



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 2020

Opening Voluntary

Prelude in C Major
BWV 545/1

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685–1750)

Introit

Be my strong rock, O Lord

Chant

Be my strong rock, O LORD, a castle to keep me safe;
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
For the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge:
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

— Psalm 31:3, 4, 2

Opening Sentences

Opening Hymn 49 (see page 5)

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

Prayer of Confession

Spirit of Fire,
you are within us, around us, and beyond us,
but we ignore your voice,
turn from your light,
and doubt your power.

Great I AM,
you fill the earth with your presence,
but we fill the earth with our pollution.

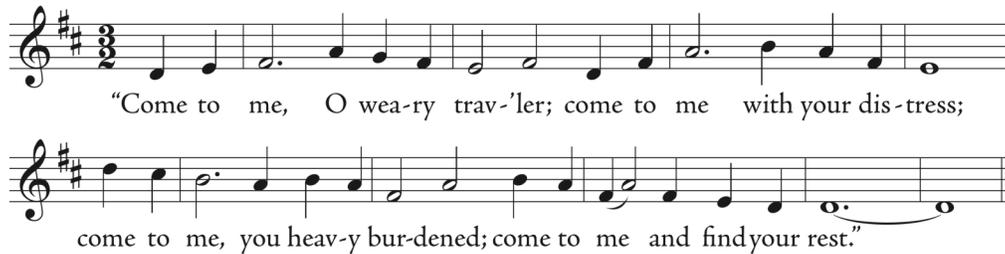
Holy Ground,
we tread on you without thought,
and tread on one another without care.

Forgive us, Triune God,
for living with meager faith, small minds, and closed hearts.
Open us to the power of your presence in our lives
that we may be transformed by your all-consuming love.

silent prayer

Holy One , in your mercy. Hear our Prayer

Response



"Come to me, O wea-ry trav-'ler; come to me with your dis-tress;
come to me, you heav-y bur-dened; come to me and find your rest."

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8.7.8.7.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

Response



"Rest in me, O wea-ry trav-'ler; rest in me and do not fear.
Rest in me, my heart is gen-tle; rest and cast a-way your care."

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Words of Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Teach Me, O Lord

Philip Stopford
(b. 1977)

Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes;
and I shall keep it unto the end.
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.
Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
for therein is my desire.
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
and not to covetousness.
O turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity;
and quicken thou me in thy way.
O stablish thy word unto thy servant,
that I may fear thee.

Amen.

— Psalm 119:33-38

Sermon

Presence, Not Pretense

Keatan King

Anthem

A Heart of Grace

Aaron David Miller
(b. 1972)

Give me, O Lord, a heart of grace,
A voice of joy, a shining face,
That I may show, where'er I turn,
Thy love within my soul doth burn.

Though life be sweet and joy be dear,
Be in my mind to quiet fear,
A patient strength in pain and care,
A friend in dark despair.

A tenderness for all that stray,
With strength to help them on the way,
A cheerfulness, a heav'nly mirth
Bright'ning my steps along the earth.

Amen.

— words by Rosa Mulholland (1841–1921), 1886

Affirmation of Faith

The Confession of 1967

**God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ
embraces the whole of human life.
Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world,
stirring hope in humanity and preparing the world
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.
With an urgency born of this hope,
the church applies itself to present tasks
and strives for a better world.
The church does not identify limited progress
with the kingdom of God on earth,
nor does the church despair in the face of disappointment and defeat.
In steadfast hope,
the church looks beyond all partial achievement
to the final triumph of God.
"Now to the One who by the power at work within us
is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think,
to God be glory in the church
and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
forever and ever. Amen."**

Prayers of the People

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 340 (see page 6)

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

Charge and Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Fugue in C Major
BWV 545/2

J.S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Liturgists

Kallie Pitcock and John Wurster

Musicians

Julia Fox, Cecilia Duarte, Thomas Lewis O'Neill and Nicholas Rathgeb, vocalists
 Matthew Dirst, organist | Randall Swanson, pianist & music director

WORSHIP NOTES

Lectionary Readings

- Exodus 3:1–15—*Moses meets the Lord in a burning bush, and learns God's name.*
- Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45b—*Give thanks to the Lord, who sent Moses to set the people free.*
- Romans 12:9–21—*Love one another; seek what is good; live peaceably with all.*
- Matthew 16:21–28—*Jesus says: If any wish to follow me, they must take up their cross.*

MUSIC NOTES

Organ music — Bach's *Prelude and Fugue in C Major* BWV 545 begins with one of the most concise of his organ preludes. Not that this prelude lacks ambition: its opening bar has a surprisingly large reach, from top to bottom "C" of the organ compass, and its figuration radiates joy. The simple but sly fugue subject moves slowly up a fourth only to turn back on itself with a quicker flourish, inviting each voice in turn to join in the fun.

