



Preparation for Worship

*When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.*

—Hymn 822

Voluntary

Praeludium in C major
BuxWV 138

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Greeting

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

✦ Opening Sentences

✦ Hymn 697 ([see page 10](#))

Take My Life

HENDON

✦ Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

silent prayer

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

✦ Response

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

TEXT: Traditional liturgical text; revised in *The Worshipbook*, © 1970 The Westminster Press
MUSIC: Appalachian folk melody; arranged by Richard D. Wetzel, © 1972 The Westminster Press

WAYFARING STRANGER
9.9.9

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Bernadette Farrell, © 1993 (*Published by OCP*)

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

✦ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

Prayer of Illumination

First Reading

Psalm 113:1-8

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

Anthem

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood
(1765-1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

— Psalm 119:33

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

N.T. pg. 79

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

Sermon

What's the Story?

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

✠ Affirmation of Faith

from the *Confession of 1967*

Life in Christ is life eternal.
 The resurrection of Jesus is the sign
 that God will consummate the work
 of creation and reconciliation beyond death
 and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.
 New life in Christ takes shape in a community
 in which people know that God loves and accepts them
 in spite of what they are.
 They therefore accept themselves and love others,
 knowing that no one has any ground
 on which to stand, except God's grace. 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 Anthem

*Awake, My Heart*Jane Marshall
(1924-2019)

Awake, my heart, and render
 to God thy sure defender,
 thy Maker, thy Preserver,
 a song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me:
 my day, with thee beside me,
 beginning, middle, ending,
 will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling,
 with joy and gladness swelling;
 thy word my nurture, giv'n
 to bring me on toward heaven.

— words by Paul Gerhardt (1754-1841)
 translated by Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Gracious God,
we thank for your saving love and your amazing grace.
May our gratitude for all that we have received
send us into the world with joy, as we seek
to glorify you with our words and deeds. Amen.

✦ Hymn 450 [\(see page 12\)](#)

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Congregational Meeting

✦ Charge & Blessing

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

Voluntary

Fugue in C minor

František Xaver Brixl
(1732–1771)

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist

Ava Arlinghaus

Musicians

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

FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given today by Jan Fox in thanksgiving for Asher Brewer and all the children who are nurtured by the St. Philip community.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 — *My joy is gone; my heart is sick; is there no balm in Gilead?*
- Psalm 79:1–9 — *The nations have defiled your holy temple; deliver us, O God!*
- 1 Timothy 2:1–7 — *Instructions on prayer; there is one God, and Jesus is our mediator.*
- Luke 16:1–13 — *The story of a dishonest manager; you cannot serve God and wealth.*

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a congregational meeting for **TODAY** following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is the election of elders to serve on the Session in the class of 2025. The nominating committee will present to following slate of nominees:

Dan Boston, Laura Burgess, Maggie Dement, William Howard, Mary McGuire, Gary Whitney, and Nancy Young. Additional nominations are permitted from the floor with the prior consent of those being nominated.

EQUAL EXCHANGE

Please join us in the Gathering Area **TODAY** to order your boxes of milk or dark mini chocolates. Coffee, tea, cashews, chocolate and olive oil will also be on offer from 9:30 a.m. until after the 11:00 a.m. service.

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Eleanor Grant; Sondra Sullivan; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Lane Fletcher; Renee Wright; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Sid Wells; Amye Webster; Mary Sinderson; Jan Ostendorf; Lee Larkin; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Shirley Coffman; Ellen MacDonald; Arlette Keene; CJ Miller; Mezgebe Gebray; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Gene Moore – brother-in-law of Bonnie Moore; 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; 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; 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

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AT 9:45 A.M.

GODLY PLAY (Age 3-Kindergarten) – Room 104 – Our preschool class uses a curriculum called “Godly Play,” developed by Jerome Berryman in Houston, and utilized in reformed churches all over the world. Godly Play encourages children to use the language of Christians and multiple senses to express what they innately know about God.

ELEMENTARY (Grades 1-5) – Room 105

YOUTH (Grades 6-12) – Room 206

Both the Elementary and Youth classes will use the PCUSA’s new *Follow Me* curriculum. These lessons are based on 36 practices that Jesus engaged in and taught his followers about. Learners will locate these practices in scripture, while engaging in conversation about the practices in their daily lives. With a wide variety of developmentally-aligned activities, conversation starters, and questions to ponder outside of class, this curriculum calls us all to follow Jesus and live out his example every day.

