



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Preparation for Worship

*Oh God of abundance, you feed us every day.
Rise in us now, make us into your bread,
that we may share your gifts with a hungry world,
and join in love with all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Opening Voluntary

Andante
Sonata No. 1 in B minor, BWV 1014

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Introit

Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz (excerpt)

Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

*Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz, Create in me a clean heart, O God,
Und gib mir einen neuen, gewissen Geist. And renew a right spirit within me.*

Adapt. Psalm 51:10

✠ Opening Sentences

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.
What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?
We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

✠ Hymn 23 [\(see page 11\)](#)

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PLEADING SAVIOR

✦ Prayer of Confession

As we come today to your great table, O God,
we realize how small we have made our own.
Our vision of your grace is too narrow.
Our awareness of your mercy is too limited.
Our understanding of your kingdom always falls short.
We fail to measure up to the people you have called us to be.

Hear our prayers and forgive our shortcomings.
Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and inflate our spirits,
so that we may live joyfully and abundantly
in the manner of Jesus. Amen.

silent prayer

✦ Response

Justin Langham

Gently ♩ = 72 *Choir*

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

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 -

- 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16

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

Anthem*Ave Verum Corpus*

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

(1756-1791)

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum immolatum in cruce pro homine.
Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine,
Esto nobis prægustatum in mortis examine.*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,
Truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
From whose pierced side flowed water and blood,
May it be for us a foretaste of heaven in the trial of death.

Attrib. Pope Innocent I (c. 1300–1362)

Sermon

For Always

Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness✠ **Hymn 515** ([see page 12](#))*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

OfferingGifts may be given any time at www.saintphilip.net**Offertory***Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Tom Trenney

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 my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

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.

Traditional Irish poem
(*transl.* Mary E. Byrne; *vers.* Eleanor Hull)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**Invitation to the Lord's Table****Great Thanksgiving**

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.

Blessed are you, O God our creator, who in the beginning...
we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

Howard Hughes, SM
(b. 1930)

REFRAIN *Choir first, then all:*



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Choir: Holy, holy, Holy Lord God of power and might. *Refrain – all*
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. *Refrain – all*
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *Refrain – all*

When the world could wait no longer, you sent your Son...
Great is the mystery of faith:

Choir first, then all:



Christ has died. Christ is ri - sen. Christ will come a - gain.

Come, Mighty Spirit, upon this bread and cup...
...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever:

Choir first, then all:



A - men, a - men, a - men.

With the confidence of the children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught:

**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.**

Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Communion Music

Allemande
Suite for Violin and Organ, Op. 166

Josef Rheinberger
(1839-1901)

✦ Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God,
thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome,
and for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of blessing.

**As you have filled our lives with love and hope,
may we be a source of your love
and hope for those who hunger for your good news. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 317 [\(see page 13\)](#)

In Christ there is No East or West

MC KEE

Communion offering gifts may be brought to the basket in the front.

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Allegro
Sonata No. 1 in B minor, BWV 1014

Johann Sebastian Bach

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Meg Scott-Johnson

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | Jackson Guillen, violin | Tessa Larson, Cecilia Duarte, Thomas O'Neill, David Le, & Daniel Boyd; small ensemble | St. Philip Choir | David Le, baritone | Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Russell and Caryn Bahruth to the Glory of God and in honor of C.J. Miller and thankfulness for our family.

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.

Today's communion offering supports the Peace and Global Witness Offering, one of the four Presbyterian special offerings received through the year. This offering empowers us to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Mid-councils retain 25% of offering receipts for regional ministries. Another 50% supports the Presbyterian Mission Agency's global peace and justice initiatives. Congregations are encouraged to use up to 25% of the offering for local peacemaking efforts. St. Philip will be donating its 25% of the Offering to St. James Family Life Center, which provides emergency assistance—food, rent, and utilities relief—to immigrants. The Center also offers ESL classes for beginners, as well as citizenship classes and immigration counseling sessions. Located in the Heights, St. James Family Life Center supports and walks alongside our immigrant neighbors. Gifts may be brought to the front basket during the final hymn. You may also make a secure contribution through St. Philip Life and choosing the communion fund or by sending a check to the church office, with "Communion" in the memo line.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Lamentations 1:1–6—*How lonely is the great city now; majesty had departed from Zion.*
- Lamentations 3:19–26—*Even in my affliction, I remember the steadfast love of the Lord.*
- Psalm 137—*By the waters of Babylon we wept; how could we sing God's song?*
- Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4—*Write the vision; make it plain: the righteous live by their faith.*
- Psalm 37:1–9—*Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God, who will act.*
- 2 Timothy 1:1–14—*Rekindle your faith; guard the good treasure entrusted to you.*
- Luke 17:5–10—*If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could uproot this tree.*

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Preparation for Worship is a prayer written by the Rev. Sarah Miles, taken from her memoir *Take this Bread*.

This service's liturgy was written by John Wurster and Keatan King as published in the *Presbyterian Outlook* for World Communion Sunday.

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MUSIC NOTES

Today's **voluntaries** are the middle movements—a flowing *andante* and a bright *allegro* respectively—from the first of six sonatas for violin and harpsichord written before moving to Leipzig in 1723. Unlike most baroque sonatas for solo and continuo, which consisted of a dominant bass line and figured bass realization left to each individual performer, these keyboard parts were almost entirely specified by Bach. Instead, each four-movement work exemplifies a trio sonata form, with three co-equal voices: the solo violin and each hand of the keyboardist.

