many groups: Tau Beta Pi, Phi Eta Sigma, Pi Tau Sigma, Sigma Nu, Silver Spurs, Friar Society, and the "T" Association. Later he became a Charter Member of the Academy of Distinguished Alumni of UT's Engineering School and a member of its Advisory Counsel.



In 1961, George earned an MBA with distinction from the Harvard Business School, and began a 17-year career at Cameron Iron Works. Starting as a trainee in the stock room, George moved through various management assignments, including plant manager positions in Houston and Leeds, England. He was ultimately named Executive Vice President of Operations in 1977. He had grown to love Cameron where he became a consummate manager and made many lasting friends. There he found a mentor in Herb Allen whom he admired and loved. George participated in Allen's pilot tests of his screw pull invention and loved to tell stories about those tests. George felt a lifetime loyalty to Cameron.

After leaving Cameron, George became President of Weatherford International, and then President of McEvoy Oilfield Equipment. Following a time as President of a subsidiary of McCall Industries, George was appointed Deputy Secretary of Energy in the administration of President George H. W. Bush. During his tenure at DOE, hundreds of oil wells in Kuwait were set on fire, and George assumed the U.S. government's role in managing that disaster. In short order, he drafted the Texas oil well control teams of Red Adair, Boots and Coots and others to extinguish the fires, a mission which they helped accomplished in record time. After serving at DOE, George was Vice-President of Dresser Industries, managing its businesses in the former Soviet Union, China and Vietnam. Finally, he was a Senior Associate at IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates until his retirement. Over his career, George became an accomplished traveler, handling business in more than 85 countries. As a leader in oilfield equipment manufacturing, he was an enthusiastic participant in the Petroleum Equipment Suppliers Association among other professional organizations.

George was a lifelong Presbyterian, serving as a Ruling Elder and Trustee of St. Philip Presbyterian Church. In addition, he was active in the community as a devoted board member of the Briarwood School, the Brookwood Community and Junior Achievement International. He also served as a trustee of The Eurasia Foundation, and as an advisory trustee of the Southwest Research Institute.

George Helland was a gentle man who loved life, especially early morning exercise at the Houstonian, bicycling, pheasant shoots in Scotland, bread making, and cooking for his family and friends. Another enthusiasm was George's remembrance of friends and acquaintances on their birthdays. As a youngster, he enjoyed collecting friends' phone numbers. Later in life, he kept a data bank of birthdays, and friends grew to expect his annual call saying, "Happy birthday." George was a calm, steady father, grandfather, husband and friend - ever loyal to his family, friends, and co-workers. The world was a better place for having him.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Antonia Day Helland; his former wife, Josephine Howell Helland; daughter Elizabeth Helland Johnston and son-in-law Patrick Bolger Johnston of Portland; son Thomas Gorman Helland and daughter-in-law Stephanie Cone Helland of Atlanta; sister Linda Helland Bowsher and brother-in-law Robert T. Bowsher of Baton Rouge; and brother-in-law Jonathan Day and wife Barbara Thompson Day of Houston. Survivors also include step-children, Mary Scott Hagle and husband Daniel Kornberg; George Hagle III and wife Paige Burnett Hagle; and grandchildren Luke Carmichael Johnston, Rory Helland Johnston, Alison Simmons, Eleanor-Day Hagle Kornberg, Anna-William Hagle Kornberg, Emma Scott Hagle, and George Hagle IV.

George's family wishes to publicly appreciate the wonderful care he received over many years from Celia Gonzales, Tomas Esqueda, Gerard Warner, and Jan Roca. George's Memorial gifts may be made to The Brookwood Community, 1752 FM 1489, Brookshire, Tx., 77423 or to St. Philip Presbyterian Church.