



## Preparation for Worship

Loving God,  
as we enter this place to worship you,  
may your Holy Spirit  
open our hearts and minds  
to experience your presence.  
Through our faith journeys,  
empower us to bear witness  
to your grace, mercy, and power.  
In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## Voluntary

*Sonata in E-flat major*

Gaetano Valeri  
(1760-1822)

## Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

## ✠ Opening Sentences

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.  
**We will praise the Lord!**

Sing to the Lord a new song.  
**We will praise the Lord!**

For the Lord has done great things.  
**We will praise the Lord!**

Come, let us worship God.

## ✠ Hymn 49 [\(see page 9\)](#)

*The God of Abraham Praise*

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## ✦ Prayer of Confession

God of Grace,  
we confess that we focus narrowly on our own needs and desires,  
while forgetting the needs of all members of your beloved family.  
We ask for your blessings, failing to remember that there is a whole world in need.  
We yearn for your love, neglecting your commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Forgive us, O God.  
Grant that we may embody all who you call us to be,  
and do all that you ask us to do,  
sharing your love, uplifting those around us, and caring for all of creation.

*silent prayer*

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

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## ✦ Response

Edith McNeill



The stead-fast love of the Lord nev-er ceas - es; God's mer-cies nev - er  
come to an end. They are new ev-'ry morning, new ev-'ry morning;  
great is your faith-ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith-ful - ness.

## ✦ The Peace

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

## Conversation with Children

*Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Romans 4:13-25

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

**Anthem***Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer*

Welsh folk tune SUO GÂN

arr. John Carter (b. 1930)

Holy Spirit, hope and healer, fill me with your gift of love.  
 Holy Spirit, guide, revealer, come and bless me from above.  
 Tune my heart to your intention. Light my mind with heaven's flame.  
 Holy Spirit, dove of heaven, claim my heart in Jesus' name.

Holy Spirit, truth and treasure, help me follow where you lead.  
 Holy Spirit, mark and measure every word and thought and deed.  
 Call my hands to selfless service. Raise me up on wings of grace.  
 Holy Spirit, well of wisdom, hold me fast in your embrace.

Holy Spirit, wind that woos me, blow the seeds of doubt away.  
 Flame of faith, inspire, infuse me with assurance, come what may.  
 Breathe your breath of life and living deep into my very soul.  
 Holy Spirit, all forgiving, melt me, mold me, make me whole.

— words by Mary Kay Beall (b. 1943)

**Sermon****Faith Practice**

Omar Rouchon

*silence and stillness*✦ **Hymn 766** ([see page 10](#))*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

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✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit  
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
 and binds us together with all believers  
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
 claims us in the waters of baptism,  
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
 the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**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.**

## 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

#### Voluntary

*Bergamasca*

Girolamo Frescobaldi  
 (1583-1643)

#### ✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
 Great and generous God, source of all our treasure.  
 We thank you for the gifts of our lives and the gifts of the earth.  
**Help us to love you,  
 and to be thankful for all your gifts,  
 delighting to do your will,  
 by serving you and your creation  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ✠ Hymn 839 [\(see page 11\)](#)

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

ANCIENT BEAUTY

#### ✠ Charge and Blessing

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

#### Voluntary

*Rigaudon*

André Campra  
 (1660-1744)

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

### Liturgist

John Lemen

### Musicians

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

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Stephen Paine to the glory of God and in thanksgiving of the congregation and our church staff.

## WORSHIP NOTES

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

- Genesis 12:1-9 – *The Lord will bless Abram and Sarai and make them a blessing.*
- Psalm 33:1-12 – *Rejoice in the Lord; happy are those who are chosen as God's own.*
- Hosea 5:15-6:6 – *On the third day God will raise us up; God desires steadfast love.*
- Psalm 50:7-15 – *Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving; call on God in trouble.*
- Romans 4:13-25 – *The example of Abraham; righteousness comes from faith.*
- Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 – *Jesus calls sinners; he heals a woman and raises a dead girl to life.*

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## MUSIC NOTES

### Organ Music

Gaetano Valeri was for many years organist at the Padova Cathedral. Active in the opera house as well as the church, he left a significant body of work in virtually all genres of his era. His *Sonata in E-flat* embodies its musical values, with hummable tunes and operatic filigree in the upper voice.

