



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP
OCTOBER 27, 2019 | 11:00 A.M.
REFORMATION SUNDAY

Preparation for Worship

*From eternity God has freely and of God's mere grace,
without any respect to humanity,
predestined or elected the saints whom God wills to save in Christ.
And although God knows who are his,
yet we must hope well of all,
and not rashly judge any person to be a reprobate.*
—The Second Helvetic Confession

Gathering Music

Kelley Fair, Piper

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Voluntary

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sandra Eithun
(b. 1963)

✦ **Call to Worship**

✦ **Hymn 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

✦ **Prayer of Confession**

God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(silent prayer)

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

✦ Response

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!
You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!
You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

TEXT: Traditional liturgical text; revised in *The Worshipbook*, © 1970 *The Westminster Press*
MUSIC: Appalachian folk melody; arranged by Richard D. Wetzel, © 1972 *The Westminster Press*

WAYFARING STRANGER
9.9.9

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

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.

TEXT and MUSIC: Bernadette Farrell, © 1993 (*Published by OCP*)

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

✦ The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Signs of peace and reconciliation may be exchanged.

Conversation with Children & Living Waters Commissioning

*Afterwards, children may stay with their parents, or infants to age 4
may go to child care in Room 106.*

*At this point during the 11:00 service,
children pre-k through first grade may go to Children's Chapel.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 65

O.T. pgs. 527-528

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joy above.

Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower
on all who pray
each holy day
thy blessings pour.

O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.

— 7th-century Latin Hymn *Angularis fundamentum*
translated in 1837 by John Chandler (1806–1876)

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

N.T. pg. 81

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Sermon

Good Hope

Keatan King

The sermon is followed by a brief time of silence and stillness.

✦ **Hymn 361**

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

✦ **Affirmation of Faith**

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil;
that he protects me so well
that without the will of my Father in heaven
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

How many things must you know that you may live and die in the
blessedness of this comfort?

**Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness.
Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched
consequences.
Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.**

Life Membership Award

Presbyterian Women

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.

Stewardship Reflection

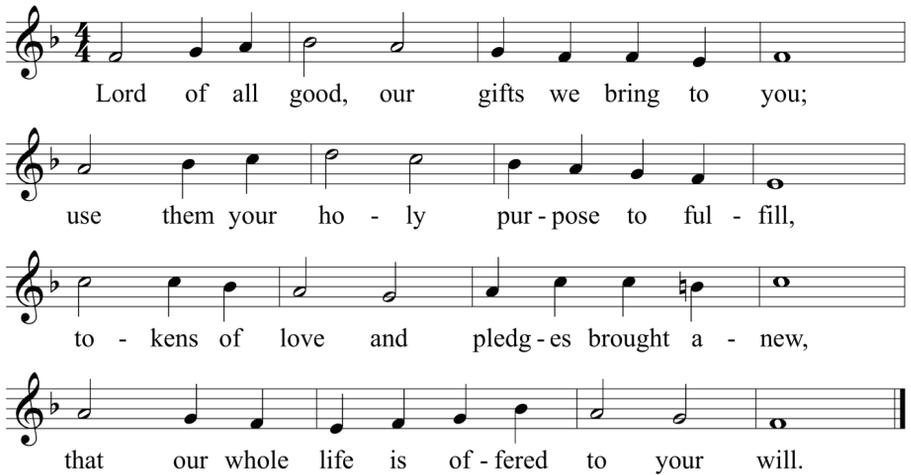
Offering

*Gifts may be given anytime at www.saintphilip.net
or text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

Offertory Anthem *O Lord, we sing thy praise* Johann Sebastian Bach
(from Cantata 129 *Gelobet sei der Herr, mein Gott*) (1685-1750)

O Lord, we sing thy praise with shouts of jubilation,
And with the angel host sing songs of exultation;
Thy name is praised and sung by all the Christian race:
All praise be to our God throughout all time and space.

✠ Response



Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
that our whole life is of - fered to your will.

