



## Preparation for Worship

*God, we look for you all around us but always, you are as close as our own breath.*

*You linger in our very flesh.*

*Forgive us for our struggles to remember you linger, also, in the flesh of all our neighbors:*

*The ones attacked, the ones policed, the ones condemned, the ones who are hungry, the ones turned away.*

*In those we wound, you are wounded also, but when we honor the flesh of another, you are honored too.*

—M. Jade Kaiser

## Voluntary

*Soliloquy*

David Conte  
(b. 1955)

## Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

## ✦ Opening Sentences

Strange One. Fabulous One. Fluid and ever becoming One.

**You are as close to us as our own breath,  
yet your essence transcends all that we can imagine.**

You are mother, father, and parent.

**You are sister, brother, and sibling.**

Embodied in us, your creation,

**we recognize our flesh in all its forms is made holy in you.**

With thanksgiving, we celebrate your glorious manifestations.

**May we delight in the ways you have created us:  
diverse, unique, surprising, and beautiful.**

Blessed are our bodies.

Blessed are we when we celebrate that which the world turns away.

**Fill our hearts with a pride rooted in resistance to all that seeks to destroy.**

Let us worship God!



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2. For all gen - ders here, a place at the ta - ble,
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4. For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the ta - ble,
5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for all gen - ders here, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for gay, bi, and straight, the chal - ice of grace,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

*Refrain*



and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus-tice and



joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus-tice,



jus-tice and joy!

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Wonderful God,  
 since the beginning, you have been revealing yourself to us in different forms,  
 but we struggle to understand.  
 In Jesus, you took on the flesh of an infant,  
 made yourself vulnerable, and risked everything,  
 all in hopes of deepening your relationship with us.  
 Like our ancestors who responded to your coming out with violence and rejection,  
 we acknowledge we turn away from your revelation in unexpected people and places.  
 By your Spirit, make us the kind of community  
 where all your children can find home, family, and embrace.

*silent prayer*

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

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## ✦ Response

Paul Vasile

1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2. World with - out end, γ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, γ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, γ with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

## ✦ The Peace

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

## Conversation with Children

*Afterwards, Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.*

*Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture Reading

Romans 6:3-11

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

## Anthem

*A Gaelic Blessing*John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
 Moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
 Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

## Sermon

## Keeping Up with Jesus

John Wurster

*silence and stillness*

## ✠ Hymn

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

NEW DIMENSIONS



1. In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2. Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3. As we stand, a world di - vi - ded by our own self -  
 4. We are ev - ery race and gen - der, all ex - pres - sions,  
 5. Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lis - ten to the si - lenced?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glo - bal vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it



wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain-bow, fi - ery pil-lar,  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney,



now and ev - er, here for - ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

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NEW DIMENSIONS  
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## ✦ Affirmation of Faith

from *The Confession of 1967*

God has created the peoples of earth  
to be one universal family.  
In reconciling love,  
God overcomes the barriers between people  
and breaks down every form of discrimination.  
The church is called to bring all people  
to receive and uphold one another  
as persons in all relationships of life:  
in employment, housing, education, leisure,  
marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights.  
Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all discrimination  
and ministers to those injured by it.  
Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians  
who exclude, dominate, or patronize persons,  
however subtly, resist the Spirit of God  
and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

The church does not identify limited progress  
with the kingdom of God on earth,  
nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.  
In steadfast hope,  
the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

## 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

*The Lord Bless you and Keep You*

John Rutter

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

— Numbers 6:24-26

## ✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Eternal God,  
we thank you for the gifts you have given us in Jesus Christ.  
**Strengthen us by your Spirit**  
**so that we may use what we have received**  
**to the glory of your name**  
**and for your work in the world. Amen.**

# ✦ Hymn

## *Sing a New World into Being*

NETTLETON



1. Sing a new world in-to be-ing. Sound a bold and hope-ful  
2. Sing a new world in-to be-ing where each gen-der, class, and  
3. Sing a new world in-to be-ing where the home-less find a  
4. Sing a new world in-to be-ing. Join the an-cient proph-ets'  
them. Find a tune for si-lent yearn-ings. Lend your  
race brings its rain-bow gifts and col-ors to God's  
home, where no chil-dren ev-er hun-ger but are  
cry for a time of health and plen-ty when all  
voice and dare to dream: dream a church where all who  
lim-it-less em-brace; where the lines that once di-  
filled in God's sha-lom; where all peo-ple work for  
tears have been wiped dry; when com-pas-sion flows like  
wor-ship find their lives and loves be-long. Sing a  
vi-ded form in-stead the ties that bind. Sing a  
jus-tice, where all hate and ven-geance cease. Sing a  
wa-ters, pour-ing balm for all who grieve. Sing a  
new world in-to be-ing. Sing as Christ in-spires your song!  
new world in-to be-ing: risk trans-form-ing heart and mind!  
new world in-to be-ing: raise the har-mo-nies of peace.  
new world in-to be-ing: live the prom-ise you be-lieve!

