



## Preparation for Worship

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

- Isaac Watts, Hymn 223

## Voluntary

*Prelude on American Hymn Tunes*  
HOLY MANNA | CONVERSE

Emma Lou Diemer  
(b. 1927)

## Greeting

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

## Introit

*I Was Glad*

Eric Thiman  
(1900-1975)

I was glad when they said unto me,  
"Let us go into the house of the LORD!"  
Our feet shall stand  
within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

— Psalm 122:1-2

## ✦ Opening Sentences

## ✦ Hymn 826 [\(see page 11\)](#)

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Holy God,  
you have made foolish the wisdom of the world,  
teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth  
and that the heaven belongs to those who suffer for justice.  
But we cling to the values of this world,  
pursuing things that enhance our status, but cheat our souls.  
Forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly,  
we disregard the poor and the vulnerable.  
By your spirit, cleanse our hearts and renew our minds  
so that we might follow more nearly in the way of Jesus,  
acting with justice, practicing kindness,  
and walking humbly with you.

*silent prayer*

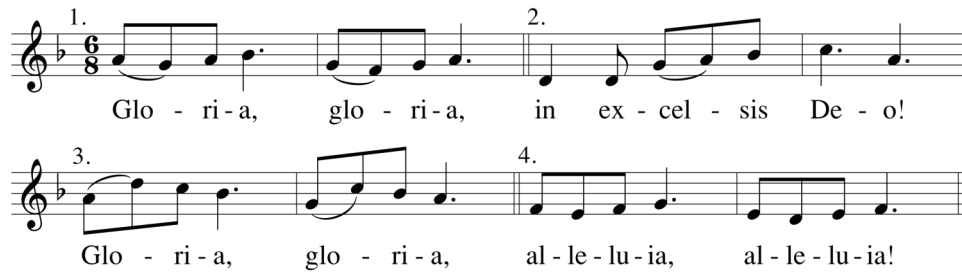
Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✦ Response *(sung twice, second time in canon)*

Canon—4 voices



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## ✦ The Peace

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

## Conversation with Children

## Prayer for Illumination

## First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Don't Forget

John W. Wurster

*silence and stillness*

## ✦ Hymn 757 [\(see page 12\)](#)

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

## Offering

## Offertory Anthem

*O Be Joyful*

Philip Stopford  
(b. 1977)

O be joyful in the LORD, all ye lands.  
Serve the LORD with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the LORD he is God.  
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves.  
We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.  
For the LORD is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen, amen!

# 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 . . . We sing the ageless hymn of your glory

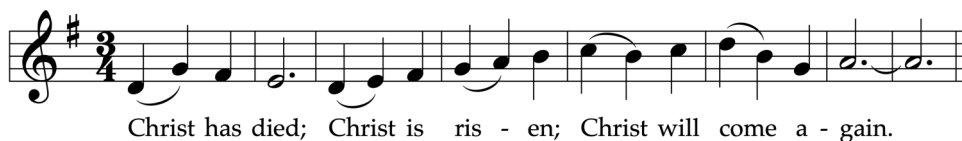


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

All holy God . . . Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

Gracious God . . . . now and forever.



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AMEN (Pavlechko)

As the children of God, let us pray together:

**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.**

## The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

### Anthem

*This Little Light of Mine*

African American spiritual  
arr. John Wesley Work III (1901–1967)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine!  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine!  
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine!  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

### ✠ Prayer after Communion

### ✠ Hymn 536 [\(see page 14\)](#)

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

SURGE ECCLESIA

### ✠ Charge and Blessing

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

### Voluntary

*How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*  
WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DER MORGENSTERN | P. 46

Johann Pachelbel  
(1653–1706)

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

John Wurster, Omar Rouchon

### Liturgist

Selena Brinegar

### Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Matthew Dirst, organist | Randall Swanson, director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by Scott Baker to the glory of God and in honor of the St. Philip youth.

## 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. Our communion offering will be for Kids Against Hunger. Kids Against Hunger is an organization familiar to many at St. Philip whose families have participated in the packaging of a highly nutritious, vitamin-fortified soy-rice casserole at the church with other volunteers from within the congregation and from the greater Houston community. KAH distributes those meals to starving children and their families in 70 countries through partnerships with humanitarian organizations worldwide. Although the pandemic halted packing sessions at the church, the Mission Committee is committed to revitalizing those sessions and St. Philip's relationship with this worthy organization. More information regarding Kids Against Hunger can be found at: [www.kidsagainsthunger.org](http://www.kidsagainsthunger.org). You may also make a secure contribution through [MyStPhilip](#) or by sending a check to the church office, with "Communion Offering" in the memo line.

