

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 2025

### Preparation for Worship

*Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
 fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!  
 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!  
 Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
 now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

- William Batchelder Bradbury, Hymn 42

### Voluntary

*Voluntary II in B Minor*

John Bennett  
(1735-1784)

### Greeting

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

### Introit

*Cantate Domino (excerpt)*

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni  
(1657-1743)

*Cantate Domino canticum novum* Sing to the Lord a new song.  
*Laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.* His praise in the assembly of the saints.

Psalms 149:1-2

### ✠ Opening Sentences

### ✠ Hymn 386 [\(see page 9\)](#)

*Come, Worship God*

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## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,  
 you call us to faithful living,  
 giving ourselves to you and to one another  
 after the example of Jesus.  
 Yet sin prevents us from following your directions.  
 We pursue our own goals,  
 worship our own gods,  
 and place our hope in things that cannot last.

Wash us anew.  
 Forgive us again.  
 Give us the courage to hear your call  
 and the faith to follow where Christ leads.

*silent prayer*

## ✦ Response

Justin Langham

Gently ♩ = 72 *Choir*

O God, ac - cor - ding to your un - fail - ing love,

5 *All*

Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the Good News. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## ✦ Response

Justin Langham

Gently ♩ = 72 *Choir*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu -

5 *All*

- ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ✦ The Peace

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

## Conversation with Children

*Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery.  
 Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

2 Kings 5:1-15

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

**Anthem***Cantate Domino*

Giuseppe Pitoni

<i>Cantate Domino canticum novum</i>	Sing to the Lord a new song.
<i>Laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.</i>	His praise in the assembly of the saints.
<i>Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,</i>	Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,
<i>Et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.</i>	And the people of Zion rejoice in their King.

Psalm 149:1-2

**Sermon**

No Jacket Required

John W. Wurster

*silence and stillness*✦ **Hymn 36** ([see page 10](#))*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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✦ **Affirmation of Faith***from A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
 fully human, fully God.  
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
 preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
 teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
 Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
 vindicating his sinless life,  
 breaking the power of sin and evil,  
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
 and to live holy and joyful lives,  
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
 praying, Come, Lord Jesus!  
 With believers in every time and place,  
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

*Gifts may be given any time at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net)*

## Offertory

*Praise the Lord!*

arr. Linda Lamb

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.

Joachim Neander (17th century)  
Transl. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

## ✦ 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. Amen.**

## ✦ Hymn 2 ([see page 11](#))

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

## ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

## Voluntary

*Voluntary I in D Major*

John Bennett

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | John Wurster

### Liturgist

Melissa Aldrich

### Musicians

Daniel Boyd, guest organist | St. Philip Choir | Tessa Larson, Cecilia Duarte, Thomas O'Neill, & Daniel Boyd; quartet | Maggie Dement, Elizabeth Duerr, Cindy Judson, Lee Ardell, & Diana Weiss, handbells  
Justin Langham, director of music

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 — *Build houses and plant gardens in exile; seek the welfare of the city.*
- Psalm 66:1-12 — *Make a joyful noise to God, who brought us out to a spacious place.*
- 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c — *Elisha tells Naaman to wash in the Jordan; he is cured of leprosy.*
- Psalm 111 — *I give thanks with my whole heart; great are the works of the Lord.*
- 2 Timothy 2:8-15 — *Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead; that is my gospel.*
- Luke 17:11-19 — *Jesus heals ten people with leprosy; only one returns to give thanks.*

## FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Walter and Margaret King to the glory of God and in memory of Walter's parents.

## MUSIC NOTES

Today's **voluntaries** come from the collection of *Ten Voluntaries for the Organ or Harpsichord* by English organist and composer John Bennett, his only known works to this day. Bennett's voluntaries are substantial and show a high degree of sophistication and originality, with some scholars referring to them as the most remarkable contribution to the post-Handel period in England. The voluntaries also carry ornamentation common to late-Baroque style: the trill (or shake), the beat (a modern equivalent to a short mordent), and the appoggiatura (placing a dissonant note on a strong beat).

Giuseppe Pitoni became one of the leading musicians in Rome during the late-Baroque period. Although his lifespan overlaps heavily with the great Baroque masters like Bach, Handel, and his Italian contemporaries like Vivaldi, Pitoni's music also reflects more Renaissance characteristics, especially his early works in part due to intensive study of works by Palestrina in his late-teens. Pitoni's con-

tributions to liturgical music in Rome were profound. He was extremely prolific as a composer, organist, *maestro di capella* ("chapel master"), and scholar on music theory and history, penning over 3,500 documented compositions. ***Cantate Domino***—an adaptation from Psalm 149: "Sing to the Lord a new song"—reflects Pitoni's refined style and presents the text in a clear ABA form, today alternating between full choir and a quartet.

Continuing our song of praise, today's **offertory** is a version of the well-known hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty," arranged for a small group of handbells. The hymn's author, German composer Joachim Neander, may have drawn inspiration from Psalm 150: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." Paired with Pitoni's setting of Psalm 149, it creates a natural continuation of the theme of joyful praise.