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# ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

## Voluntary

*Water Music: Hornpipe*

George Frideric Handel  
(1685-1759)

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastors

Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

### Liturgists

Selena Brinegar | Rhonda Sands

### Musicians

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

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner to the glory of God and in gratitude for our forty-sixth wedding anniversary.

## WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- Genesis 21:8–21 — *Hagar and Ishmael are sent away, but God remains with them.*
- Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17 — *Be gracious to me, O God; save the child of your servant.*
- Jeremiah 20:7–13 — *Jeremiah laments the terror all around, but must speak God's word.*
- Psalm 69:7–10 — *Zeal for your house consumes me; save me from my enemies.*
- Romans 6:1b–11 — *Crucified with Jesus, we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ.*
- Matthew 10:24–39 — *Jesus says: Do not fear for your life; take up your cross and follow.*

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## MUSIC NOTES

### Organ Music

American composer David Conte is Professor of Composition at the San Francisco Conservatory, where he has taught since 1985. His music has been performed and recorded by Chanticleer, the San Francisco Symphony Chorus and other major organizations. His catalogue of organ music includes this morning's *Soliloquy*, commissioned as part of the 1996 celebration of Walter Holtkamp Jr's fortieth year as an organ builder. As its name suggests, this is an expository solo work, with a calm and deliberate beginning, an engaging and even impassioned central argument, and a return to the quiet mood of the opening.

As its name suggests, Handel's *Water Music* was the result of a 1717 request for music to be played on a river barge, as George I of England sailed up and down the Thames from Whitehall to Chelsea. The King apparently needed a spectacle to remind his subjects that he was still relevant, in the face of competition in the cultural sphere from his own son, the Prince of Wales. Among the many movements Handel wrote for this occasion is a "hornpipe," a kind of folk dance long popular in Britain and Ireland. Such pieces, often set in 3/2 time, have a pronounced "swing," the result of well-placed syncopations.

### Choral Music

This morning's **anthem** is by British composer John Rutter, who has enjoyed a very long and distinguished career writing and conducting mostly sacred choral music. *A Gaelic Blessing* was published in 1978 for SATB voices and organ, commissioned by the choir of First United Methodist Church in Omaha, Nebraska.

Today's **offertory anthem** is perhaps Rutter's best known and most beloved composition. *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* was published in 1981 for SATB voices and organ, and like *A Gaelic Blessing* above, it now exists in a number of different arrangements for varying combinations of voice parts, as well as various instrumental accompaniments in addition to the original organ parts.

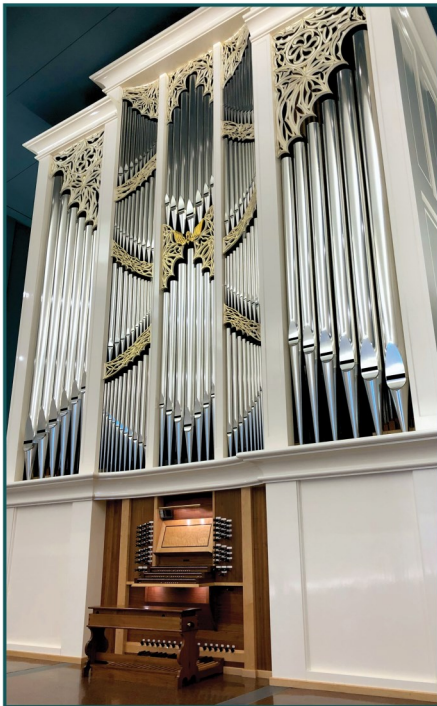
The St. Philip Choir closes its 2022-2023 season today with these favorite anthems. We're looking forward to a bit of a summer break, but we'll be back! To all who have given of their time and talents in service to the choir's ministry this year, and to those who have joined us these last few weeks for a taste of singing from the loft, you have helped us all this year to worship fully and joyfully — thank you!

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson



## Thank you 2022-2023 St. Philip Choir!

Sarah Bertrand, Steve Carmichael, Dan Cleveland, Judith Crane,  
Cecilia Duarte, Emily Estill, Jeanie Flowers, Angelina Fonseca,  
Jan Fox, Julia Fox, Gary Gardiner, Craig Hill, Judy Hill,  
Marcia James, Roderick James, Chuck Johnson, Nancy Johnson,  
John Lemen, Jane Malczewskyj, Virginia McMaster, Bonnie Moore,  
Thomas O'Neill, Angie Tovar, Tommie Trinh, Diana Weiss,  
and Vada Woodall.