SPa (St. Philip Adults) – Room 200 – This year, SPa returns to its same place and time. We will use the adult resources from the new *Follow Me* curriculum to guide our informal weekly discussion about biblical practices such as hospitality, forgiveness and honoring sabbath. All adults of any age are welcomed 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!

CHURCH & SOCIETY – Room 201 – Church and Society regularly features speakers and presentations on a variety of contemporary and historical matters of faith and practice. This class meets from **9:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** with presentations in person and some by Zoom, projected in the classroom. In *Too Deep* - Class and Mothering in a Flooded Community - A sociological exploration of what happens when climate change threatens the carefully curated family life of upper-middle-class mothers in Houston, who chose to keep social, emotional, and economic instability at bay rather than to retreat from their flooded community. Presented by Dr. Rachel Kimbro - Dean, School of Social Services - Rice Univ. and author of *In Too Deep*.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – Room 204 – Bible study is an ongoing and thorough investigation of the multi-dimensional Word of God. In this class, we also consider the insights of other translations and scholars to deepen our understanding of God’s continuing message of faithfulness to God’s people. All are welcome to join.

WOMEN’S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Oct. 13** and we will discuss *Crying in H Mart: A Memoir* by Michelle Zauner. Watch your email for details of the next meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at:

nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

#TRUSTBLACKWOMEN—On Tuesday, **Sept. 27** at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom, the Peacemaking and Social Justice Committee is hosting a one-hour discussion of the April 25th Presbyterian Outlook #TrustBlackWomen issue. This issue was funded by a grant from St. Philip's Central Endowment Fund. The program will consist of a prayer in the issue, highlights of three articles, a conversation about other celebrations we might like to host, and a poem in the issue. Email Judith Hiott at Judith.Hiott@outlook.com to get the meeting link. Copies are available by contacting the Church Office. We hope to see you there. All are invited.

NOMINEES FOR SESSION CLASS OF 2025

The purpose of the meeting is the election of elders to serve on the Session in the class of 2025. Please review their bios here:

DAN BOSTON

Dan was baptized at Westfield Presbyterian Church in NJ where he was involved in youth fellowship, church school, retreats, and mission. Dan and his wife, Betsy, returned to Westfield when they were married and led the church's junior high school fellowship. Upon moving to Wayne, PA, they joined Wayne Presbyterian Church where Dan served as a Steward and on the Mission Committee. After relocating to Houston in 2017, three days before Harvey struck, Dan and Betsy decided to join St. Philip Presbyterian Church after experiencing the welcoming message to all, the strong commitment to mission, and great opportunities for worship and growing in faith. At St. Philip, Dan has been on the Mission Committee and was liaison to The Beacon. He continues to participate in mission activities such as early morning kitchen duty at The Beacon. He volunteers regularly for Bonding Against Adversity, an organization that assists persons with permanent residency to apply for citizenship. Dan also serves as a board member and Health Quality Committee member for Healthcare for the Homeless Houston. At Houston's Printing Museum, he volunteers as a docent and instructor which provides an outlet for one of his hobbies, antique letterpress printing. Dan retired from Temple University's dental school as associate dean in 2015. Dan and Betsy love Houston and St. Philip and are grateful for the many friends they have gained and especially grateful to care for their daughter's and son-in-law's one and two-year-old daughters a day each week. Dan feels called to serve as an elder because he is motivated to use what he has learned serving others to support the congregation and mission of St. Philip.

LAURA BURGESS

Laura and her husband Tim have been members of St. Philip since 2015. They moved to Houston from Kansas for Laura's job in 2013. Laura and Tim were original-

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: DONATION DRIVE-THRU Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 12 noon You can help spread God's love in support of two mission efforts, the Seafarers Christmas boxes and the CCSC Emergency Services Food Pantry, in one convenient drive-through event. Feel free to bring donations for one or both. Just have your bags in the back seat or back end, and volunteers will pick them up—no need to get out of your car. Blessings for being Mission-Minded! Detailed list of supplies needed will be in the Philip-Eye on **Sept. 20**.

ly drawn to St. Philip by the active Young Adult group, and were delighted to immediately feel at home among the congregation. Laura graduated from the Architectural Engineering program at Kansas State University in 2012. She enjoys having the flexibility to work some from home and some from downtown. She is a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas. Laura and Tim have two children, twins Annie and Everett who just turned three years old. Annie and Everett were baptized at St. Philip in January of 2020. Laura is a third-generation lifelong Presbyterian and is excited to join Session for the first time. Laura has previously served on the Education Committee, where she helped organize VBS, and also as a youth sponsor. Laura currently serves as Secretary for the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team, an at-large member for the Congregational Nominating Committee, participates in the Thursday Evening PW Circle and some Young Adult activities. In her free time Laura enjoys reading and gardening.