—Notes by Justin Langham



MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

**VOICE RECITAL**

Gwendolyn Alfred and Andreea Mut

**Sunday, October 12 | 3 pm**

**Free Admission | St. Philip Presbyterian Church**  
4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056 | [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net)

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**TODAY**

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families* — Deb Burks; Sondra Sullivan; Emily Estill; Joy Maguire; Bonnie Moore; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Diane Clarke; Mary Herlitz; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Rick Weiss — father of Diana Weiss; Wilma Grether — mother of Kurt Grether; Raquel Calhoun & family — sister-in-law of Pam Keever; JoAnn Moss-Ayres — mother of Casey Lambright; Kathy Bailey and family — sister of Peg Palisin; Jo Hadley Smith — cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes — daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Ann Perenyi — mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud — cousin of Stephen Paine.

*Homebound* — Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; Carolyn Keeble; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Jan Ostendorf; Joyce Randolf; George and Larraine Scott; and Mary Sinderson.

*Friends of St. Philippians* — Kitty Manson and family; Sidney Roach, Lori Childers O'Connell, Joyce Freudenberg — friends of Stephen Paine; Chris Deflandre — friend of Cara Biddle; Mary Ann Thomas; Erin McDougal and Marianne Keeswood — friends of Kate Burkart; Elaine Ende — friend of Beth Atkinson; Audrey Eubank Harris, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash — friend of Jane Cooper; Mary Watters and Mindy Cooper-Smith — friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Kenneth and Donna Benton — friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan and Tom Barnett — friends of Robin and Gary Willis; 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)



### NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

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 that our Nursery is located in the hallway off of the Gathering Area. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

**GODLY PLAY**—Ages 3-Kindergarten—Room 103—Godly Play utilizes storytelling of Scripture and spiritual experience as we watch, listen, wonder, and respond together. We value the process, we are open to discovery with the child, and one of our goals is to build community as we work alongside one another week by week.

**ELEMENTARY**—Grades 1-5—Room 205—This Fall the children will explore a unit called “Across Borders” from the FollowMe discipleship practices curriculum from the PCUSA.

**YOUTH**—Grades 6-12 meet in the Dining Room, watch the calendar for announcements about Kids Against Hunger packing sessions. Join us on **Oct. 26** at 9:30 a.m.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**—Room 204—Join us from 9:30 to 10:40 a.m. - we will study Ecclesiastes, the final book in Dr. Robert Alter’s *The Wisdom Books: Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes* (2010). Join us as we seek to deepen our understanding of God’s faithfulness to all of God’s people from Dr. Alter’s translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY**—Room 201—Join us from **9:30 – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom—**Oct. 19** - **Linyan Zheng**, Rice Religion PhD student, will present: *Religion & Writing Therapy: H.D.’s Resurrection Myth as a Case Study*. **Oct. 26** - **Kyle Sherling**, Rice Religion PhD student, will present: *Abraham: Father, Prophet, Philosopher, and Imperial Founder*. If you would like to join any of the classes: email:

[jshartman01@gmail.com](mailto:jshartman01@gmail.com).

**ENNEAGRAM**—Room 202—Rev. Holly Heuer is teaching an introductory course on the Enneagram, a tool for self-awareness and spiritual growth. The Enneagram is a helpful way to understand ourselves and others, leading to deeper appreciation of our own and others’ gifts. There will be audio recordings for those who miss a class. For more information and a syllabus, please contact Holly: [hollyheuer@ecentral.com](mailto:hollyheuer@ecentral.com)

**CHILDREN’S CHAPEL—TODAY**—We will have Children’s Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Con-*

*version with Children*. In the Children’s Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, and hearing God’s word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.

## ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP**—This group meets for an hour once a month on zoom to read and discuss social justice issues of concern in today’s world. Our current topic is Christian Nationalism, one definition of which is “that America is God’s chosen nation and should be defended and governed as such.” Attitudes already influencing our legislators include opposition to gay rights, opposition to gun safety efforts, promotion of Christian religion in schools and libraries, book bans, etc. Our current study book is Brian Kaylor’s *Baptizing America; how mainline Protestants helped build Christian Nationalism*. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson [sjj10223@gmail.com](mailto:sjj10223@gmail.com).

**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. If you would like more details, email Keatan at: [keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 a.m., and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome to join us as we look at the lectionary passages for the coming Sunday! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN’S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. We will discuss “*The Frozen River*” by Ariel Lawhon at the next meeting on **Nov. 13** at 7:00 p.m. Please watch your email for details about location. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP**—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men’s Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We are studying “*The Tears of Things*” by Richard Rohr. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com)

**MAHJONG ANYONE?** - St. Philippians are invited to play Mahjong on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. at St. Philip in the Choir Lobby in Administration Bldg. We are interested in substitutes with the possibility of forming more sets if there is enough interest. If you’re interested in playing Mahjong sometimes or often or in learning how to play, text Judith Hiott at 832-277-8676.



**PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE MONTHLY MEETING**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12  
FOLLOWING WORSHIP | RM 205

ONE TIME CHANGE IN DATE.  
NO NEED TO RSVP, JUST SHOW UP!