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# 2023 SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL



PROGRAM NO. 1 *Offerings Great and Small*

**MATTHEW DIRST**

Organist of St Philip Presbyterian Church • Houston

**SUNDAY, JULY 9 | 5:00 PM**

PROGRAM NO. 2 *Blessed Is She Among Women*

**MARIE RUBIS BAUER**

Director of Music and Organist of St Cecilia Cathedral • Omaha

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 | 5:00 PM**

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## St. Philip Financial Statement through May 31

Total revenue: .....\$692,243

Total expenses:.....\$733,623

Pledge payments received:.....\$468,227

Pledge payments budgeted:.....\$470,702



## IN OUR PRAYERS

*The family and friends of Ellen MacDonald who died on June 13, memorial service to be determined.*

*Congratulations to John and Beverly Hudson who welcomed great grandson, Hudson Grey Hemphill on June 15.*

*St. Philippians and their families* – Nolan Arnes; Shirley Coffman; Kathryn Harwood; Robin & Gary Willis; Beverly Baker; Beverly Hudson; Mary Sinderson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Austin Lippincott; Richard Johnson; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Paige Everhart, sister of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Leonardo Knowles Richard “Leo” - grandson of Beth & Fort Flowers; Halley Delany – sister of Nina Lambright; Truxillo family – Wayne and Sandra Truxillo; Carla Burns – cousin of Sharon Webb; Robert Kirtley – father of Amanda Kirtley; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Warren Cash – brother of Kay Cash; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Darryl Cazes – brother of Pam Taylor; Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine; John Anderson – brother of Tom Anderson; and Elizabeth Carlton Lithio – granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers.

*Homebound* – Elizabeth Arp; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; and Sondra Sullivan.

*Friends of St. Philippians* – Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach – friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Boyd – friend of Kate Burkart; Carol Gilliland – friend of Orlean Anderson; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

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).

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*(Are on recess until September 10)*

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** – We will have Children's Chapel **TODAY** after *Conversation with Children*. In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship, while praying, singing, and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn.

**CHURCH & SOCIETY** - Church & Society is taking a summer break and will return on Rally Day - **September 10**, for a class reunion and preview of the fall 2023 term.

### ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY** – Class returns **June 28**. Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets at 9:30 a.m. A hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net). Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome.

**LAMBETH STUDY** – Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan King at:

[keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB** – This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **July 13** at 7:00 p.m. and we will discuss *Three Girls from Bronzeville: A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate and Sisterhood* by Dawn Turner. Watch your email for details of the next

meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

### PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday through the month of June in person in the office conference room and via Zoom at 11:45 a.m. If you would like to join them, please contact Gary Gardner at:

[ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY** – All women of the church are invited to join any of the meetings of Presbyterian Women. If you are not a member of a circle, you are welcome to participate; to be directed to a group leader please email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net). Circles are on recess until Sunday, **September 17** for the Joint Circle Luncheon.

### SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 5 - SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

– Please plan to join us on Saturday, **August 5** for St. Philip's annual Summer Lecture Series. This year's speaker will be the Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap, Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network and author of the recently-published book, *Following Jesus in a Warming World - a Christian Call to Climate Action*. More details to come. Please contact Omar Rouchon with any questions.

**VISIT ISRAEL IN 2024** – We are putting together a St. Philip trip to Israel for **April 1-12, 2024**. If you are interested in seeing the trip brochure or need other information, please contact John Wurster [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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### SUNDAYS: JULY 2, 9 & 16

### VOLUNTEER:



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# 1. VOLUNTEER

**JULY 29** | SCHOOL SUPPLY BAG ASSEMBLY

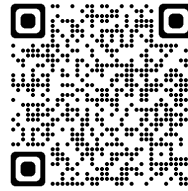
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### Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Guest Book tab at [saintphilip.net](http://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.**

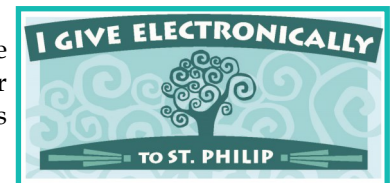
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**If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church** by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The 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](http://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.

**I Give Electronically**—in response to parents’ hopes that their children might be able to see their ongoing commitment to St. Philip and with the intent to better represent the totality of our giving as a congregation, we have available in the pews giving cards that can be placed in the offering plate by our electronic givers.



### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

The session has voted to continue with a single service on Sundays at 11 a.m., at least through the summer.