



## Preparation for Worship

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . . .  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us.*

– John 1

## Voluntary

*Toccata in D minor*

Johann Jakob Froberger  
(1616-1667)

## Greeting

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

## Introit

*Thou Has Been Our Dwelling Place*

Eric Thiman  
(1900-1975)

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,  
even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

– Psalm 90:1-2 (KJV)

## ✠ Opening Sentences

### ✠ Hymn 32 [\(see page 8\)](#)

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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## ✦ Prayer of Confession

O God,  
 source of all goodness,  
 forgive us for pursuing a way that is not your way,  
 for embracing truth that is not your truth,  
 for living a life that is not the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ.  
 Forgive us for a lack of reverence for your creation,  
 for a hurried pace that causes us to overlook things that matter,  
 for a lack of trust in your providence.  
 Forgive us for half-hearted worship,  
 for faith that too often just goes through the motions,  
 for a reluctance to embrace the abundant life you for which you made us.  
 Forgive us and cleanse us, redeem us and restore us,  
 for the sake of Jesus and for the glory of your name.

*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)*



God is here to - day; as cer - tain  
 as the air I breathe, as cer - tain  
 as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as  
 cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

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 MUSIC: Raúl Galeano, 1976; arr. C. Michael Hawn and Arturo González, 1999  
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## ✦ The Peace

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

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

James 1:17-27

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

**Anthem***Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*John Blow  
(1649-1708)Teach me thy way, O LORD,  
and I will walk in thy truth;O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name.  
I will thank thee, O LORD, with all my heart,  
and will praise thy name for evermore.

– Psalm 86:11-12

**Sermon**

Beyond Words

John Wurster

✦ **Hymn 308** ([see page 9](#))*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

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

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
 fully human, fully God.  
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
 preaching good news to the poor  
 and release to the captives,  
 teaching by word and deed  
 and blessing the children,  
 healing the sick  
 and binding up the brokenhearted,  
 eating with outcasts,  
 forgiving sinners,  
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.  
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
 Jesus was crucified,  
 suffering the depths of human pain  
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.  
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
 vindicating his sinless life,  
 breaking the power of sin and evil,  
 delivering us from death to life eternal.  
 We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us  
 from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Motet***Beati quorum via*Charles Villiers Stanford  
(1852-1924)

| SUNG IN LATIN   | TRANSLATION   |
|---|---|
| <i>Beati quorum via integra est,<br/>qui ambulant in lege Domini.</i> | Happy are those whose way is blameless,<br>who walk in the law of the LORD. |

Psalm 119:1

## 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.

♠ Hymn 296 ([see page 10](#))

*Go in Grace to Make Disciples*

WONDROUS LIGHT

### Charge and Blessing

*Kindly remain in silence during the closing voluntary, or depart very quietly.*

### Voluntary

*Capriccio in F major*

J.J. Froberger

## SERVING TODAY

### Liturgists

Keatan King

### Musicians

Julia Fox, Cecilia Duarte, Emily Jenkins, Thomas Lewis O'Neill,  
 Nicholas Rathgeb and Kirby Traylor — choral ensemble  
 Matthew Dirst — organist | Randall Swanson — music director

## WORSHIP NOTES

Today's lectionary readings:

- Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 — *Observe God's law diligently; do not add to it or subtract from it.*
- Psalm 15 — *Who may abide in God's presence? Those who do what is right.*
- James 1:17-27 — *Every good gift comes from God; pure religion is to care for others.*
- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 — *A debate about authority and tradition; evil things come from within.*

## MUSIC NOTES

### Organ Music

Today's **organ voluntaries** come from Johann Jakob Froberger, musician to the Austrian imperial court and one of the most influential composers of the 17th century. An exceptionally well-traveled musician for his time, Froberger adapted his native German contrapuntal style to the new Italian genres of the toccata and the capriccio. Both are sectional works premised on imitative counterpoint and a certain amount of free fantasy, and have much in common with the music of Froberger's teacher, the Roman organist Girolamo Frescobaldi. The opening of his D-minor Toccata conjures the Italianate improvisatory style especially, while its subsequent sections continue the serious mood but in a more imitative vein. Froberger's capriccios, by contrast, are lighthearted contrapuntal works throughout.

— Matthew Dirst

### Choral Music

This morning's **introit** is by 20th-century 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. *Thou Hast Been Our Dwelling Place* is No. 12 of *24 Introits*, published in 1961.

