



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 11, 2024

Preparation for Worship

*I praise you, O God
in the sanctuary
and under the stars;
for your greatness
and for your goodness;
with loud hymns
and quiet prayers;
with helping hands
and dancing feet;
with all my breath
and with all creation;
I praise you, O God. Amen.*

Voluntary

*Praeludium in F Major
BuxWV 144*

Dietrich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-1707)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Introit

Come and Taste (excerpt)

Alice Parker
(1925-2023)

Come and taste along with me
Consolation flowing free
From the Father's wealthy throne,
Sweeter than the honeycomb.

I'll praise God and you praise God,
And we'll praise God together;
We'll praise the Lord for the work that He has done,
And we'll bless His name forever.

— John Leland

✦ Opening Sentences

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.

Hear our voices!

We wait for you;

in your word we hope.

O magnify our God with me.

Let us lift God's name together,

for we sought the Holy One

and they answered us;

God delivered us from all fear.

Look to God, beloved, and be radiant.

✦ Hymn 401 [\(see page 10\)](#)

Here in this Place

GATHER US IN

✦ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

you love us, but we have not loved you.

You call, but we have not listened.

We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.

We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,

help us to admit our sin,

so that as you come to us in mercy,

we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;

through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

silent prayer

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

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✦ Response

Baião

Simeí Monterio

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia! ia!

✦ The Peace

Peace be with you. **Peace be with all.**

Conversation with Children

Blessing of the Backpacks

Infants - Age 4 may go to the Nursery in Room 106.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

O.T. pg. 326

Holy wisdom, holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem*Come and Taste*

Alice Parker

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 Consolation flowing free
 From the Father's wealthy throne,
 Sweeter than the honeycomb.

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 And we'll praise God together;
 We'll praise the Lord for the work that He has done,
 And we'll bless His name forever.

All that come with free good will
 Make the banquet sweeter still;
 Now I go to Mercy's door,
 Asking for a little more.

Goodness, running like a stream
 Through the new Jerusalem,
 By a constant breaking forth
 Sweetens earth and heaven both.

O, return, ye sons of grace,
 Turn and see God's smiling face.
 Hark, He calls backsliders home,
 Then from Him no longer roam.

—John Leland

Sermon*Where We Are*

Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness

‡ **Hymn 734** ([see page 11](#))

Hope of the World

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Affirmation of Faith

Confession of Belhar

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

We believe that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;

We believe that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Mallotte
(1895-1964)

Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in 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.

— Adap. Matthew 6:9-13

Litany for the Beginning of a Sabbatical

I thank God for the ministry we share and for the gift of this time away.
May God's peace be with all of us as I leave for a season
to renew my spirit, my ministry, my life.

**As you journey through this time,
we ask God to guide you in all you do.**

May you experience the gift of spiritual growth on your sabbatical.

I pray this gift for all of you,
that you, too, may flourish and grow in the time
that we are apart from one another
and come to know more fully the gifts God has given you
and this community for serving Jesus Christ.

**We pray for you and for one another
that we will all be strengthened and renewed.**

During my sabbatical, I will pray for all of you.
I will use this time faithfully to refresh my life as a child of God
and renew my calling to serve as a pastor in Christ's church.

We send you off with our blessing.

We will greet your return with joy.

Let us pray:

Spirit of God, descend upon our hearts.

Renew Omar for ministry in this time set aside for reflection and refreshment.

**Grace him with your presence, keep him safe in your love
and steadfast in the faith we share,**

while we are away from one another for this season. Amen.

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Suite du 2e Ton: Caprice sur les Grands Jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
(1676-1749)

*Join us after the worship service today in the Gathering Area as we send Omar on his sabbatical.
Fellowship Committee will provide cake and refreshments.*

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

David Castro

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | St. Philip Summer Chamber Choir | Tessa Larson, soloist
Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by Joyce Fox in celebration of David Fox's birthday.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's readings and prayers are borrowed from various sources such as:

- 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-32 – *Absalom dies in a failed rebellion against his father, King David.*
- Psalm 130 – *Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; hear my supplications.*
- 1 Kings 19:4-8 – *An angel brings food and drink to Elijah in the wilderness.*
- Psalm 34:1-8 – *I cried to the Lord for deliverance; taste and see that God is good.*
- Ephesians 4:25-5:2 – *Put away bitterness; be kind to one another; be imitators of God.*
- John 6:35, 41-51 – *Jesus says: I am the bread of life that has come down from heaven.*

MUSIC NOTES

Today's organ voluntaries are representative of a golden age of organ playing and building in both North Germany and France during the late Baroque age. Dietrich Buxtehude's **Praeludium in F Major**, heard at the opening of worship, falls into two sections: an improvisatory prelude and a lively fugue, both of which display his singular rhythmic wit and skill with counterpoint. Louis-Nicolas Clérambault served as organist for two prominent Paris churches and was also a chamber musician in the household of Madame de Maintenon, longtime paramour of Louis XIV. His organ works follow the flow of the Catholic mass, with individual movements bearing titles that refer to their particular stop combinations. The **Caprice** that closes today's service brings his second suite to a spirited close on the "grands jeux," the full reed choruses of the organ.

Alice Parker, who passed away this past December after a full life, was a beloved figure in American music,

especially in the choral realm. After studying with choral figurehead Robert Shaw at Tanglewood in Massachusetts, the two became frequent collaborators, writing many arrangements of spirituals, carols, hymns, sea shanties, and other genres celebrating and educating countless people nationwide about the history of American music. **Come and Taste** is a perfect embodiment of Parker's style, offering an engaging treatment of a tune and text that are American to their core.

