



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 29, 2019 | 11:00 A.M.
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preparation for Worship

Be a Gardener.
Dig a ditch. Toil and sweat.
And turn the earth upside down.
And seek the deepness.
And water plants in time.
Continue this labor.
And make sweet floods to run,
and noble and abundant fruits to spring.
Take this food and drink,
and carry it to God as your true worship.

—Julian of Norwich

Tolling of the Hour

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

Introit

God be in my head

John Rutter
(b. 1945)

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.

— Old English prayer

✦ Call to Worship

✦ Hymn 712 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

FOREST GREEN

✦ Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
We confess that we cannot see the great potential
in the circumstances you design for good.
We misjudge one another,
we underestimate ourselves,
and we undervalue creation.
In your patient love, forgive us.
Reveal to us your hopeful vision for the world
that we may see all things
through eyes of care and hearts of compassion.**

(silent prayer)

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

✦ Response

Lord, Have Mercy | Kyrie

John Weaver
(b. 1937)

Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Glory to the Father | Gloria Patri

John Weaver

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - men.

✠ 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

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

O.T. pg. 548

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

Anthem

Jesus is calling

Aaron David Miller
(b. 1972)

Softly, tenderly Jesus is calling to you.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and me.
Come home, come home, you who are weary.

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling sinners to come home.

Time is now fleeting; moments are passing, passing from you and me;

Shadows gathering, nighttime is coming, coming for you and me.

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and me.

Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and me.

Come home, come home, you who are weary.

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling sinners to come home.

— words by Will Thompson (1847–1909)

Second Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

O.T. pg. 736

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

Sermon

Deeds for the Kingdom

Keatan King

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

✠ Hymn 714

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

✠ Affirmation of Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. 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

*Gifts may be given anytime at www.saintphilip.net
or text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

Offertory Solo

As the Father Has Loved Me

David Ashley White
(b. 1944)

And Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

— John 15:9-12

✠ Response

We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

TEXT: William Walsham How, c.1858
MUSIC: Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

SCHUMANN
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✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Loving and gracious God,
from east and west, from north and south,
you have gathered us
and called us your beloved.

**Transform us to be your body in the world,
and fortify us by your Spirit,
so that we may serve you and our neighbors with great joy. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 26

Earth and All Stars!

EARTH AND ALL STARS

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

✦ Closing Voluntary

Tuba Tune

Craig Sellar Lang
(1891-1971)

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

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

SERVING TODAY

LITURGIST

Michael Kirby
Diana Weiss

CHANCEL GUILD

Diana Weiss

GREETERS

Mission Committee

MUSICIANS

St. Philip Choir
Cecilia Duarte, soloist
Randall Swanson, organist &
conductor

PASTORS

John W. Wurster
(on sabbatical)

Keatan King

Omar Rouchon

FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Elizabeth Duerr to the glory of God, in memory of her mother, Goldie Ham Hanson, charter member of St. Philip.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15—*Buy the field at Anathoth; houses and vineyards will one day return.*

Psalms 91:1–6, 14–16—*The Lord says: Do not fear; I will deliver those who call on my name.*

1 Timothy 6:6–19—*The love of money is the root of evil; be rich in good works instead.*

Luke 16:19–31—*Jesus tells the parable of Lazarus and the rich man in Hades.*

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CONCERT *for* PEACE

featuring guitarist **Marc Garvin**
and harpist **Echo Shen**

with poetry read from works by

Clarissa Pinkola Estés

Mary Oliver

David Whyte

W. S. Merwin

James Wright

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