Today's **anthem** is by English Baroque composer and organist John Blow, who is remembered for his church music and for *Venus and Adonis* (1683), which is thought to be the earliest surviving English opera. Blow served as organist of Westminster Abbey from 1668 to 1679, when he was succeeded by his student Henry Purcell. He was reappointed to the same post following

Purcell's death in 1695, and remained in the position until his own death in 1708. Blow also served concurrently as master of the choristers at St. Paul's Cathedral (1687-1703) and master of the children of the Chapel Royal (1674-1708). All of these positions required the writing of much sacred and ceremonial music, and at least ten services and more than one hundred of his anthems remain from that time, many of them still in regular use today. *Teach me thy way, O Lord* was written for SATB voices, with a short section in the middle for SSAT voices, which gives the aural impression of a larger anthem for double choir. Its clean compositional style and forward rhythmic drive show why Blow was such an influence on his students, including William Croft, Jeremiah Clark and Henry Purcell, who became substantial figures in their own right in the history of English music.

This morning's **motet** is by Irish composer Charles Villiers Stanford, born in Dublin but educated at Cambridge, where he subsequently taught for almost four decades, counting Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughan Williams among his many students. Stanford's works display a preference for the classical ideals in the music of Johannes Brahms, and exemplified in *Beati quorum via* for six-part choir, published in 1905, but probably dating from 1892. Numbering among the finest of his choral compositions, the *Three Motets*, Op. 38 (of which *Beati quorum via* is the third) are dedicated to the choir of Trinity College, Cambridge, where Stanford was organist.

— Randall Swanson

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families* – Orlean Anderson; Dorothy Murphey; Bill Slick; Roderick James; Deb Burks; Charlotte Kibler; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Dale McAllen – brother of Orlean Anderson; Alma Fonseca – mother of Angelina Fonseca; Bill Polk – brother-in-law of Sharon Webb; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; Douglas Everhart – brother of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Gretchen Everhart – Niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Carol Paine Kendrick – sister of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; Mac & Beverly Wilson – parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family – daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family – cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron – sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Shirley Boggus – grandmother of Omi Ford; Dona Rowe – mother of William Rowe; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

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*Friends of St. Philippians* – Paul English; Matt Scalapino and Laura Chilton – friends of Stephen Paine; Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge; Paul Ratliff – friend of Jo Helland; Rob Bond, Lavon Thomas, and Jackson Tavel – friends of Curt and Sharon Webb; Clayton Amacker – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; and Walter "Buddy" Hammann III – friend of Robin and Gary Willis.

*We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.*

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).

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**MIDWEEK PRAYER SERVICE – Wednesdays at 11 a.m.** This service is live-streamed from the Sanctuary and also available for later viewing on our website. If you'd like to attend the midweek service in-person contact the church office.

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** – The 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services are open for in-person attendance in the Sanctuary. Masks are required but advance registration is no longer necessary. The Sunday 11:00 a.m. will continue to be live-streamed.

[Our website](#) has information about **opportunities on Zoom** for fellowship and spiritual formation.

**SAVE THE DATE!** The Mission Committee will host a drive-through on Saturday, **September 18**, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, to collect items for the Seafarers Christmas boxes. Look for donation details in the Philip-Eye and the church website.



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](http://saintphilip.net) and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net).

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

**Worship with us, whenever, wherever.** Our 11 a.m. Sunday service is live-streamed at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net). We also live-stream a midweek prayer on Wednesdays at 11 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.

## Hymn 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt.

MUSIC: *Cesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868

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## Hymn 308

## O God in whom All Life Begins

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1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1990  
 MUSIC: English melody; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874  
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1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's  
 2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish,  
 3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and



ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's  
 but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant  
 man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the



vic - tory now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth  
 love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed;  
 gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn,



to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and  
 jus - tice flow for all who thirst. Go and fol - low  
 as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -



make dis - ci - ples, mid - wives for the world's re - birth.  
 Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.  
 cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

This text based on Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19–20) emphasizes that engaging in mission according to the model of Christ's life and ministry inspires service rather than conquest. The gospel message is a gift of life and hope made known in healing, justice, and peace.

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 MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1999  
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**TODAY AT 3:00 PM!**



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Sweelinck  
Grigny  
Frescobaldi  
Zipoli  
Gambarini  
J. S. Bach

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