The Lord's Prayer needs no introduction, especially this classic version by Albert Mallotte, which has delighted congregations and performance halls for decades. Originally dedicated to baritone John Charles Thomas, Mallotte brings these timeless words to life in a dramatic musical setting, in which the music is subservient to the various changes in the text.

– Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

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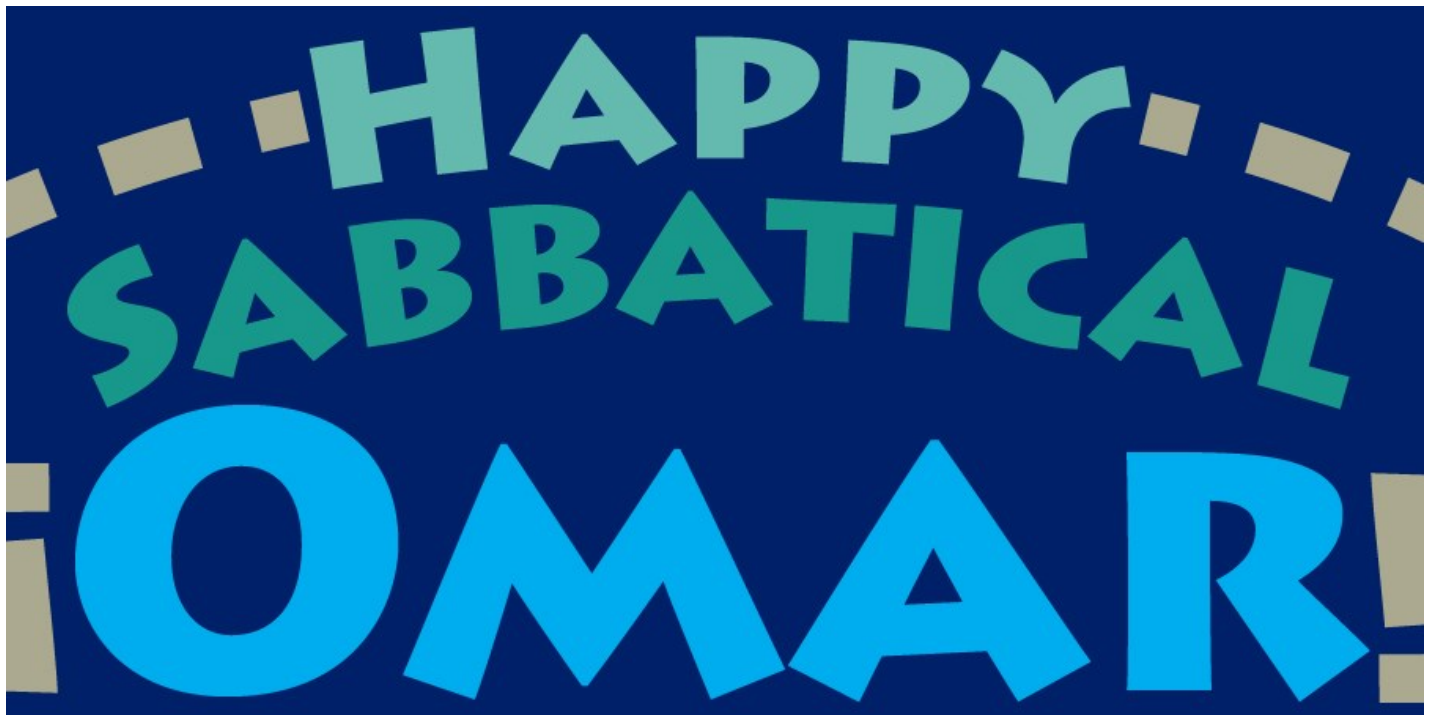
IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philipians and their families – David Winship; Velma Guy Tolbert; Bob Ardell; Richard Johnson; Philip McDaniel; Charlotte Kibler; Carolyn Vestal; Bill Morris; Diane Clarke; CJ Miller; Russell Bahruth; Ralph Cherillo; Susan Mitchell; Karen Morris; Susan Huffman; Emily Estill; Barbara Cavanaugh; Peg Palisin; Mary Herlitz; Jan Ostendorf; Dick Nunn; Mark Takayama; Ben Dees; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Nancy Johnson; Beverly Baker; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Molly Boren-Whitney; Carolyn Vestal; Don Padgett; Steve Adger; Judith Crane; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Tyler Keever-son of Pam & Frank Keever; Raquel Calhoun -sister-in-law of Pam Keever; Jerry Isbell – son-in-law of Bill & Karen Morris; Terese Murphy- cousin of Gary Gardner and Peg Palisin; Guinn Blackwell-Eagleson and partner John Bonica; Sheila Kinsky and her children – sister of Bill Connolly; Vera Moore – mother of Chuck Johnson; Susan Everhart – niece of Nancy Everhart Johnson; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

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

Friends of St. Philipians - Annette Covey – friend of Guy & Melissa Aldrich; Stephen Wedemeyer and Mary Watters - friends of Bill and Jacqueline Hamilton Taylor; Claude Bowden – friend of Peg Palisin and Gary Gardner; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Tom Barnett - friend of Robin and Gary Willis; Joyce Freudenberg and Annie & Sidney Roach– friends of Stephen Paine; