



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 28, 2020

Voluntary

Firm Foundations: VI. Sarabande

Joel Martinson
(b. 1960)

Opening Sentences

Opening Hymn 769 (see page 6)

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

silent prayer

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Response

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.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

GLORIA PATRI (Greatorex)

Words of Peace

In Christ, God is reconciling the whole world,
and God is entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
We are ambassadors for Jesus Christ. God's appeal is being made through us.
Peace be with you. Peace be with all.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

Solo

Soft Mist Is Rising

Robert A. Hobby
(b. 1962)

Soft mist is rising, new dawn is breaking,
gold comes with sunrise to banish the grey;
birds greet the morning, singing glad praises,
thanking the Lord God, who gave us Today!

Each hour of daylight brings its own beauty,
and so our hearts sing, at work and at play,
as God's creation echoes his glory,
we thank the Lord God, who gave us Today!

When stars are shining, bright in the night sky,
our bodies' call to rest we will obey;
knowing God loves us, we'll sleep in safety,
thanking the Lord God, who gave us Today!

— words by Rae E. Whitney (b. 1927)

Sermon

Two Carnations

John W. Wurster

Solo

Most High, Omnipotent, Good Lord

LUKKASON • Calvin Hampton
(1938–1984)

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,
and blessing without measure, from thee alone all creatures came;
no one is worthy thee to name.

My Lord be praised by brother sun who through the skies his course doth run,
and shines in brilliant splendor; with brightness he doth fill the day,
and signifies thy boundless sway.

My Lord be praised by sister moon and all the stars, that with her soon
will point the glittering heavens. Let wind and air and cloud and calm
and weathers all, repeat the psalm.

By sister water be thou blessed, most humble, useful, precious, chaste;
be praised by brother fire; jocund is he, robust and bright,
and strong to lighten all the night

By mother earth my Lord be praised; governed by thee she hath upraised
what for our life is needful. Sustained by thee, through every hour,
she bringeth forth fruit, herb, and flower.

My Lord be praised by those who prove in free forgivingness their love,
nor shrink from tribulation. Happy, who peaceably endure;
with thee, Lord, their reward is sure.

For death our sister, praised be, from whom no one alive can flee.
Woe to the unprepared! But blest be they who do thy will
and follow they commandments still.

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord, to thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,
and blessing without measure. Let creatures all give thanks to thee,
and serve in great humility.

— words by Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)
translated by Howard Chandler Robbins (1876–1952)

Affirmation of Faith

from the *Confession of Belhar*

We believe

that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ;
that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker,
that the church is witness both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death,
and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience
which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. 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.

Closing Hymn 301 (see page 7)

All Are Welcome

TWO OAKS

Charge and Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Firm Foundations: VII. Trumpet Tune

Joel Martinson

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Keatan King and Omar Rouchon

Musicians

Randall Swanson, organist | Cecilia Duarte, soloist

WORSHIP NOTES

Lectionary Readings

- Genesis 22:1–14—*Obeying God, Abraham prepares to sacrifice his son Isaac.*
- Psalm 13—*How long, O Lord? Still I trust in your steadfast love.*
- Romans 6:12–23—*The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life in Christ.*
- Matthew 10:40–42—*Jesus sends disciples: whoever welcomes you welcomes me.*

The new banner for ordinary time, Welcome All, was made by Marcia James.

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MUSIC NOTES

Today's **organ voluntaries** come from *Firm Foundations: Variations on an American Hymn Tune*, composed in May 2012 by Joel Martinson, who is Director of Music Ministries and Organist at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Dallas, Texas, where he coordinates a vibrant musical life, including choral and instrumental ensembles for all ages, and a very active music series. A product of two generations of clergy musician families, Martinson has served Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Reformed Jewish houses of worship, and has written hundreds of published works for organ, choir, and instruments. • This morning's **solos** both speak of the beauty of all God's creation and life. *Soft Mist Is Rising* is a setting of a text by English-American poet Rae Whitney, originally composed for SATB voices and organ in 2011 by Robert Hobby, arranged in 2020 for solo voice and organ (the version heard in today's service). *Most High, Omnipotent, Good Lord* was composed in the mid-1970s by Calvin Hampton, who was renowned as an organist and composer for organ. The late Eric Routley, an authority on church music, cited Hampton as "the greatest living composer of hymn tunes." This morning's solo is one of those hymn tunes — LUKKASON — originally intended for congregational singing. Born in Kittaning, Pennsylvania and raised in Ravenna, Ohio, Hampton was a resident of New York City from 1963 until his death from AIDS at age 45 in 1984. Hampton was a distinguished recitalist, specializing in 19th- and 20th-century repertoire. He was famous for his weekly Friday Midnight concerts at Calvary Church in New York City, which he offered from 1974 to 1983. The text of *Most High, Omnipotent, Good Lord* is a translation by Howard Chandler Robbins of Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Sun*, believed to have been written by St. Francis in 1224. Francis' *Canticle of the Sun* is also the basis for the text of the hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* found at No. 15 in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