Today's worship service includes traditional Negro Spiritual music. The Black composers of this music are unknown to history and therefore unable to receive royalties directed to their estates for the use of their songs. To remedy this inequity, a fund has been created and approved by the Session where we will collect voluntary "royalties" for using this music. Anyone may donate to the fund by going to the [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net) homepage and selecting *Make a Contribution*, then selecting Negro Spirituals as the fund. (For temporary administrative reasons only, this fund displays as Negro Spirituals/UNICEF.) Members can also access this page on the MyStPhilip app (also linked to from the homepage). You may also contribute by writing a check with *Negro Spirituals* in the memo line and placing it in the offering plate or mailing it to the church office. This small gesture of reparation seeks to help heal the long history of injury to Black persons. Contributions received over the course of the year will be donated annually to a local organization supporting Black musical traditions.

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) - *The fast God chooses: do justice, release captives, help the poor.*
- Psalm 112:1-9 (10) - *Those who do God's will and seek what is right will be happy.*
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) - *Paul preaches Christ, crucified; the Spirit reveals God's wisdom.*
- Matthew 5:13-20 - *Jesus says: You are salt and light; I have come to fulfill the law.*

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## MUSIC NOTES

### Organ Music

American composer and organist Emma Lou Diemer taught for many years at the University of California at Santa Barbara. A prolific composer of keyboard music and hymn settings especially, she is fond of updating familiar hymn melodies in subtly unconventional ways. Today's **opening voluntary** rescues two well-known American hymn tunes: HOLY MANNA ("God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens") and CONVERSE ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus"). Diemer treats the former tune in a flowing, gentle dance, while grafting the latter onto a bossa-nova like rhythmic pattern. Our **closing voluntary** sets a well-known German chorale melody ("How Brightly Shines the Morning Star") to a lively trio texture. Its composer Johann Pachelbel, was one of the leading Lutheran church musicians of the era immediately preceding that of J. S. Bach.

### Choral Music

This morning's **introit** is by English composer, conductor and organist Eric Thiman, who published some 1,300 works during his lifetime, including many anthems, carols and canticles for church choirs. Much of Thiman's choral and organ music was written for Nonconformist (i.e., non-Anglican) churches, and Thiman himself was a Congregationalist by birth. *I Was Glad* is No. 7 of 24 *Introits*, published in 1961. Like much of his music, it shows a particularly strong affinity for traditional harmony used to striking and new effect. Thiman was a master of short-form pieces, as evidenced here in just 17 measures of music for four-part choir and organ.

Today's **offertory anthem** is by British composer Philip Stopford, who began his musical life as a chorister at Westminster Abbey, being trained under the direction of both Simon Preston and Martin Neary. He later held positions at Truro Cathedral, Chester Cathedral, and Can-

terbury Cathedral, and he is now Director of Music at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Bronxville, New York, just outside New York City. His many compositions of choral music are noted for their relatively simple but highly evocative settings of traditional Latin and English prayers and hymns. *O Be Joyful* was composed in 2007.

This morning's **communion anthem** is an arrangement by John Wesley Work III of the African American spiritual *This Little Light of Mine*. Published in 1943, it is one of a large number of spirituals and folk songs arranged by Work, who, like his father and grandfather, was long associated with Fisk University in Nashville and its renowned Fisk Jubilee Singers. Work received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1923 from Fisk University, followed by studies in New York City at the Institute of Musical Art (now The Juilliard School), and earning a Master of Music degree from Columbia University, writing his thesis on African American songs. Work would pursue additional research on that subject for the rest of his life.

Work received a Bachelor of Music degree from Yale University in 1933, and in 1940 his Master's thesis was published as *American Negro Songs and Spirituals: A Comprehensive Collection of 230 Folk Songs, Religious and Secular*. His arrangement of *This Little Light of Mine* heard this morning features the slower, more reflective version of this well-loved spiritual, and is set for four-part choir and soloist. John Wesley Work III died on May 17, 1967 in Nashville, Tennessee. In 2007 his album *John Work III: Recording Black Culture*, received a Grammy Award forty years after his death.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

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Beginning on **February 26** and continuing at least through the season of Lent, there will be a single Sunday worship service at 11:00 a.m. During these weeks, as the Session considers the longer term viability of the 9:00 a.m. service, your comments are welcome and appreciated.

