



## Preparation for Worship

*For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits. Surely, my hope is in you.*

– Marty Haugen, Hymn 89

## Voluntary

*Sonata in A Major*

Carlos Seixas  
(1704–1742)

## Greeting

*Please sign and pass the friendship folder.*

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

## Introit

*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

Gordon Young  
(1919–1998)

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;  
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.  
Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise God for ever.  
Sing of God's almighty power, praise God for ever.  
Sing of God's righteousness, praise God for ever.

So let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;  
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.  
Sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia, sing Alleluia!

## ✦ Opening Sentences

### ✦ Hymn 401 [\(see page 11\)](#)

*Here in This Place | Gather Us In*

GATHER US IN

## ✦ Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:  
Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and strength;  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

*silent prayer*

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

## ✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✦ Response

Henry W. Greathouse

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## ✦ The Peace

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

## Conversation with Children

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

## Prayer for Illumination

## First Reading

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

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

**Anthem***Christ Be with Me*Oliver Tarney  
(b. 1984)

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
 Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
 Christ to comfort and restore me.  
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
 Christ in the hearts of all who love me,  
 Christ in the mouths of friend and stranger.

— words attributed to St. Patrick of Ireland, fifth century

**Second Reading**

Romans 8:18-25

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

Just Wait

John Wurster

*silence and stillness*✠ **Hymn 314** [\(see page 12\)](#)*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

✠ **Affirmation of Faith**from *A Brief Statement 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 all people 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. 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

*Come, O Come, Our Voices Raise*

Malcolm Archer  
 (b. 1952)

Come, O come, our voices raise,  
 sounding God Almighty's praise;  
 hither bring in one consent  
 heart, and voice, and instrument.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Sound the trumpet, touch the lute,  
 let no tongue nor string be mute,  
 nor a voiceless creature found  
 that hath neither note nor sound.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

So this huge wide orb we see  
 shall one choir, one temple be;  
 where in such a praiseful tone  
 we will sing what God hath done.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thus our song shall overclimb  
 all the bounds of space and time;  
 come, then, come, our voices raise,  
 sounding God Almighty's praise.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

— words by George Wither (1558–1667)

### ✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Almighty and merciful God,  
 from whom comes all that is good,  
**We praise you for your mercy,  
 for your goodness that has created us,  
 your patience that has borne with us,  
 and your love that has redeemed us.**  
**Help us to love you,  
 and to be thankful for all of your gifts  
 by serving you and delighting to do your will,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ✠ Hymn 733 [\(see page 13\)](#)

*We All Are One in Mission*

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### ✠ Charge and Blessing

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

### Voluntary

*Sonata de clarines*

Antonio Soler  
 (1729–1783)

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastor

John Wurster

### Liturgist

Suzanne Kerr

### Musicians

Tessa Larson, Sarah Bertrand, Emily Premont and Natalie Broussard — choral ensemble

Matthew Dirst — organist | Randall Swanson — director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Kurt Grether & Bill Stubbs to the glory of God, in celebration of their wedding anniversary, and the loving, supportive, and accepting nature of the St. Philip Community.

## WORSHIP NOTES

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

- Genesis 28:10-19a — *Jacob dreams of a ladder and hears the promise of the Lord.*
- Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 — *O Lord, you have searched me; if I ascend to heaven you are there.*
- Isaiah 44:6-8 — *I am the first and last, says the Lord; there is no god besides me.*
- Psalm 86:11-17 — *O Lord, give me an undivided heart to revere your name.*
- Romans 8:12-25 — *The whole creation waits for redemption with the children of God.*
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 — *Another parable of the kingdom: weeds grow among the wheat.*

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## MUSIC NOTES

### Organ Music

The Portuguese musician Carlos Seixas, who at the age of fourteen began his career as a cathedral organist, eventually served the court chapel in Lisbon. A virtuoso harpsichordist and teacher, he taught numerous members of the royal family and left a sizable collection of keyboard sonatas. His *Sonata in A Major*, like most of his works, incorporates idiomatic figuration throughout, mostly in two very active voices.

"Padre" Antonio Soler was for many years head of the court chapel in Madrid and keyboard teacher to members of the Spanish royal family. His sonatas, often compared with those of Domenico Scarlatti, explore the sounds of keyboard instruments in memorable ways. In the *Sonata de clarines*, he finds just the right musical gestures for the fiery reed stops of Iberian organs.

