



Preparation for Worship

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control.
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

— Harry Emerson Fosdick, Hymn 307

Voluntary

Concerto in A major: Ouverture – A tempo ordinario

George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)

Greeting

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

✦ Opening Sentences

God has given us this day.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God has gathered us in this place.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

There are many places we could be, but God has brought us here.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

✦ Hymn 716 [\(see page 10\)](#)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

✦ Prayer of Confession

Faithful God,
We confess our faithlessness.
Our hearts are fickle,
our eyes wander,
and we trick ourselves into serving other gods.
We speak lies, accept lies, live lies,
destroying others and ourselves along the way.
Forgive our waywardness
and lead us back to you.
Embolden our trust in your faithfulness
and settle your truth in our hearts.

silent prayer

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Henry W. Greatorex

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

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

Solo

*Soft Mist Is Rising*Robert A. Hobby
(b. 1962)

Soft mist is rising, new dawn is breaking,
gold comes with sunrise to banish the grey;
birds greet the morning, singing glad praises,
thanking the Lord God, who gave us Today!

Each hour of daylight brings its own beauty,
and so our hearts sing, at work and at play,
as God's creation echoes his glory,
we thank the Lord God, who gave us Today!

When stars are shining, bright in the night sky,
our bodies' call to rest we will obey;
knowing God loves us, we'll sleep in safety,
thanking the Lord God, who gave us Today!

— words by Rae E. Whitney (b. 1927)

Sermon

All That Stuff

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness✦ Hymn 692 ([see page 11](#))*Spirit, Open My Heart*

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

✦ Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**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.**

**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. 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

Offertory Solo

A Grateful Heart

Mary Plumstead
 (1905–1980)

*Thou that hast given so much to me
 Give one thing more, a grateful heart.
 Not thankful when it pleaseth me,
 As if thy blessings had spare days:
 But such a heart, whose pulse may be
 Thy praise.*

— words by George Herbert (1593–1633)

Litany for the Beginning of a Sabbatical

I thank God for the ministry we share and for the gift of this time away.
 My God's peace be with all of us as I leave for a season
 to renew my spirit, my ministry, my life.
**As you and your family journey together through this time,
 we ask God to guide you in all you do.
 May you experience the gift of spiritual growth on your sabbatical.**

I pray this gift for all of you,
 that you, too, may flourish and grow in the time
 that we are apart from one another
 and come to know more fully the gifts God has given you
 and this community for serving Jesus Christ.

**We pray for you and for one another
 that we will all be strengthened and renewed.**

During my sabbatical, I will pray for all of you.
 I will use this time faithfully to refresh my life as a child of God
 and renew my calling to serve as a pastor in Christ's church.

**We send you off with our blessing.
 We will greet your return with joy.**

Let us pray.

**Spirit of God, descend upon our hearts.
 Renew Keatan for ministry in this time set aside for reflection and refreshment.
 Grace her with your presence and keep her safe in your love
 and steadfast in the faith we share,
 while we are away from one another for this season. Amen.**

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Concerto in A major: Allegro

G.F. Handel

*Join us after the worship service today in the Gathering Area as we send Keatan on her sabbatical.
Fellowship Committee will provide cake and refreshments.*

SERVING TODAY**Liturgists**

Susan Kerr, Keatan King and Omar Rouchon

Musicians

Cecilia Duarte—soloist | Matthew Dirst — organist

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Guy & Melissa Aldrich in celebration of the one-year wedding anniversary of Michelle (daughter) and James (son-in-law) Goodman.

WORSHIP NOTES**Today's Lectionary readings:**

- Hosea 11:1-11 — *When Israel was a child, I loved him; how could I give him up now?*
- Psalm 107:1-9, 43 — *Give thanks to the Lord, who gathers up and redeems the lost.*
- Colossians 3:1-11 — *If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above.*
- Luke 12:13-21 — *Be on guard against greed; life does not come from your possessions.*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sam Fisher, Dottie Laas and family upon the death of family member Sarah on July 24.

