

THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP
AUGUST 18, 2019 | 11:00 A.M.
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preparation for Worship

*Lord, open unto me
Open unto me—light for my darkness.
Open unto me—courage for my fear.
Open unto me—hope for my despair.
Open unto me—peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me—joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me—strength for my weakness.
Open unto me—wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me—forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me—love for my hates.
Open unto me—thy Self for my self.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.*

—Howard Thurman (1900–1981)

Tolling of the Hour

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Voluntary

*Impromptu (from Pièces de fantaisie)
Op. 54, No. 2*

Louis Vierne
(1870–1937)

Introit

Laus Trinitati

Hildegard of Bingen
(1098–1179)

O praise be to you Holy Trinity resounding jubilation and life of all that is.
To our Mother Great Creator of all things living and of life itself.
O angelic chorus sounding forth in joyful praise!
O the wonderful splendor of the holy mysteries,
Trinity shining brilliance unknown to women and to men.
O quickening sparkle dwelling in all! Life-giving life!
Life of all things gloriously created!

✦ **Call to Worship**

✦ **Hymn 731** *Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm*

REPTON

✦ **Prayer of Confession**

Holy and merciful God,
In your presence we confess
Our failure to be what you created us to be.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
We are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling live in Jesus Christ.

(silent prayer)

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

✦ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

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

✦ **Response**

All heav'n is sing - ing, "Thanks to Christ whose pas - sion
of - fers in mer - cy heal - ing, strength, and par - don.
Peo - ples and na - tions, take it; take it free - ly!"
A - men! My Mas - ter!

✦ The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Signs of peace and reconciliation may be exchanged.

Conversation with Children

Afterwards, children may stay with their parents, or infants to age 4 may go to child care in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

O.T. pg. 634

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

Anthem

O rise and sing

James Biery
(b. 1956)

O rise and sing to God today! And call on our Creator's might:
The will of God to be our guide, the eye of God to be our sight.
The word of God to be our song, the hand of God to be our stay,
The shield of God to be our strength, the path of God to be our way. Amen.

— words ascribed to St. Patrick (372–466)

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

N.T. pg. 226

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

Sermon

Run

Cynthia Rigby

The sermon is followed by a brief time of silence and stillness.

✦ Hymn

Lord of All Hopefulness

SLANE



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

✠ Affirmation 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

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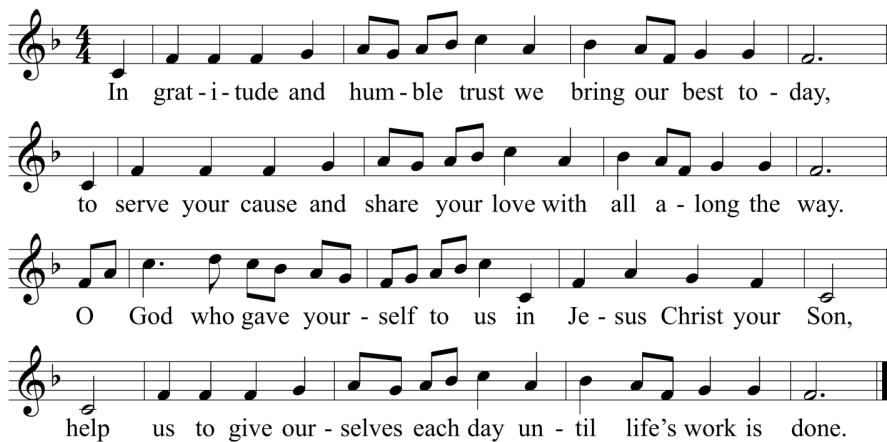
Offertory Anthem

I will arise

American folk tune RESTORATION (from *Southern Harmony*, 1835)
arranged by Alice Parker (b. 1925) and Robert Shaw (1916–1999)

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms,
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

✦ Response



In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day,
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long the way.
O God who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,
help us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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MUSIC: English folk melody; arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

FOREST GREEN
CMD

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God, we offer our gratitude for all the gifts you have given us,
and all the ways you call forth our gifts to serve you
and love all you have created.

**Use these our gifts to serve and make whole all of creation,
that in doing so, we may glorify your name. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

✦ Charge and Blessing

Kindly remain in silence during the choral benediction, or depart very quietly.

✦ Choral Benediction

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

James Biery

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us, as we leave this holy place.
Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound;
ever faithful, ever faithful to thy truth may we be found. Amen.

— words attributed to John Fawcett (1739–1817)

✦ Indicates worshippers are invited to stand in either body or spirit.

Words in bold type are to be read or sung together.

SERVING TODAY

MUSICIANS

St. Philip Choir
Cecilia Duarte, introit soloist
Matthew Dirst, organist
Randall Swanson, conductor

CHANCEL GUILD

Sara Jean Jackson

GREETERS

Stewardship Committee

PASTORS

John W. Wurster
(on sabbatical)

Keatan King

Omar Rouchon

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by the family of Keith Fletcher to the glory of God and in celebration of his life.

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's preacher is our 2019 summer lecturer, The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby, Professor of Theology at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

Isaiah 5:1–7—*My vineyard has yielded wild grapes; now I will break down its wall.*

Psalms 80:1–2, 8–19—*Have regard for the vine you planted, O Lord; save and restore us!*

Hebrews 11:29—12:2—*We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses; Jesus perfects our faith.*

Luke 12:49–56—*Jesus warns of division and trouble to come: I came to bring fire.*

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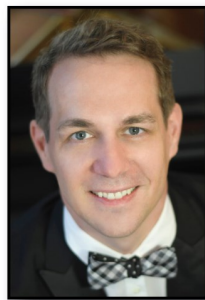
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