**The Session has called the ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation for February 12**, immediately following the 11 am worship service. The docket for the meeting includes a review of the 2022 annual report, presentation of the approved 2023 budget, consideration of changes to the pastors' terms of call, and the election of a trustee and at-large members of the congregational nominating committee. John van Osdall is being nominated to serve a three-year term as trustee. Selena Brinegar and Mickey Meyers are being nominated to serve two-year terms on the nominating committee. Additional nominees for these positions may be made from the floor during the meeting with prior consent of those being nominated.



# MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP

## COME MAKE MUSIC WITH US!

We're expanding, and we have a place for you!



**Children's Choir** • Open to all children & youth, age 6 and above

SUNDAYS at 9:00 a.m. **beginning FEBRUARY 19**

**Got kids that love music?** The St. Philip Children's Choir returns! After a long pandemic break, we're back. Children and youth will join for six Sunday morning rehearsals, then lead the Introit in worship on **Palm Sunday, April 2**. Parents, watch your email for more info coming soon!

**CONTACT** Randall Swanson — [randall@saintphilip.net](mailto:randall@saintphilip.net)



**St. Philip Choir** • Open to all singers, college age and above

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**CONTACT** Randall Swanson — [randall@saintphilip.net](mailto:randall@saintphilip.net)



**Bell Canto Handbell Choir** • Open to all interested ringers

Second & Fourth SUNDAYS of each month at 9:30 a.m.

**Wanna make a joyful noise?** Looking for a way to get involved without too much of a time commitment? Come ring with us twice a month! Not sure how to ring a handbell? We'll teach you! (it's easy) Some prior music reading experience is helpful — this is a very fun group!

**CONTACT** Jane Malczewskyj — [janemalc46@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janemalc46@sbcglobal.net)

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Fairfax Fair and family upon the death of her father Sam Fullerton who died January 28.*

*Carlton Currie and family upon the death of his brother-in-law Ritchie Williams who died in January.*

*St. Philippians and their families* – Jacqueline & Bill Taylor; Peg Palisin; Dan Cleveland; CJ Miller; Beverly Hudson; Susan Huffman; Mary Sinderson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Lane Fletcher; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; John Murphy, Sr. – cousin of Gary Gardner; Martine Marte Wood – daughter-in-law of Ruena Wood; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Betsy Johnson – mother of Pat Lindsay; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Jann Everhart – sister-in-law of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Warren Cash – brother of Kay Cash; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Donna Harris – sister of Joyce Fugit; Alma Fonseca – mother of Angelina Fonseca; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Mac Wilson – father of Butch Wilson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Alan Rowe – father of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

*Homebound* – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; George Helland; Ellen MacDonald; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Sondra Sullivan; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

*Friends of St. Philippians* – Brad McWilliams; Carol Gilliland - friend of Orlean Anderson; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner.

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

**GODLY PLAY** (Age 3-Kindergarden) – Room 104

**ELEMENTARY** (Grades 1-5) – Room 105

**YOUTH** (Grades 6-12) – Room 205

**SPa** (St. Philip Adults) – Room 200 – All adults of any age are welcome to participate - grab some coffee and join us. There is no need to prepare or purchase materials for class, so come as you are able.

**JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS** – Room 202 – 9:45 a.m. What are the best parts of the Bible? The best story? The best character? The best surprise? The best scoundrel? John Wurster leads this highly subjective exploration of biblical treasures which continues through February. The same topics will be considered during the midweek Zoom bible study. Everyone is welcome: Bible novices and veterans and all those in between.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY** – Room 201 – This class meets from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Feb. 12** - This past August, breaking news revealed a major crisis in Texas youth prisons, with an inhumane environment for incarcerated children. The Texas Center for Justice and Equity advocates at the state capitol and in counties throughout Texas to shut down Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) institutions by 2027 through a thoughtful, staggered closure plan, to invest in building communities' infrastructure to address the needs of children who have been sent to TJJD, and to enact policy reforms that decriminalize youth, diverting children from the criminal punishment system altogether. Presented by Jay Jenkins, JD - Harris County Project

Attorney - Texas Center for Justice & Equality. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: [churchsociety\\_stphilip@comcast.net](mailto:churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net).

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Room 204 – We are continuing our study of the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 2 Kings with the story of Elisha and the fate of Jezebel in Dr. Robert Alter's *Ancient Israel, The Former Prophets* (2013). Join us from **9:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.** to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to God's people from Dr. Alter's translation and commentary on the Biblical Hebrew. All are welcome.