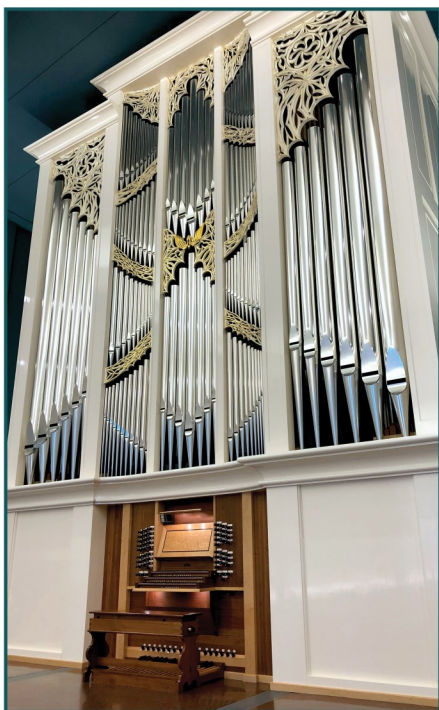
Girolamo Frescobaldi, as organist of St. Peter's in Rome, enjoyed great prominence in the early seventeenth century for his keyboard music especially, which ranges from avant-garde toccatas to old-fashioned counterpoint. His dance-like setting of the standard "Bergamasca" harmonic progression comprises multiple sections of inspired and eminently tuneful polyphony.

André Campra served until 1700 as a church musician at various French cathedrals, including Notre Dame in Paris. For the next twenty years he was the leading composer of French opera, only to abandon it two decades later for the exclusive composition of sacred music. His *Rigaudon*, excerpted from a dance sequence in one of his theatrical works, employs the standard French format of the rondeau, in which a repeating refrain alternates with other material.

### Choral Music

Today's **anthem** is a setting of the beautiful Welsh folk tune SUO GÂN, traditionally sung in Wales as a children's lullaby. *Holy Spirit, Hope and Healer* was arranged by American composer John Carter, who has enjoyed a long and productive writing career creating many choral compositions, both sacred and secular, over sixty collections of piano works including settings of hymns and carols, and more recently original compositions for piano. Carter taught music in Ohio public schools and was on the faculty at Morehead State University in Kentucky, in addition to holding music positions in Presbyterian, Methodist, American Baptist, and United Church of Christ congregations. Like this morning's anthem, many of his choral works have been written in collaboration with his wife, lyricist Mary Kay Beall, working together on numerous commissioned choral works for schools, churches and community choral groups. Carter holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Trinity University in San Antonio and a Master of Music degree from Peabody College in Nashville.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson



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# 2023 SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL



PROGRAM NO. 1 *Offerings Great and Small*

**MATTHEW DIRST**

Organist of St Philip Presbyterian Church • Houston

SUNDAY, JULY 9 | 5:00 PM

PROGRAM NO. 2 *Blessed Is She Among Women*

**MARIE RUBIS BAUER**

Director of Music and Organist of St Cecilia Cathedral • Omaha

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 | 5:00 PM

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DO YOU LOVE TO SING?

## COME SING WITH US!

During the month of June, all interested (or just curious) singers are invited to sample singing with the **St Philip Choir**! Join us in the loft at 10:00 a.m. any or all Sundays, learn the anthem with us, then sing for church at 11:00. All voice parts and abilities welcome! Enjoy the best seats in the house too!



You can just show up, or let us know in advance and we'll have a chair ready for you!