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS?  
CONTACT **DENISE WILBORN**  
AT DWILBORN55@GMAIL.COM

WE CHOOSE WELCOME

## MEOW!! RUFF!! MEOW!! RUFF!!

A pet food drive-thru has been scheduled for Saturday, **Oct. 18** from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Just drive on up to the front of the church and drop off kibble or canned food. And invite your neighbors and friends! Seniors who qualify for the Meals on Wheels program also qualify for the Animeals on Wheels initiative. This helps our seniors keep their beloved furry companions and not give up their own food to feed their babies. We will also put a box out in the Gathering Area until that time if you'd like to drop off cat or dog food prior to our drive. For more info on the Animeals program click this link. [IM Houston - Animeals - IM Houston](#)

On special request, here are a couple of items that can be ordered and delivered directly to St. Philip.

- Amazon.com: Kibbles 'n Bits Original Savory Beef & Chicken Flavor Dry Dog Food, 31 Pound Bag
- Amazon.com: 9Lives Daily Essentials Dry Cat Food, 20 Pound Bag

AniMeals accepts all unopened kibble, canned food and treats. So if there is something your fur baby doesn't like, they'd be happy to regift it!

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO A

# CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19  
12:15 PM | FOLLOWING WORSHIP  
[ ON THE FRONT LAWN ]

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE WILL BE PROVIDING **BBQ MEAT**  
& ARE ASKING MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:

QUESTIONS? CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE  
(713.622.4807) OR SEND AN EMAIL TO:  
[welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net)

A-I: VEGGIES J-R: DESSERTS S-Z: SALADS  
(ACCORDING TO ONE'S LAST NAME)



PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**DINNERS FOR 8**  
SHARE A MEAL TOGETHER

There's hardly a better way to get to know fellow St. Philipians than to share a meal together. Find out more and register in the Gathering Area, on the website or in the St Philip app.

## REFORMATION SUNDAY—October 26

Join us on the lawn at 9:00 a.m. for worship with the pipes and drums of the Houston Highlanders as we observe Reformation Sunday.



Houston International Seafarers Center, Inc.

The Mission Committee invites you to support the 2025 International Seafarer's Christmas Shoebox program. Our goal is 125 showboxes. Items include personal care and recreational items. See the October 7 Philip-Eye for a complete list of items. Bins for collected items (NO SHOEBOXES, PLEASE) will be in the Gathering Area weekly. Look for details to come about the date for wrapping of the boxes.



**HALLOWEEN**

# EQUAL EXCHANGE SALE

[ GATHERING AREA ]

## OCTOBER 26

[ BEFORE & AFTER THE 11 AM WORSHIP ]

**Kids Against Hunger. PACKING SESSIONS**



THE NEXT PACKING SESSION IS:  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
9:30 AM-10:30 AM | DINING ROOM

**SPOTS ARE LIMITED!**  
EMAIL [KEATAN@SAINTPHILIP.NET](mailto:KEATAN@SAINTPHILIP.NET)  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.

UPCOMING PACKING SESSIONS:  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 9:30-10:30 AM  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 9:30-10:30 AM

**MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

# SEARCH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21  
10:30 AM - 12 PM  
HOMELESS SERVICES SEARCH HOMELESS SERVICES OFFICE  
2015 CONGRESS STREET | 77002

**HELP SERVE A MEAL, MINGLE & PLAY BINGO WITH HOMELESS CLIENTS!**

**SIGN UP BY CALLING MARY MCGUIRE  
OR EMAIL: [MSTXMAC@YAHOO.COM](mailto:MSTXMAC@YAHOO.COM)**





### 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 has returned to the Education Bldg. and can be accessed from the hall off the Gathering Area 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 BULLETINS 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 the Library 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, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at [denise@saintphilip.net](mailto:denise@saintphilip.net).



**St. Philip Day School** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. To support the school, **please make all contributions directly to St. Philip Day School**, rather than to St. Philip Presbyterian Church. Please make checks payable to “St. Philip DAY SCHOOL” You are welcome to leave in the church offering plate or mail to St. Philip Day School, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, 77056. If you have any questions, please contact Candice Harris, Program Director, at [Director@stphilipdayschool.org](mailto:Director@stphilipdayschool.org).

**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.

**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.



**Nametags**—Please wear your nametags not just in the sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible moment! Those returned tags will be replaced on the boards in the narthex before the following Sunday morning. Visitor nametags are available in the pews and from an usher.



## Hymn 386

## Come, Worship God



1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;  
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;  
 3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;  
 4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!  
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.  
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion  
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;  
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.  
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.  
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!  
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

TEXT: Michael Perry, 1980  
 MUSIC: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; harm. La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808  
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## Hymn 36


## For the Fruit of All Creation




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 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

The author of this Trinitarian text is unknown, but this hymn has proved popular since the middle of the 18th century, partly because of its effective use of biblical metaphors, but also because of the strength of this tune, which was composed especially for these words.

TEXT: *Collection of Hymns for Social Worship*, 1757, alt.  
 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.

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