### Choral Music

This morning's **introit** is by American composer Gordon Young, who was a student of Alexander McCurdy at the Curtis Institute. Young later taught organ on the faculty of Wayne State University. *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* was com-

posed in 1960 for the choir of First Presbyterian Church, Detroit, where the composer served as music director for fifteen years.

Today's **first anthem** features familiar words attributed to St. Patrick in a setting by English composer Oliver Tarney, who was educated at Manchester University. Tarney is now Head of Academic Music and Composition at Winchester College, and he sings regularly with the Winchester Cathedral choir. *Christ Be with Me* was composed in 2017.

The offertory anthem *Come, O Come, Our Voices Raise* was composed in 2016 for St. Francis Episcopal Church in Potomac Parish, Maryland by British organist, conductor and composer Malcolm Archer. Prior to his retirement in 2017, Archer served at cathedrals in Norwich, Bristol, Wells, and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and finally as Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

## IN OUR PRAYERS

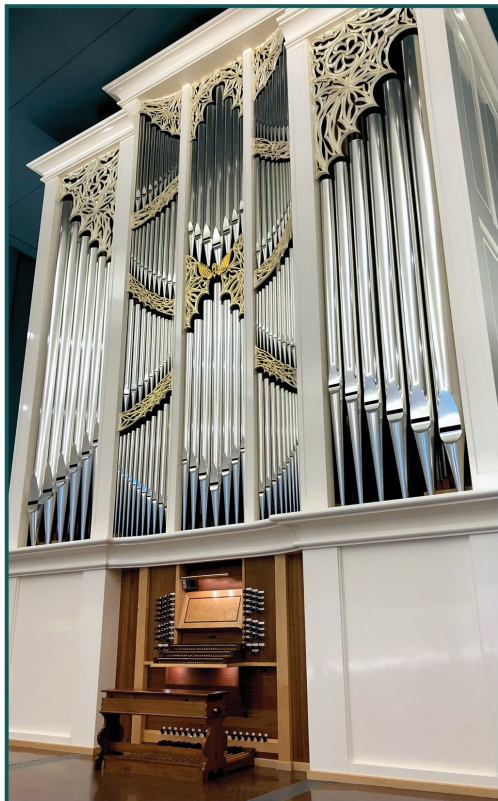
*The family of Ellen MacDonald upon her death on June 13. A memorial service will be August 26 at 11:00 a.m.*

*St. Philippians and their families* — Bill Camfield; Sandra Truxillo; Cynthia Shoupe; Deb Burks; Sharon Webb; 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; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson & John Bonica ; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; 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).



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# 2023 SUMMER ORGAN FESTIVAL



PROGRAM NO. 2

**MARIE RUBIS BAUER**

Director of Music and Organist of St Cecilia Cathedral • Omaha

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

*Blessed Is She Among Women*

MUSIC BY, ABOUT, AND IN HONOR OF WOMEN — WITH WORKS BY  
Fanny Mendelssohn, Florence Price, Cecilia McDowall,  
Rachel Laurin, Nicolas de Grigny and Dan Locklair

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*(Are on recess until September 10)*

**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**—Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster **meets weekly**. The class meets at 9:30 a.m., and is 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 bible 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 **August 10** at 7:00 p.m. which will be a social gathering. 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

Class is on a break until **September 15**. 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.

### CALLING ALL WORSHIP LEADERS!

Whether you love any opportunity to lead liturgy or you're a first-timer we need you. If you would to be the Liturgist at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service this year; there are only a few Sundays left! They are: **October 1** (Worldwide Communion Sunday); **October 8**; **October 29**; and **December 23**. If you would like to be Liturgist on any of these days please contact Roderick James via text at 713-503-0785 or by email at [jamesrv@me.com](mailto:jamesrv@me.com).

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL COLLECTION

It's SUMMERTIME....and we are already thinking about back-to-school. Several of our Mission Partners are providing back-to-school items for children in our communities and have packing and distribution programs on the calendar for this summer. We have the opportunity to volunteer for various associated tasks.