Choral music — This morning's **introit** is an ancient chant calling upon God to sustain us with protection and strength in difficult times. The chant melody is a simple formula to which any of the psalms may be sung, and the unison singing is symbolic of our unity in Christ. • Today's **first anthem** — *Teach Me, O Lord* — is a reflective setting of verses from Psalm 119, written by British composer Philip Stopford for SATB choir and organ. Stopford was trained as a boy chorister in the choir of Westminster Abbey in London, and later completed university music studies at Oxford University where he served as organ scholar at Keble College and directed the college chapel choir. Following similar positions at the cathedrals of Truro, Canterbury and Chester, Stopford served from 2003 to 2010 as Director of Music at St. Anne's Cathedral in Belfast, and from 2010 to 2015 as a freelance composer and conductor in Belfast and Chester. Appointed in 2016, Stopford now serves as Director of Music at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Bronxville, New York. More information about Philip Stopford and recordings of his music are available at www.philipstopford.com. • The text of this morning's **second anthem** — *A Heart of Grace* — is a poem from 1886 written by Rosa Mulholland, which encourages believers to let the love of Christ show through all we do. The beautiful musical setting for SATB choir and piano is by American composer Aaron David Miller, who serves as the Director of Music and Organist at House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition to a very large catalog of musical compositions, Miller is also a brilliant organist and improviser, and prize winner of several prestigious competitions, including the top prize at the American Guild of Organists (AGO) National Improvisation Competition, and the Bach and Improvisation prizes at the Calgary International Organ Festival Competition in Canada. More information about Aaron David Miller may be found on his website at www.aarondavidmiller.com.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

Opening Hymn 49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

TEXT: Moses Maimonides, 12th cent.; vers. Daniel ben Judah Dayan, 1404; stanzas 1, 3, trans. Thomas Olivers, c.1770, alt.; LEONI stanzas 2, 4, trans. Max Landsberg, Newton M. Mann, and William C. Gannett, 1884, 1910, alt. 6.6.8.4.D
MUSIC: Jewish melody, 17th cent.; adapt. Meyer Lyon and Thomas Olivers, 1770

Closing Hymn 340

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

IN OUR PRAYERS

William Howard and family upon the death of his father Rev. Charlie Howard on August 24 in South Carolina.

Joys—Guy and Melissa Aldrich welcomed granddaughter Anna Melissa on August 26.

St. Philipians and their families— Laney Miller; Susan Huffman; Lou Allen; Jan Meyer; Joyce Fugit; Vicki McKay; Steve Carmichael; Mary Sinderson; Marion Takehara; Peg Palisin; Emily Estill; Travis Calhoun; Jeanne West; Greg Moore; CJ Miller; Lonnie Fugit; Mezgebe Gebray; Carolyn Jones—sister of Cynthia Jones; John Anderson—brother of Tom Anderson; Nancy Montgomery Cleveland—sister of Dan Cleveland; Janet Fisher—sister-in-law of Dan Cleveland; Liam Hunter—cousin of Mary Ann Thomas; Katie Ostendorf—niece of Judy Barrish; John & Bessie Johnson—parents of Pat Lindsay; Mac & Beverly Wilson—parents of Butch Wilson; Vera Moore—mother of Chuck Johnson; 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; Miriam Kalmbach—aunt of Nancy Higgs; Barbara Wilson—sister-in-law of Connie Mayfield; Jack & Pauline Kindig—brother/sister-in-law 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; Barbara German; George Helland; Arlette Keene; T.E. "Joe" Keever; Alice Pennington; Joyce Randolph; Van Rathgeber; Jean Nelson; Jody Tomforde; and Penny Vieau.

Friends of St. Philipians: Melinda Penny—friend of Denise Ferrell; David Shebay—friend of Greg Han; Kathleen Davies and family—friend of Chuck Johnson; Craig and Jamie Slein—friends of Steve Carmichael; Betty Rhodes and family—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" Hamman III friends of Robin and Gary Willis.

We also pray for health care workers, first responders, and caregivers; for those who are sick; and for those watch and wait.

If you have a pastoral care need or a prayer request you would like to share, please email deacons@saintphilip.net.

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If you have any questions, you may always contact me at 713-306-8267 or amariepoet@gmail.com.

Ada Fuller
Treasurer

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