



THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP
JUNE 30, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Preparation for Worship

*Beckoning God,
as you moved in the lives of Elijah and Elisha,
move in our lives, inviting us to journey to unknown territory,
to listen for your voice, and to speak your prophetic word
in a world that does not want to hear.
Empowered by your Spirit, grant us the courage we need
to journey, trust, listen, speak, and accept your commission
to be your faithful servant people. Amen.*

Tolling of the Hour

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Voluntary

Trumpet Tune

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

✦ **Call to Worship**

✦ **Hymn 267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

✦ Prayer of Confession

God of mercy,
we come before you stained by sin.
Sometimes, we acted too quickly;
other times, we didn't act at all.
Sometimes, we said too much and said it all wrong;
other times, we said nothing.
Sometimes, we neglected others;
other times, we neglected ourselves.

Forgive us and restore us and balance us
that we might act in the right way at the right time,
and speak what is needed when it is needed,
and love our neighbors even as we love ourselves.

(silent prayer)

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Gloria Patria

Hymnal 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

✦ 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

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

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-15

O.T. pgs. 332-333

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-62

N.T. pgs. 70-71

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Sermon

Pass It On

John W. Wurster

Silence and stillness

✦ Hymn 686

God of Our Life

SANDON

✠ Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. 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.

Offering

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

Offertory

Contrasts

Emma Lou Deimer
(b. 1927)

✠ Response

Doxology

Hymnal 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

✦ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Holy God,
our beginning and our end,
you created us in love and you sustain us in grace,
by your hand we are fed and by your word we are guided.
We thank you for the good things you set before, day by day.
Bless us as we seek to use well all that we have received
and inspire us to live holy and joyful lives
as we seek to follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

✦ Hymn 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

✦ Closing Voluntary

Tuba Tune

Craig Sellar Lang
(1891-1971)

✦ 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

Jo Helland

CHANCEL GUILD

Diana Weiss

ORGANIST

Randall Swanson

GREETERS

Finance Committee

PASTORS

John W. Wurster

Keatan King

Omar Rouchon

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Suzanne and David Kerr to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Reverend David King Kerr and Frances Dundore Kerr, Nancy Virginia Kerr, Janet Dundore, and Richard and Anna Claire Henderson.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

- 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.*
- 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.*

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SUMMER VBS JULY 13

Register now for this summer's Vacation Bible Saturday. Ages 3 through Grade 5 are welcome. Visit www.saintphilip.net for more info and to sign-up.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Pick-up the most current church directory in the Church Office during the week.

LITURGIST CAMP

Calling all worship leaders! Join Keatan King for a summer class on cultivating skill in serving as a liturgist. Whether you love any opportunity to lead liturgy or you're a first timer seeking coaching, this is your chance to learn what makes for good liturgical leadership, to practice at the lectern, and to sign up for Sundays to lead. Come to a single-session class at 10:00 a.m. on either **July 14** or **August 25** in the Sanctuary. All ages and skill levels welcome!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Continuing through **August 9**, the church office will be closed on Fridays. This schedule helps us conserve energy and better cover staff vacations. We will return to regular Friday office hours (8:30-4:00) on **August 16**.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CCSC BACK TO SCHOOL!

It's early summer, but that's when Christian Community Service Center begins to plan to distribute August school supplies to 6,500 underserved children in the Houston area. This year, for the first time, we will be able to provide backpacks, vouchers for uniforms/shoes, and school supplies to children from Kindergarten all the way to 12th grade. There are many ways you can help out:

1. Sign up via www.ccsc.org/volunteer to volunteer at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4600 Bellaire Blvd.
Sort and Set-up. Saturday, **July 27**, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Distribution: Friday, **August 2**, and Saturday, **August 3**, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 (noon)
2. Donate gently used (K-12 grad) children's clothing and shoes as bonus items to give away
3. Donate \$45 which provides one child with a NEW backpack, NEW uniform, and grade appropriate supplies. Donations may be made online at www.ccschouston.org or by check to CCSC, PO Box 27924, Houston, TX, 77227 (Payable to CCSC, with notation "Back to School").

MAGAZINES FOR SEAFARERS

Seafarers are usually very busy when their ship is in port but have extensive periods of inactivity while at sea. One of their favorite pastimes is to read magazines. They love travel magazines, hunting and fishing magazines, National Geographic, and cooking magazines. (Ship's cooks love them). You can help by bringing your used magazines to church (look for the Seafarers box in the Gathering Area or the Office). Your magazines will be taken to the International Seafarers Center in Port Houston and delivered to ships in port by our chaplains. Please remove any names or mailing information from the magazine covers before donating them.

EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE COFFEE SUMMER SALE

On **July 14**, you will be able to purchase fairly traded and sustainable grown products at our congregational coffee sale in the Gathering Area, before and after the 11 a.m. service.

MONDAY EVENING STUDY GROUP

Join the discussion in the Dining Room (in the Administration building, at the south end of campus) **July 8** with St. Philip's Monday evening study group! Besides conversation, our meetings include fellowship, refreshments, and a brief devotional, as we continue our study of *Meeting Jesus for the First Time: The historical Jesus and the heart of contemporary faith* by Marcus Borg. We will be planning to discuss chapter 4, "Jesus and wisdom: Teacher of alternative wisdom." We meet each second and fourth Monday, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Come even if you haven't done the reading; the discussion is always timely and thought-provoking.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ST. PHILIP MINISTRIES,
EVENTS, AND ACTIVITIES, VISIT WWW.SAINTPHILIP.NET**

In Our Prayers

St. Philipians and their families—Rita Hannah; Virginia Lemen; Nita Davis; Jim Bratton; Walter Baker; T.E. “Joe” Keever; Susan Leonard; Arlette Keene; Betty Golemon; Joyce Fox; Terry Kelso—daughter of Jeanne West; Dona Rowe—mother of William Rowe; John Palisin—brother of Peg Palisin; Carolyn Jones—sister of Cynthia Shoup; Bessie Johnson—mother of Pat Lindsay; Elizabeth Carlton Lithio—granddaughter of Jeanie Flowers; Ralph Arlinghaus—father of Paul Arlinghaus; Ian Pearce; Rusty Howard; Phillip McDaniel; Carol Paine Kendrick; Ann Morgan—sister of Dorothy Blackwell; and Hollie Bailey—niece of Peg Palisin.

Always in our prayers are the homebound members of St. Philip.

Friends of St. Philipians—Willie Jo Schaefer—friend of Pam Rush; Shirley Stubblefield—caregiver to Rusty Howard; and Grady Reed—friend of Stephen Paine.

The Mission Committee invites you to hold in prayer the ministry of Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). The mission of CCSC is to serve the poor, hungry, disabled, and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic or cultural differences. CCSC was created out of faith and founded in the belief that we are called to help all God’s children heart to heart and hand to hand.
www.ccschouston.org

SUNDAY SERVICES

On July 7 we move to a new Sunday worship schedule with services at 9:00 and 11:00. The 9:00 service will include communion each week. The 11:00 service will include communion on the first Sunday of the month. Both services will include a children's conversation and a sermon, but the 9:00 service will have a sparser liturgy with fewer hymns and sung responses.