MAGGIE DEMENT

Maggie is a lifelong Presbyterian who grew up in Jackson, Mississippi, left for college at Southwestern at Memphis (Rhodes College), taught math in Memphis, California, New Jersey, and then settled in Houston. After being Secondary Mathematics Coordinator of Spring Branch ISD for 10 years, she retired. In 1986 she and Harold transferred their membership from Central Presbyterian Church to St. Philip. Music was always an important part of Maggie's life (playing in orchestras and singing in choirs), so she got involved in the music of St. Philip by helping with the children's choir, singing in the St. Philip Choir, ringing with the Bell Canto Handbell choir, directing the bell choirs for children and youth, and directing music for summer Vacation Bible School. She is a member of the Monday morning circle, an enthusiastic participant in the Tuesday/Thursday morning exercise group, served on the Strategic Planning Committee, and volunteered at Christian Community Service Center for many years. Maggie feels warm, supported, and cared for as a member of St. Philip Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM HOWARD

In August of 1985, William moved to Houston from Sumter, South Carolina (where he was a member of Second Presbyterian Church) to study at the University of Houston. He found and started attending St. Philip as an Affiliate Member during his first semester in Houston. While studying at UofH, he volunteered with the youth ministry at St. Philip as well as volunteering as a counselor during a youth weekend at Camp Cho Yeh. He also spent a year as a volunteer in the Research Center in the Presbytery office. Since becoming an Active Member, he has served on several committees over the years, including Fellowship, Property, Stewardship, Finance, and Worship. He was elected to serve as a Deacon on the Board of Deacons when St. Philip had a bicameral system of governing. William was later elected to be an Elder and has served two terms on the Session. He retired from Exxon Mobil Corporation in May 2021 where he worked in the Law Department drafting contracts to protect the Intellectual Properties of the corporation.

MARY THORNTON MCGUIRE

Mary sought a new church home after the "Discernment Process" at First Presbyterian Church (FPC). In 2014, she visited four congregations. All were nice, but St. Philip was the place where everyone made an effort to greet strangers. The music and mission outreach were a draw as well, so she joined in June 2014. She was first involved with the Missions Committee and was asked to be a Deacon. She is also a member of Presbyterian Woman, a third-generation tradition of her family. She served for over thirty years in missions and caring ministries at FPC including Habitat for Humanity, CUPS in Mexico for water projects, Stephen ministry, the AIDS team, and two choirs. She was a coach for the new program "Getting Ahead", teaching people in generational poverty the methods of getting out of poverty. She attended William Woods College in MO, graduated from LSU-BR with a history degree. She has been a Librarian, retail department manager, an Airline Reservationist, baggage handler, crawfish catcher, and a stewardess on a DC3. After moving to Houston, she worked in insurance, first life and health insurance and then commercial property and casualty. She moved into a new career while working at FPC as the Caring secretary and Wedding Coordinator. She was asked to be the Executive Director of a Faith In Action nonprofit called "Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers", providing volunteer drivers for frail and elderly and served until resigning after 5 years to be a long distant caregiver for her mother.

GARY WHITNEY

Gary transferred his 3-year membership from First Presbyterian to join Saint Philip twelve years ago. He feels that single decision changed his life beyond his wildest expectations. With it came an introduction, courtship, and subsequent marriage to Molly Boren. Now retired after a 50-year career as an Interior Architect, he and Molly are looking forward to enjoying time with their combined families in Austin, Denver, Savannah and Seattle, and traveling to Paris (Molly's go-to destination) and other places that remain on their bucket list. Gary has previously served on Session with Worship Committee, where he organized the Usher and Communion teams as we moved into the newly renovated sanctuary. He remains an usher to this day. He takes great joy in seeing that his concept for the "wall of stars" in our sanctuary has become a Christmas tradition. He has consulted to the Property and Interior Committees, has served on the Vision Committee, contributing to our current Mission Statement. During COVID he helped organize the neighborhood dinner program. He is also serving as a deacon. Gary is honored to be nominated to serve on Session once again.