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly, 1962, alt. © 1962 Oxford University Press
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551; adapted from GENEVAN 124

TOULON
10.10.10.10

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Gracious and Faithful God,
we praise you for the abundance we have in you.
**Grant that we will follow your example
in generously pouring out blessings upon all people
that we might share the same heart and mind
that were in Christ Jesus, Amen.**

✦ Charge and Blessing

Kindly remain in silence during the closing voluntary, or depart very quietly.

✦ **Closing Voluntary** *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* Johann Gottfried Walther
(A Mighty Fortress Is Our God) (1684-1748)

✦ Indicates worshipers are invited to stand in either body or spirit.
Words in bold type are to be read or sung together.

 SERVING TODAY

LITURGIST

William Howard

CHANCEL GUILD

Diana Weiss

GREETERS

Personnel Committee

MUSICIANS

Bell Canto

St. Philip Choir

Matthew Dirst, organist

Randall Swanson, conductor

PASTORS

John W. Wurster
(on sabbatical)

Keatan King

Omar Rouchon

 FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Omi and Robert Ford to the Glory of God and in the celebration of Trey's birthday and in thanksgiving for our St. Philip family.

 WORSHIP NOTES

Reformation Sunday commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther (1483-1546) posted his 95 points of dispute with the Roman Catholic Church. Joining Luther on the cover of today's bulletin, are two other sixteenth century reformers: John Calvin (1509-1564), who established the Reformed (Presbyterian) tradition in Switzerland, and John Knox (1513-1572), who brought Calvin's teachings to Scotland.

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

Joel 2:23-32—*I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; I will save those who call on me.*

Psalm 65—*Praise God, who answers prayer, sends rain, and blesses the earth.*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18—*I have fought the good fight and kept the faith; God stands by me.*

Luke 18:9-14—*Jesus tells a parable: the prayers of a Pharisee and a tax collector.*

 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Affirmation of Faith is taken from the Heidelberg Catechism, a central confession of the Reformation written in 1562 and reflects what some have called the Reformed tradition's three-part "spiritual autobiography:" humanity's **guilt** in our sin, God's **grace** for humanity in Jesus Christ, and humanity's response to God with lives of **gratitude**.

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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Today's **opening voluntary** for handbells is by Susan Eithun, who graduated from Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, with an emphasis in the Kodály teaching method, keyboard, and flute. She currently resides in New London, Wisconsin, where she has served as Director of Music Ministry at First Congregational United Church of Christ since 1992. Eithun has over 300 pieces for handbells in publication as well as several books of sacred keyboard works and teaching collections for the incorporation of handbells in the music classroom. • This morning's **anthem** is by the late British composer Noel Rawsthorne, who was organist of Liverpool Cathedral for 25 years from 1955 to 1980. One of the finest organists of his generation, Rawsthorne was also a prolific composer of choral and organ music, as well as a highly regarded transcriber of classical orchestral works in arrangements for the organ. The anthem *Christ Is Our Cornerstone* was composed for the choir of St. Anne, Stanley in Liverpool on the occasion of their centenary celebrations in September 1990. • Today's **offertory anthem** is the closing choral movement from Bach's ebullient Cantata 129 *Gelobt sei der Herr, Mein Gott* (Praised be the Lord, my God), composed for Leipzig's celebration of Trinity Sunday in 1726. • Like his cousin Johann Sebastian Bach, Johann Gottfried Walther was a church musician and organist. His organ works include a number of preludes on German chorale tunes, including a setting of *Ein feste Burg* — today's **closing voluntary** — in which this familiar melody is heard simultaneously in long notes at both the top and bottom of the musical texture, with faster imitative counterpoint in the middle fashioned loosely from the same material.

— Matthew Dirst and Randall Swanson

MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP



2019-2020 SEASON

— Celebrating All Saints Sunday —

Music of Commemoration

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 3, 2019 | 11:00 a.m.



In celebration of **All Saints Sunday** and the commemoration of all the faithful departed, we present the beautiful **Requiem** by **John Rutter**, featuring the **St. Philip Choir**, soprano, organ, piano and oboe. Presented in liturgical fashion, parts of the **Requiem** are featured throughout the service. On this day the choir also sings **Daniel Gawthrop's** deeply moving **Sing Me to Heaven**.

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