



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 29, 2025

### Preparation for Worship

*Oh, Love that will not let us go...*

*Our hearts are filled and overflowing with joy, deep love, and gratitude.*

*We are thankful most of all, for the blessing of a Love that is and always has been there for us.  
The truth at the heart of our faith – that you are Love - echoes today in words and in music, in  
friendships and family, in our hearts and minds, and continues to challenge us to Love.*

*We pray to learn how to recognize the kinship between our souls  
and the souls of those who, to us, are strangers.*

*We pray that we will never cease in our journey to learn how to Love more radically.*

*We pray in the name of the Love that flips tables and cracks whips, the Love that heals those  
judged by religious leaders and powers, the Love who lives and loves among the marginalized and  
outcast.*

—Jordan Sullivan | United Church of Canada

### Voluntary

*Vater unser im Himmelreich*

Georg Böhm  
(1661-1733)

### Greeting

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

### Introit

*Blessed Are the Pure in Heart*

Charles Callahan  
(1952-2023)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Adapt. Matthew 5:8

### ✠ Opening Sentences

### ✠ Hymn 837 [\(see page 9\)](#)

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

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## ✠ Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,  
 you call us to proclaim the gospel,  
 but we remain silent in the presence of evil.  
 You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,  
 but we are content to live in separation.  
 You call us to seek the good of all,  
 but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.  
 You call us to fight pretensions and injustice,  
 but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord.  
 Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,  
 and give us the courage and strength  
 to be reconciled to others;  
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

*silent prayer*

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

## ✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

## ✠ Response

Paul Vasile



1. Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2. World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. 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 100.*

## Prayer of Illumination

## Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-62

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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 me in thy way.  
 O stablish thy word, thy word in thy servant,  
 That I may fear thee.  
 Amen.

Adapt. Psalm 119:33-39

**Sermon***Where Are We Going?*

Omar Rouchon

*silence and stillness*✠ **Hymn 726** ([see page 10](#))*Will You Come and Follow Me*

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✠ **Affirmation of Faith**

from the Confession of Belhar

**We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes  
 to bring about justice and true peace among people;**

**that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the  
 destitute, the poor and the wronged;**

**that God calls the church to follow God in this;**

**for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;**

**that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;**

**that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,  
 helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;**

**that for God pure and undefiled religion  
 is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;**

**that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;**

**that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need,  
 which implies, among other things,**

**that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice,  
 so that justice may roll down like waters,  
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**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

*Gifts may be given any time at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net)*

## Offertory

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Calvin Hampton  
 (1958-1984)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
 There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.  
 There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;  
 There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.  
 There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
 There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;  
 And the heart of the Eternal is the most wonderfully kind.  
 If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;  
 And our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

God of all mercies,  
 we give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all living things.

**Give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts  
 we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips but in our lives,  
 by giving of ourselves to your service,  
 and by walking beside you all of our days. Amen.**

## ✦ Charge and Blessing

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

### Voluntary

*Praeludium in D Minor*

George Böhm

## SERVING TODAY

### Pastor

Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

### Liturgist

Al Waldrop

### Musicians

Martin Jones, guest organist | St. Philip Summer Choir | David Le, baritone | Thomas O'Neill, recorder  
Justin Langham, director of music

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Bonnie and Greg Moore to the glory of God and in honor of our new granddaughter, Alondra Marina.

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Today's Lectionary readings:

- 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 — *Elijah is taken to heaven in a whirlwind; Elisha picks up his mantle.*
- Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 — *You work wonders, O God; you make a path through the waters.*
- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 — *Elisha leaves his family and his oxen to follow the prophet Elijah.*
- Psalm 16 — *Protect me, O God; you show me the path of life and fullness of joy.*
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25 — *Christ has set us free; live by the Spirit, not the desires of the flesh.*
- Luke 9:51-62 — *Jesus turns toward Jerusalem and warns those who would follow him.*

## MUSIC NOTES

Georg Böhm was the long-time organist of the Johanniskirche in Lüneburg, Germany who is credited for the development of the chorale partita, a multi-movement instrumental genre based on a chorale tune. He was also an instructor of a then teenage Johann Sebastian Bach in organ and composition from 1700 to 1702. Today's **opening voluntary** highlights a florid setting of Martin Luther's tune for the Lord's Prayer ("Our Father in Heaven"), while our **closing voluntary** features one of Böhm's organ preludes.

A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Charles Callahan was a keyboardist, conductor, teacher, and prolific composer of church music. Today's **introit** —taken from a collection of short choral introits—represents a short sample of Callahan's writing style, which was described by the Washington Post as possessing "gentle, confident lyricism."

Organist and composer Philip W. J. Stopford, who began his musical training as a chorister at Westminster Abbey, has become a prominent and relatively young voice in English choral music. Our **anthem**, which was commissioned by his then church at St. Anne's Cathedral in Belfast, is a full and flowing setting of the familiar passage from Psalm 119, a reminder of the values and path laid before us.

Supported by the flowing nature of the ST. HELENA hymn tune, the text There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, offers an inclusive and welcoming spirit, emphasizing the broadness of God's love. The text's author—a native of Kensington in London—came from a strict Calvinistic family background and became a prolific and influential hymnist, penning 150 original hymns.

—Notes by Justin Langham

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## IN OUR PRAYERS

*St. Philippians and their families* – Stewart Coffman; Bonnie Moore; Rollie McGinnis; Russell Bahruth; Jeremy Mattern; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Diane Clarke; Susan Huffman; Barbara Cavanaugh; Mary Herlitz; Dick Nunn; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy E. Johnson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Jo Hadley Smith – cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes, daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Jacqui – cousin of Angelina Fonseca-Grewal; Terese Murphy - cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

*Homebound* – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Jan Ostendorf; Edith Patterson; Joyce Randolph; George and Larraine Scott; Mary Sinderson; and Sondra Sullivan.