**SECOND SUNDAYS** – You are invited to join our church family for a time on intergenerational learning and fellowship at Second Sundays. On **Feb. 12**, we will gather to explore baptism with activities and treats for all ages. Come join us at **9:45 a.m. in the Gathering Area** - all are welcome.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing 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. This will resume on **February 12** and continues every 2nd and 4th Sunday during the 11 o'clock service.

## ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster has returned. The class, meets at 9:30 a.m. A hybrid format with an in-person option in the Of-



fice Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net). Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome.

#### **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. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at [ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—**Everyone is welcome to the continuing meetings of the social justice study group! Our next meeting is Tuesday, **Feb. 7**, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Join your fellow St. Philipians for our continuing discussion of *Good White Racist?* (by Kerry Connelly). We gather by Zoom, and will be covering chapters 8, "Unequal justice (Or Liberty and justice for all-white people and white people only)," and 9, "The consumption of bodies (Or "Step away from the hair"). To receive information about the group, send an email with PSJ in the subject line to [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—**This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Feb. 9** we will discuss *Girls and Sex: Navigating the Complicated New Landscape* by Peggy Orenstein. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at:

[nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—**All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net).

*Monday Morning Saints* – 2nd Mon. of each month  
@ 10:00 a.m.

*Sunday Circle* – 3rd Sun. of each month @ 12:30 p.m.

*Thursday Evening Circle* – 1st Thurs. of each month  
@ 7:00 p.m.

**DUERR LECTURE SERIES - Feb. 26, 27, and 28.** Speaker for the series will be Dr. Rachel Baard, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics and Director of the Master of Arts in Public Theology Program at Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA. Topic for the lectures is "Who is Jesus Christ for us Today?" Dr. Baard will preach for the morning worship service, 11:00 a.m., and present lectures each evening at 7:00 p.m. Lectures are available in person or by live-stream. Check the web page for more information: [www.saintphilip.net](http://www.saintphilip.net).

**WATCH THE BIG GAME!** Young Adults and Young Families are invited to the home of Walker and Jessie Fair Sunday, **Feb. 12** at 5:00 p.m. Bring a snack and/or beverage to share! Email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) for address or look in MyStPhilip.

**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 King at:

[keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**PW RETREAT—**All women of the church are invited to attend the **Annual Presbyterian Women's Retreat** (no need to be in a circle to come!) the weekend of **March 24-26 in Houston** at the Fairfield Inn in the Memorial City area. Our retreat speaker is our own beloved pastoral resident, the Rev. Kallie Pitcock, who will lead us deeper into the promises of Psalm 32 through our theme. Information on pricing, meals, and further details are found through online registration in MyStPhilip. For assistance registering online, please email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) or call the church office during regular office hours 713-622-4807.

**MO-RANCH—**Registration for the annual Mo-Ranch Retreat on June 1-4 is available in the Gathering Area after worship service today or you can visit:

[saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net)

**PRIMETIMERS—**Join the Primetimers on **Thursday, March 30**, for a visit to the George HW Bush Presidential Library and Museum for a tour of *Mandela: The Official Exhibition*. From the museum website: *Mandela: The Official Exhibition is the major new global exhibition that explores the life of one of the world's most famous freedom fighters and political leaders. The epic story of Nelson Mandela is told in a series of experiential galleries from his rural childhood home through years of turbulent struggle against the apartheid regime, to his eventual vindication and final years as South Africa's first democratically elected president. We will depart from the church parking lot at 8:30 and will be back by 3:30 p.m. After visiting the museum, we'll have lunch at Stella Southern Cafe. The cost is \$8/person and lunch will be on your own. Please RSVP by Monday, March 6 to secure your spot. You may contact Omar (omar@saintphilip.net) with any questions.*

**EQUAL EXCHANGE—**Valentine's Day is a fun time to show your love for your community, the environment, and the farmers who grow our food. Did you know that through the PC(USA)'s fair-trade partner, Equal Exchange, St. Philip offers *ten* organic chocolate bars, from milk to mint to orange to "Total Eclipse" (*extremely* dark), and every one is so good! We also offer chocolate chips for baking if you prefer to make your own treats for your sweetie, and hot cocoa (and coffee and tea, if you prefer!) if you want to snuggle up together with a warm cup of comfort. Look for our table in the Gathering Area Sunday, **Feb. 12**, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

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**FEBRUARY**

SATURDAY  
9 AM - 2 PM

**25TH**

## Hymn 826

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

*Verses*

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:  
the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.  
your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