NANCY BECK YOUNG

Nancy began attending St. Philip Presbyterian Church in 2012 with her husband Mark and her daughter Trisha. Nancy transferred her membership to St. Philip a year or two later from Kerens Presbyterian Church. She has worked with the Education Committee, which she chaired for two years when she was previously on the Session, 2017-2019. She has also served on the Fellowship Committee. She has long been active with Presbyterian Women, VBS, Book Club, and the Summer Lecture Series. She enjoys attending the SPA Sunday School Class and the Mo-Ranch all church retreat, and she likes equally the 9 a.m. and the 11 a.m. services. Nancy is professor of history and chair of the Department of History at the University of Houston. She is the author of five books and is working on two more now. She is also co-director of an NEH funded digital humanities project about the 1977 National Women's Conference. In her spare (?) time she enjoys traveling with Mark to national parks, gardening, reading, sports, needlepoint, and movies. This fall she will begin the college tour process with Trisha, who joined the church in 2020.

MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

2022 SUMMER ORGAN CONCERTS

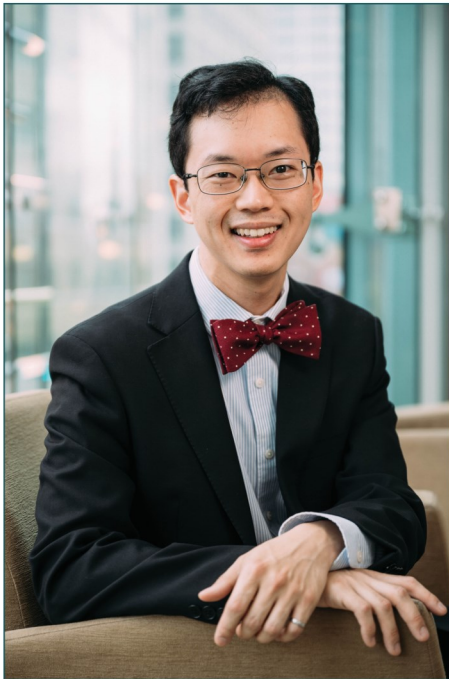
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TODAY!

— GRAND FINALE PROGRAM —

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



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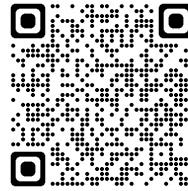
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Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

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.

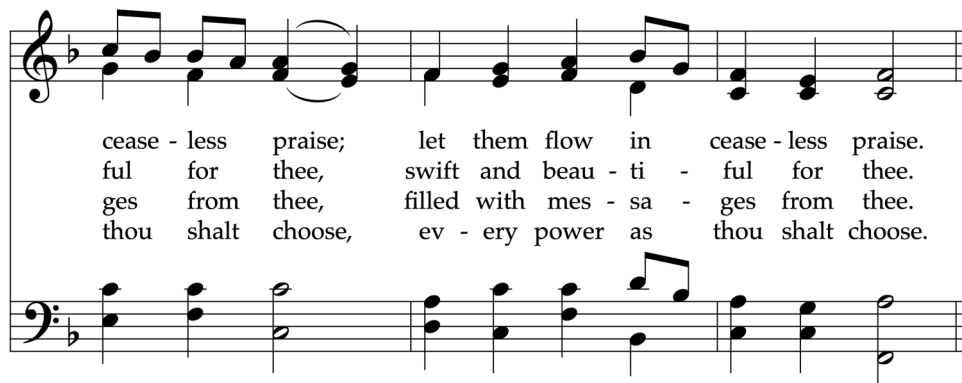
Contributions, pledge payments, communion gifts and other donations to support the Church can be made anytime through our website, text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.



1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874
 MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

HENDON
 7.7.7.7

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1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,
 2 En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar
 3 En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,
 4 En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em-brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
 y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
 en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
 gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
 sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
 Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be-long to God; we be-long to God.
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7-8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.

TEXT: Stanza 1, anon.; English trans. Elise S. Eslinger, 1983;
 stanzas 2-4, Roberto Escamilla, 1983; English trans. George Lockwood, 1987
 MUSIC: Spanish melody; arr. Barbara C. Mink, 1988
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SOMOS DEL SEÑOR
 10.10.10.10

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
 naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
 thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
 wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927

SLANE
 10.10.10.10

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