*Friends of St. Philippians*–Elaine Ende – friend of Beth Atkinson; Marianne Keeswood – friend of Kate Burkart; Audrey Eubank Harris, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Mary Watters and Mindy Cooper-Smith – friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan and Tom Barnett - friends of Robin and Gary Willis; Jackie Janacek, Joyce Freudenberg– friend of Stephen Paine; 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)

**Prayer List is a powerful tool for bringing comfort, healing, and peace to those in need. So, let's keep it up to date and continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in prayer.**

*In keeping with the practice from recent years,  
the Church Office will be closed on Fridays through August 1.  
This schedule helps us conserve energy  
and better cover staff vacations.*



MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

**2025**

**SUMMER ORGAN SERIES**

**Sunday,**  
**June 29 | 3 pm**

Grant Smith and Sunkyung Noh

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7

Visit our website at [saintphilip.net](http://saintphilip.net)  
to see the classes we offer in the fall.

### ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

**SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP**—This group meets on first Monday nights, 7-8 PM, by zoom to read and discuss social justice issues of our day. Interested persons who want to be added to our zoom mailing list can contact Sara Jean Jackson ([sjj10223@gmail.com](mailto:sjj10223@gmail.com)).

**LAMBETH STUDY**—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 PM via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. If you would like more details, email Keatan at: [keatan@saintphilip.net](mailto:keatan@saintphilip.net).

**MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY**— On recess until further notice. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: [john@saintphilip.net](mailto:john@saintphilip.net).

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB**—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. **The next meeting will be on Thursday, July 10.** The book discussion will be about Help Wanted by Adelle Waldman at 7:00 PM at the home of Nina Lambright. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: [nnl@lambrightlaw.com](mailto:nnl@lambrightlaw.com).

**PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP**— On recess until **September 12**. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at:

[ggardne148@aol.com](mailto:ggardne148@aol.com).

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women study year has ended for this year. We look forward to seeing you again in September.

## MAHJONG ANYONE?

Three St. Philippians and a guest have been playing Mahjong on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at St. Philip. We are interested in substitutes with the

## MUSIC MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE!

Do you play an instrument? Have you ever sung in a choir? Have you played or are curious about handbells? Do you want to be a part of the music at St. Philip but not sure what to do? We hope you will make plans to join us for the Music Ministry Open House on **Sunday, July 20** prior to the 11 AM worship service. This event is open to any and all children and adults in the community who are interested in finding out more about what we in the music ministry do each week.

You are encouraged to attend some or all of the following:

- ♪ Learn the basics of handbells: 9:15-9:45 AM
- ♪ Organ tour led by Matthew Dirst: 9:45-10:15 AM
- ♪ Watch or join choir practice: 10:15-10:45 PM

For more information, contact our director of music, Justin Langham, via email [justin@saintphilip.net](mailto:justin@saintphilip.net) or catch him after worship. Everyone is invited and encouraged to contribute towards the music ministry at St. Philip!"

# PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE

## COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO:

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS

## JUNE 29 | ROOM 201

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP



### Supporting Our Transgender Neighbors

Lou Weaver and Emory Powers, Trans Legal Aide Clinic of Texas

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**QUESTIONS?**

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### 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 100 off of the Gathering Area 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 BULLETINS 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).

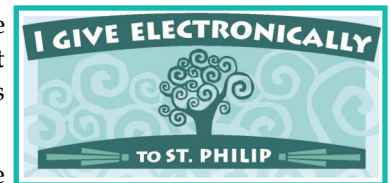
**If you are interested in joining St. Philip Presbyterian Church** by profession of faith, by reaffirming your faith, or by transferring your membership, please speak with one of the ministers today or call the church office during the week. **The Session meets the third Sunday of each month after the 11:00 worship service in the Library 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). 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, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056. To make stock contributions contact Denise Ferrell at [denise@saintphilip.net](mailto:denise@saintphilip.net).

**Lost & Found**—did you leave a pair of glasses, umbrella, or other item during worship? There is a canvas basket in the library where these items may be found. Jewelry, phones and more valuable items are turned into Lorrie Castle in the Church Office, [lorrie@saintphilip.net](mailto:lorrie@saintphilip.net) or 713-622-4807.

**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.



**Nametags**—Please wear your nametags not just in the sanctuary, but as you socialize before and after worship and at other events. To make it easier, if you don't want to bring your nametag home, there are labeled wicker BASKETS by several exit doors for you to return your nametag at the last possible moment! Those returned tags will be replaced on the boards in the narthex before the following Sunday morning. Visitor nametags are available in the pews and from an usher.



## Hymn 837

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

1 What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2 O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,  
 lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. *Refrain* Lean-ing on Je-sus,  
 lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on  
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

The composer of the tune (and creator of the refrain) asked the author of the stanzas to write a hymn based on the latter part of Deuteronomy 33:27 (as worded in the King James Version): "Underneath are the everlasting arms." Their joint effort has proved very popular.

TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887  
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER  
 10.9.10.9 with refrain

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## Hymn 726

*Will You Come and Follow Me*

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be - hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987  
 MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987  
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## Hymn 749

*Come! Live in the Light!*

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain* G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

TEXT and MUSIC: David Haas, 1988  
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WE ARE CALLED  
 Irregular

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