



**THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP  
AT WORSHIP**

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**A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**JOSEPH STEVEN SPIDELL**

**SEPTEMBER 7, 1948—FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

**PRELUDE****OPENING SENTENCES**

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

✠ **HYMN 39** ([see page 4](#))

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

✠ **PRAYER**

Eternal God,  
 our strength and our comfort,  
 our hope and our help,  
 your love cares for us in life  
 and watches over us in death.  
 We praise you for the great company  
 of all those who have kept the faith,  
 finished their race,  
 and who now rest from their labor.  
 Especially we thank you for Steve,  
 whom you have now received into your presence.  
 We are grateful for all he gave us,  
 for the memories that will abide with us,  
 and for the assurance that he lives forever  
 in the peace and joy of your unending love.  
 Take from us now our regrets and sorrows,  
 and grant us your grace, we pray,  
 that as we face the mystery of death  
 we may see the light of eternity,  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*silent prayer*

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

✠ **DECLARATION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8  
 Ephesians 2:4-10  
 Matthew 25:31-40

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

**SERMON**

✠ **HYMN 373** ([see page 5](#))

*O Day of Peace*

JERUSALEM

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**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.**

✠ **HYMN 450** ([see page 6](#))

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

✠ **COMMENDATION**

Take him, earth, for cherishing,  
to thy tender breast receive him.  
Body of a man I bring thee,  
noble even in its ruin.

Once was this a spirit's dwelling,  
by the breath of God created.  
High the heart here was beating.  
Christ the prince of all its living.

—Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 4th century

✠ **BLESSING**

✠ **RECESSIONAL**

*Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception  
in the Gathering Area adjacent to the Sanctuary.*

**Worship Leaders**

The Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster, pastor

Randall Swanson, organist



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no  
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and  
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-  
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in  
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.  
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

*Refrain*  
 Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed— great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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 MUSIC: William M. Runyan (1870-1957) © 1923, renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Company

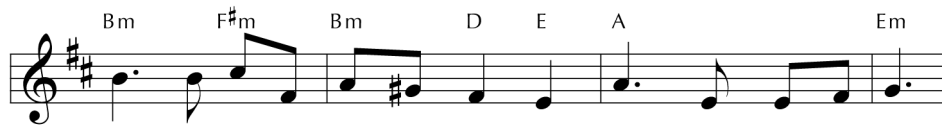
FAITHFULNESS  
 11.10.11.10 with refrain



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies



fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's  
shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of



grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.  
peace shall be ful - filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts *pax*, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6-9) describes *shalom*, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1982

MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987

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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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## Joseph Steven Spidell

September 7, 1948 – February 14, 2023

Born to Bill and Carolyn Spidell, Steve had one sibling, James. They all pre-deceased him. Steve was a studious child and young man, presaging his ability to excel in academic endeavors. He held degrees from University of Texas Austin, (B.A.,) Austin Presbyterian Seminary, (M.Div. and D. Min.) and Wesley Theological Seminary, (D, Min.)

He served various churches as pastor, spent many years as a pastoral counselor, but found his highest calling in hospital chaplaincy. He ministered in multiple Houston hospitals as the Executive Director of P.O.P., Presbyterian Outreach to Patients. At retirement, he was the Director of Spiritual Care for Methodist Hospital—San Jacinto. His ability as a teacher was unparalleled.

He married late in life and made Cheryl Smith and her two daughters, Colly and Cayce, his new family. One son, Robin, was born to Steve and Cheryl. Providing much enjoyment to him were the four grandchildren, Kyle, Taylor, Addison and Kendall.

Of primary importance to Steve was his faith in the Triune God and the upholding of solid theology in the Church. In the midst of loss, we rest assured that through the grace of God, he now feasts at that heavenly banquet in perfect peace.

For those wanting to honor his life and witness through a memorial gift, kindly give to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 12625 Southwest Freeway, Stafford, TX 77477.