St. Philippians and their families — Austin Lippincott; Don Davis; Richard Johnson; Sid Wells; Amye Webster; Tom Sands; Mary Sinderson; Jan Ostendorf; Lee Larkin; Bill Slick; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Donna Harris — sister of Joyce Fugit; Ryan Willis — son of Robin and Gary Willis; 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; Vera Moore — mother of Chuck Johnson; Shirley Boggus — grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona & Alan Rowe — mother and father of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio — granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Warner Fassnidge - Brian Webster's stepfather.

Homebound — John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; George Helland; Jean Nelson; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Marion Takehara; and Jody Tomforde.

Friends of St. Philippians — Paul Faegan — friend of Jacquie Colton; Bill Dixon — friend of Tina Bryan; 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:

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Since 1986, CCSC has delivered grade-appropriate school supplies and a clothing voucher to low income students through its Back-To-School program. Your volunteer efforts and donations are an important part of this program. On July 30,

CCSC will host a community event where volunteers assemble supply packages. On **August 5-6**, volunteers will assist clients with picking up school supplies and clothing vouchers in a drive-through.

It only costs \$50 to supply a child with a comprehensive school supply packet and a clothing voucher; however, donations in any amount are appreciated.

For more information on how to register for these Back To School events, contact the Youth Services Manager at 713-961-3993 ext. 326 or email:

seasonal@ccschouston.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Aug. 11**, and we will meet at a restaurant. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

THE FOLLOWING LEARNING/DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITIES ARE ON A BREAK FOR THE SUMMER:

- Midweek Bible Study with John Wurster
- Presbyterian Men's Weekly Fellowship
- Presbyterian Women's Circle
- Social Justice Study Group
- Adult Bible Study Class
- Children's Sunday School Classes

CHURCH & SOCIETY SUMMER FOURTH TUES-

DAYS—by Zoom—7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Church & Society **Aug. 9** - Article from the New York Times - "How Houston Moved 25,000 People From the Streets Into Homes of Their Own." "The Role of The Beacon in Solving Houston Homelessness" presentation by Becky Landes C.E.O. of The Beacon. The Beacon (<https://www.beaconhomeless.org/>) is a St. Philip Mission Partner. Email Mickey Meyers if you would like to join any of the classes: churchsociety_stphilip@comcast.net.

John Wurster reminds me often how different my life is now than when I took vows on September 29, 2013 to be your pastor. With you, I've reached all the big pastoral firsts: sermons, communion, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and Session meetings. In time, I got married and became a mother of two. And I've finally reached the point where the plucky seminarian who thought she knew it all has given way to a pastor who is astounded by all there is still to learn about the call to care for God's people in congregational ministry.

Sabbatical is the deep inhale that allows pastors the chance to rest from the fullness of years gone by and anticipate all there is yet to do in service to Christ. I am profoundly grateful for the opportunity our congregation affords pastors to take sabbatical. With the intent of focusing on quality time with my family, connection with myself, and study that nourishes me, I look forward to the following areas of focus:

- ✦ A two-week family beach vacation to Boston and Maine in early August
- ✦ Weekly intensive Spanish conversation classes to brush up on my speaking skill
- ✦ Learning yoga and taking weekly classes (something I've always wanted to do, but always defer for later)
- ✦ Reading all manner of books I shelve when ministry demands precede study. *When I return, I will publish a list of the books I've read, and if you've also read them or would like to, I welcome conversation and your reflections on the book.*
- ✦ College of Pastoral Leaders Grant from Austin Seminary with study and retreat to Santa Fe, New Mexico in mid-October. We are studying the desert mothers and mystics of the Christian tradition on a trip emphasizing flourishing in the wilderness and nourishing the interconnectedness of mind-body-soul. We will visit Ghost Ranch, Georgia O'Keefe's home, hot springs, and pursue other practices of renewal and catching glimpses of what Hildegard of Bingen called, "*viriditas*, or the greening power of God, the life force at work in all of creation."
- ✦ Weekly worship at a congregation near our home, which allows us to walk to worship

I thank you for giving me and my family this time and for honoring the expectation that we will not be reachable by phone or email for a few months, with great expectation for joyful reunion in November. With so many of my pastoral "firsts" in the rearview mirror, I give thanks to God for the pastoral "nexts" which await me on the other side of sabbatical.