### MISSION PARTNERS & HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Christian Community Services Center (CCSC)**—a mission formed by numerous Houston churches to serve those in need. CCSC - **July 29** school bag assembly; **August 4-5** distribution. *Register in advance to volunteer at* <https://bit.ly/CCSCBTS23>. Donate online at [ccschouston.org/back-to-school](http://ccschouston.org/back-to-school).
- **Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS)**--provides a variety of Christ-centered services to children in need and their families. Back pack stuffing party **August 3**. Contact Marla Endieveri: 832-241-5921 or [mar-la.endieveri@pchas.org](mailto:mar-la.endieveri@pchas.org).
- **The Women's Home** -provides residential treatment services and transitional housing for women in crisis and their families. Supply Distribution Fair on **August 9**. Contact Jenna DeWitte: [jjackson@thewomenshome.org](mailto:jjackson@thewomenshome.org) or call 713-328-1964.

We are tasked to be Christ's hands and feet, helping both neighbor and stranger. Consider how you can respond to that call.

St. Philip Presbyterian Church

## 2023 SUMMER LECTURE SERIES

# FOLLOWING JESUS



REV. KYLE MEYAARD-SCHAAP

## IN A WARMING WORLD

CLIMATE CHANGE  
THE GOSPEL & THE CHURCH

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 | 2023

VISIT: [SAINTPHILIP.NET](http://SAINTPHILIP.NET)

Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap,

Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network and author, *Following Jesus in a Warming World*

Have you ever looked at the effects of climate change and the apathy of so many Christians around you and wondered, "What are we missing here?" Why has the U.S church struggled so mightily to understand the climate crisis as a moral and gospel issue, and instead so often abandoned it to the domain of the culture wars? In these lectures, we will trace some of the historical reasons for the U.S. church's lukewarm engagement with climate change, explore how Scripture might be able to guide us toward a more faithful way forward, and plot out an active and hopeful path for the church as we all strive to follow Jesus more closely in a warming world.

*Rev. Kyle Meyaard-Schaap* serves as the Vice President of the Evangelical Environmental Network. He holds an undergraduate degree in religious studies from Calvin University (B.A. '12), a Master of Divinity degree from Western Theological Seminary (M.Div. '16), and is ordained in the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA). For the last eleven years, he has educated and mobilized Christians around the world to address the climate crisis as an act of discipleship and neighbor-love.

The St. Philip Education Committee invites you to join for our annual Summer Lecture Series on Saturday, August 5 when Rev. Meyaard-Schaap will present three lectures. This event is free and open to the public, and lunch will be on your own. Contact Omar Rouchon or David Castro with any questions.

### Saturday Schedule

9:00.....	Breakfast Fellowship
9:15-10:15 .....	Lecture #1
10:30-11:30 .....	Lecture #2
11:30-1:00 .....	Lunch on your own
1:00- 2:00 .....	Lecture #3

All lectures will be held in the Fellowship Hall.



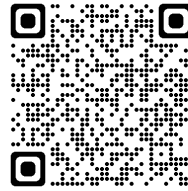
**Build a more just world one bite/sip/tablespoon at a time!**

Consider this: Your kitchen can become a place that enables God's work to happen. Equal Exchange, the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s fair trade partner, works directly with small-scale farmers, organized into co-ops, who earn a fair price for their crops. The sale of every Equal Exchange product generates a "social premium," additional money that goes directly to the farmers so they can choose to reinvest in their own community development, in ways ranging from community centers, hospitals, and schools to capital investment. In addition, Equal Exchange farmers use sustainable practices that restore and preserve our planet. And you help make all this possible with every purchase!

St. Philip will be offering Equal Exchange fair trade chocolates, coffees, teas, and other products (including the ever-popular olive oil – come early!) at our summer sale preceding and following the worship service on July 30, in the gathering area.

If you would like to give back to this project and can help with set-up, sales, or closeout, please email [welcome@saintphilip.net](mailto:welcome@saintphilip.net) with *EE* in the subject line.

Your support and participation help create a better life for small farmers around the world and help care for God's creation. Good food tastes even better when it supports good work!



### 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.**

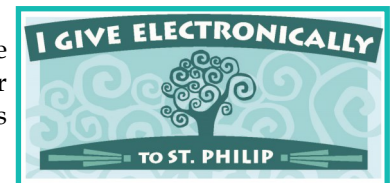
**Connect with St. Philip** through [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net) and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net).

**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 11:00 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.

## Hymn 401

## Here in This Place | Gather Us In

## GATHER US IN



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

## Hymn 314

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT



1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

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.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT  
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## Hymn 733

## We All Are One in Mission

## ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

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