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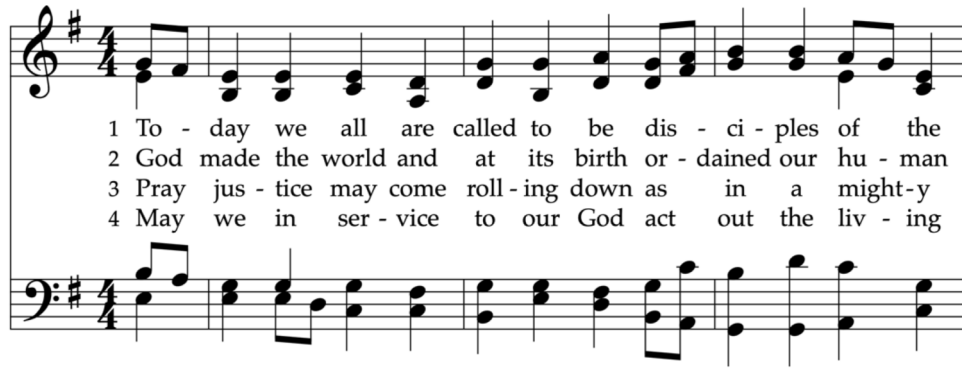
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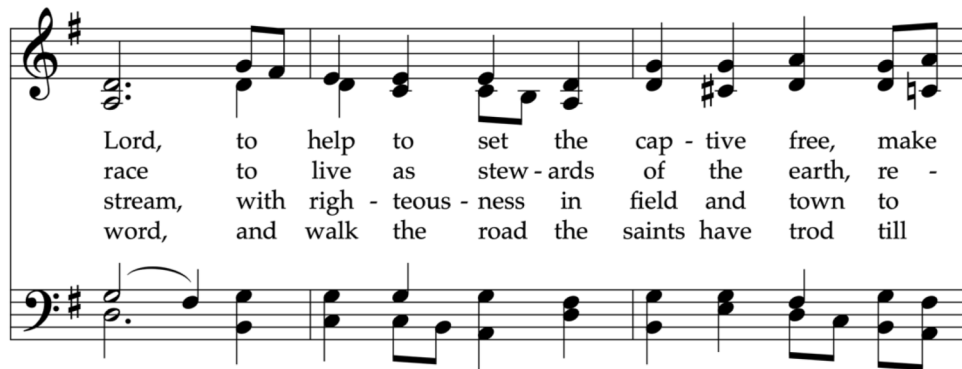
## Hymn 757

## Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

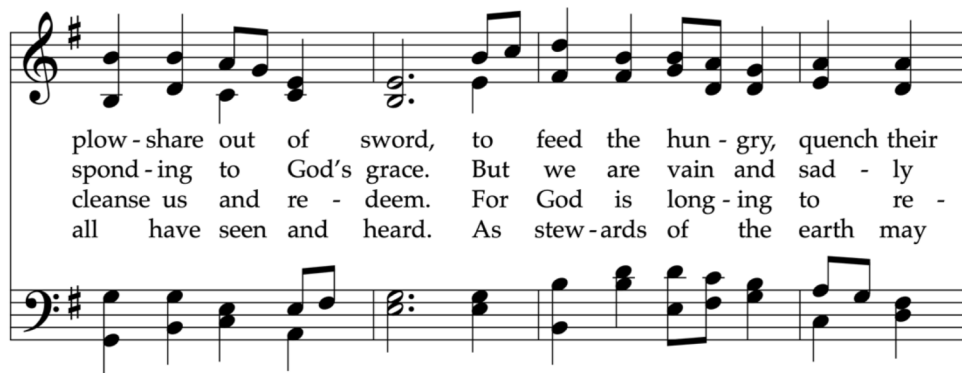
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1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may



thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

MUSIC: *English County Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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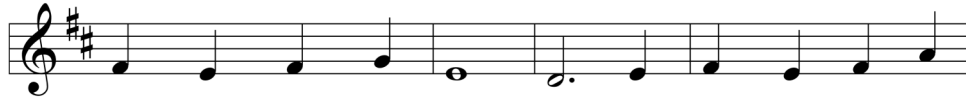
## Hymn 536

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

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1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -  
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are  
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing  
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -  
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -  
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -  
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

The second line of the first stanza shows that this hymn is meant for use in the context of the Lord's Supper, but the last stanza further clarifies its special purpose as a sending hymn celebrating the values guiding the work of the church in the world: service, courage, mercy.

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 MUSIC: Timothy J. Strand, 1997 | © 1997 Augsburg Fortress

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**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.

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