— Randall Swanson

IN OUR PRAYERS

Walter King & his family upon the death of his brother Peter on June 21 in Florida.

St. Philippians and their families— Emily Estill; Donna Host; Travis Calhoun; Nadene Crain; Jeanne West; Guy Aldrich; Greg Moore; Marion Takehara; CJ Miller; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; Kelsey Higgs Gallegos & family—daughter of Nancy Higgs; Dottie Laas and family—cousin of Sam Fisher; Alice Barron—sister-in-law to Beth Atkinson; Nikolaus Malczewskyj—father-in-law of Jane Malczewskyj; David Block—brother-in-law of Nancy Lomax; John Beck—brother of Nancy Young; Margie Foster—mother of Mark Young; Tom Martin—father of Jon Martin; Dorothy McMillan—mother of Nancy Higgs; Barbara Wilson—sister-in-law of Connie Mayfield; Jack Kindig—brother of Ginny Camfield; Shirley and Weldon Boggus, Sr.—grandparents of Omi Ford; Jimmy Reagan—father of Sarah O'Dell; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; and Ann Morgan—sister of Dorothy Blackwell.

Homebound: Sue Baier; Walter Baker; Joe Anne Berwick; John Bobbitt; Paulie Carlson; Kitty Curry; Jane English; Barbara German; George Helland; Arlette Keene; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Toto McGehee; Paul & Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; Penny Vieau; and Ruth Weber.

Friends of St. Philippians: Craig and Jamie Slein—friends of Steve Carmichael; Melissa and Sela Calvert—friends of Kay Cash; Dorcas Rhodes—friend of Jan Meyer; Dave Olson and Clayton Amacker—friends of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Shirley Stubblefield—friend of Barbara Runge; and Walter "Buddy"

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To join the Zoom Coffee Hour following the service, e-mail Lorrie Castle at lorrie@saintphilip.net.

As we continue to assess and monitor coronavirus data and the recommendations of local health leaders and then filter that information through our particular context at St. Philip, we remain convinced that we should continue to gather only online for Sunday worship for the coming weeks. **However, we are now able to have a limited number of people attend in-person our 11:00 a.m. daily prayer service (Monday-Saturday).** Currently, we have a limit of five persons per day, beginning with Monday's service. Advance registration is required. For more information on conditions and to register click [here](#). The link will change weekly and is only available in the daily emails from the pastors. We hope that the opportunity to again worship in the sacred space of our Sanctuary will be a source of comfort and hope. Depending on circumstances, we can expand the number of worshippers per day as we go forward. If you have trouble with the registration or are not online, please call Lorrie Castle (832-262-1244).

Opening Hymn 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4. For gay and for 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 wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for gay and for 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!

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11.10.11.10 with refrain

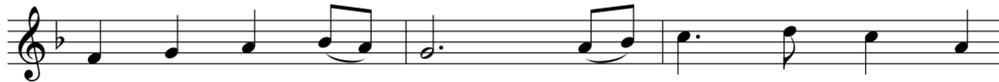
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All Are Welcome

TWO OAKS



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone To heal - and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



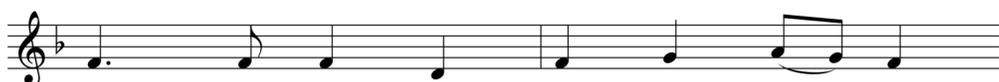
chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith and vault of grace; Here the
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as
 vealed in time and space; As we
 im - age of God's face; Let us
 faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



in this place.