Johannes Brahms's *Zwei Motetten*, Op. 29, the earliest surviving works in this particular genre, represents a culmination of his contrapuntal writing on sacred text in the 1850's and early 1860's. Intended for five-part choir *a cappella* with divided basses, each motet combines a Renaissance style with Bach-like contrapuntal techniques. The second motet in opus 29, *Schaffe in mir Gott, ein rein Herz* is divided into three distinct sections, each corresponding with a verse from Psalm 51. Today, we present the opening of the work as a quintet featuring our staff singers.

Undoubtedly one of the most well-known settings of the Eucharistic chant, Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus* has been sung countless times since it was written in 1791, just six months before the composer's death. The short work was written for Anton Stoll, a friend and director at St. Stephen in the spa town of Baden where Mozart was staying

expecting his sixth child. In contrast to his imposing *Requiem*, this musical gift looks backward in style, expressing Eucharistic thoughts through simpler means.

Organist and composer Josef Rheinberger spent most of his life in Munich where he was the court conductor and responsible for the music of the royal chapel. Most known for his sacred works for choir and organ, he also composed large instrumental works, including his *Suite for Violin and Organ*, completed in 1890. In contrast to our voluntaries by Bach, Rheinberger's more Romantic *Allemande*—normally a common instrumental dance style for Baroque composers—showcases the technical and expressive capabilities of the violin through sweeping passages and beautiful melodies supported by a flowing organ accompaniment.

Composed in 2020, today's **offertory** is a modern setting of one of the most beloved combinations of tune and text in Christian hymnody. With strong Irish roots—"Rop tú mo baile" in Early Middle Irish—the text can be traced back to the 10th or 11th century and is commonly sung to the Irish folk tune "Slane," a traditional Irish folk song. Musician and preacher Tom Trenney, who serves as Minister of Music at First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, has built a reputation as a gifted arranger, infusing his creativity and strong faith into classic texts and melodies.

—Justin Langham

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 Kever; 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 Randolph; George and Lorraine 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

Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.

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

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3—Kindergarten—Room 103—Godly Play utilizes storytelling of Scripture and spiritual experience as we watch, listen, wonder, and respond together.

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. 12** at 9:30 a.m.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—Room 204—Join us from 9:30 to 10:40 AM - 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 AM** with presentations in person and by Zoom—**Oct. 12** - Columbus - Science and Religion by **Bruce Yaeger**. If you would like to join any of the classes: email: 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

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL—We have Children’s Chapel the second and fourth Sundays after *Conversation with Children*. 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—What does it mean to be a Christian in these times? Our study group meets by zoom on first Monday nights, 7-8 p.m., to discuss social justice issues of our day. Beginning in October we

will begin a new study book: *Baptizing America; how main-line Protestants helped build Christian Nationalism*, by Brian Kaylor. Interested persons who want to be added to our mailing list can contact Sara Jean Jackson:

sjj10223@gmail.com.

LAMBETH STUDY—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 PM via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan at: 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.

WOMEN’S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. We will discuss “*How to Read a Book*” by Monica Wood at the next meeting on **Oct. 9** 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.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN’S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. We meet each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. We continue to study “They Walked With God” by Max Lucado. The book talks about 40 people in the Bible and how God used them. It lets us know that he has a place for us too. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: 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 Admin. 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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. Check out the St. Philip calendar at saintphilip.net for upcoming meetings.

Kids Against Hunger®

PACKING SESSIONS



THE NEXT PACKING SESSION IS:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
9:30 AM-10:30 AM | DINING ROOM

SPOTS ARE LIMITED!

EMAIL KEATAN@SAINTPHILIP.NET
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE.

UPCOMING PACKING SESSIONS:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 9:30-10:30 AM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 AT 9:30-10:30 AM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT 9:30-10:30 AM



You're invited to
The Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee Monthly Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 12 (change in date this monthly only!!)

Room 205

Immediately after worship

No need to RSVP, just show up!

If you have questions, comments, and/or suggestions
please contact Denise Wilborn (dwilborn55@gmail.com), committee chair.

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

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



November 4, 2025 General Election

Your Ballot by address: Vote411

<https://www.vote411.org/ballot>

Texas Constitutional Amendments

from Texas Secretary of State

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/november-2025-ballot-language-17.pdf>

Important Dates

Last Day to Register to Vote: Monday, October 6, 2025

First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance: Monday, October 20, 2025

Additional election dates and information will be shared through St Philip communications.

MEOW!! RUFF!! MEOW!! RUFF!!



We can help our seniors keep their beloved companions. A pet food drive-thru has been scheduled for Saturday, **October 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! We will also put a box out in the Gathering Area if you'd like to drop off cat or dog food prior to our drive. And it will mean so much to the seniors who treasure their fur babies. 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.

THANK YOU! The Mission Committee

For more info on the Animeals program click this link:

[IM Houston - Animeals](https://imgh.org/imhouston-animeals/#donate) (<https://imgh.org/imhouston-animeals/#donate>)

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[GUEST BOOK]

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 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 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 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. 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.

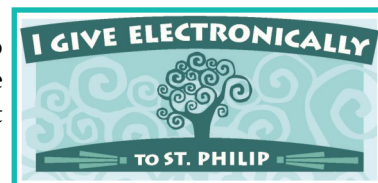


[MAKE A CONTRIBUTION]

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.

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 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 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to



spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

This text was written for the 1979 National Meeting of United Presbyterian Women, whose theme, "In the Image of God," is variously considered here as reflection, focus, distortion, and polishing for clarity. The words are well set to an anonymous 19th-century American tune.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1978

MUSIC: American melody, 1830; harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

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PLEADING SAVIOR

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Hymn 515

I Come with Joy

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

TEXT: Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1993

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

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DOVE OF PEACE

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Hymn 317

In Christ there is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

TEXT: John Oxenham, 1908, alt.

MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940

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