**CONTACT** Randall Swanson • Director of Music [randall@saintphilip.net](mailto:randall@saintphilip.net)



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*The family of Jean Nelson upon her death on June 6. A memorial service will be held June 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.*

*The family of Jody Tomforde who died on June 1.*

*St. Philippians and their families* – Kathryn Harwood; Robin & Gary Willis; Beverly Baker; Beverly Hudson; Mary Sinderson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Leonardo Knowles Richard “Leo” - grandson of Beth & Fort Flowers; Halley Delany – sister of Nina Lambright; Truxillo family – Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Warren Cash – brother of Kay Cash; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

*Homebound* – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Ellen MacDonald; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Larraine Scott; and Sondra Sullivan.

*Friends of St. Philippians* – Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach– friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Carol Gilliland - friend of Orlean Anderson; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email: [deacons@saintphilip.net](mailto:deacons@saintphilip.net).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*(Are on recess until September 10)*

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** – We will have Children's Chapel **Sunday, June 25** after *Conversation 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.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY** - Church & Society is taking a summer break and will return on Rally Day - **September 10**, for a class reunion and preview of the fall 2023 term.

### ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** – Class is on a break until **June 28**.

**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).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB** – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **July 13** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate and Sisterhood* by Dawn Turner. 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 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 through the month of June 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).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY** – 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 [welcomer@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcomer@saintphilip.net). Circles are on recess until Sunday, **September 17** for the Joint Circle Luncheon.

### SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 5 - SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

– Please plan to join us on Saturday, **August 5** for St. Philip's annual Summer Lecture Series. This year's speaker will be the Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network and author of the recently-published book, *Following Jesus in a Warming World -a Christian Call to Climate Action*. More details to come. Please contact Omar Rouchon with any questions.

**VISIT ISRAEL IN 2024** – We are putting together a St. Philip trip to Israel for **April 1-12, 2024**. If you are interested in seeing the trip brochure or need other information, please contact John Wurster [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).



### Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net).

**AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST,**  
**we seek to be an inclusive,**  
**grace-filled community,**  
**engaging the world with open minds,**  
**willing hands and generous hearts.**

**WE LONG**  
**for deeper faith,**  
**vibrant hope**  
**and boundless love**  
**for everyone, every day, everywhere.**

**Thank you for joining us today!** We hope that you find our worship together to be joyous, meaningful, and thought-provoking. **Children of all ages** are welcome to worship with their families. Activity bags containing worship aids for children are available in the narthex on the way into the sanctuary.

**Nursery care** is available throughout the morning from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery in Room 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway on the first floor. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

**A Hearing Loop** is installed within the sanctuary. If you have a hearing aid equipped with a telecoil, please activate your “T switch” to hear the worship service most clearly. If you need assistance with hearing the service clearly and do not have a t-coil equipped hearing aid, please ask an usher for wireless headphones. **LARGE PRINT COPIES OF TODAY’S HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

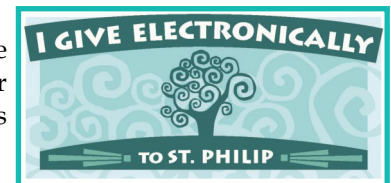
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**If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church** by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

**Worship with us, whenever, wherever.** Our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net). We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Services can be viewed live or later in our video archives.

**Contributions,** pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text “SPPC” to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

**I Give Electronically**—in response to parents’ hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The session has voted to continue with a single service on Sundays at 11 a.m., at least through the summer.



## Hymn 49

*The God of Abraham Praise*

LEONI

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; LEONI  
 stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt. 6.6.8.4.D  
 MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

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## Hymn 766

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

McKEE

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by  
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and  
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when  
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to  
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and  
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek  
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the  
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the  
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.  
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.  
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.  
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.  
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005  
 MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940  
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## Hymn 839

## Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

ASSURANCE

1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove,  
 hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

*Refrain*

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,  
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1873  
 MUSIC: Phoebe Palmer Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE  
 9.10.9.9 with refrain

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