Grace and peace,

Kenton King

What's All the Fuss?

Critical Race Theory and Biblical Interpretation
*The Rev. Dr. Justin Reed, Assistant Professor of Old Testament/
 Hebrew Bible*
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Certain church denominations, politicians, and school districts condemn critical race theory (CRT) as racist, anti-American, and incompatible with the Bible. But there are some Christians who believe that CRT is exactly what Christianity needs to live out the kingdom of God. In the lectures, we will compare and contrast how each side defines critical race theory. Then we will experiment with how concepts from CRT might make a difference in how we read the Bible.

The St. Philip Education Committee invites you to join them for our annual Summer Lecture Series on Saturday, **August 6**. We will welcome Justin Reed, professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dr. Reed will present three lectures in person; please note: the lectures will not be livestreamed or recorded. This event is free and open to the public, and lunch will be on your own. Contact Omar Rouchon with any questions via email omar@saintphilip.net or call 713-622-4807.



Saturday Schedule

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast Fellowship
9:30-10:20 a.m.	Lecture #1
10:30-11:20 a.m.	Lecture #2
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Lunch on your own
1:00- 1:50 p.m.	Lecture #3

(all events will be held in the Choir Room in the Church Office/Administration Building)

Rev. Dr. Justin Michael Reed is an assistant professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary where he has taught since 2018. After growing up in Los Angeles, he earned degrees from Stanford (BA), Harvard (MTS), and Princeton Theological Seminary (PhD) before coming to Louisville Seminary. In his research and teaching, he enjoys close reading of the Hebrew Bible that is informed by critical race theory, reception history, and ideological criticism. But more than anything, he approaches his work and life with a passion for justice. These foci come together in several of his publications including his forthcoming book, *The Injustice of Noah's Curse* (under contract with Oxford University Press).

Justin is also ordained as a Progressive National Baptist minister. He has preached, taught, lectured, and led Bible studies in various churches and conferences in almost a dozen states. In addition, he has written many short online pieces and recorded videos to share the fruits of critical biblical scholarship in ways that are interesting and accessible. For more information and access to some of the resources he has created, visit www.drjustinreed.com.

Justin is married to attorney Catherine Howard, who serves as a public defender for Jefferson County, Kentucky; they are the proud parents of Jordan Matthew Howard-Reed, and they are expecting their second child this fall.



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 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.**

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 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. 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.

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP

2022 SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

Presenting recent winners of the highly prestigious Canadian International Organ Competition

3:00 p.m. on the **3rd Sundays** of **July, August and September**
FREE (contributions welcome) – with free ice cream afterwards!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Bryan Anderson • Houston, Texas

SUNDAY | **AUGUST 21, 2022** | 3:00 p.m.

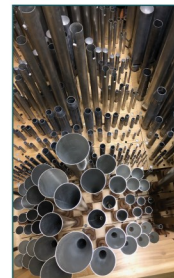
Director of Music at **St. Thomas' Episcopal Church and School** in Houston, Bryan Anderson maintains an active solo performance and competition career, in 2021 taking Third Prize and Robilliard Prize at the **Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC)**, and in 2019 winning Second Prize at the **Longwood Gardens Organ Competition**. He holds degrees in organ from **Rice University** and the **Curtis Institute of Music**.



Aaron Tan • Rochester, New York

SUNDAY | **SEPTEMBER 18, 2022** | 3:00 p.m.

"Despite many faultless performances from other finalists, winner Aaron Tan seemed to place himself in another league." (*Choir & Organ* magazine) Winner of the **2021 Canadian International Organ Competition (CIOC)** and the **2018 AGO National Young Artists Competition in Organ Performance (NYACOP)**, Aaron is truly in a league of his own. One of the world's leading young artists — not to be missed!



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Hymn 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.
 MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958
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BEACH SPRING
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Hymn 692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart. *Fine*

Verses

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of
kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of
fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er. *to Refrain*

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1994
MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011
Text © 1996 The Pilgrim Press

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME
Irregular

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1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt.
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

CWM RHONDDA
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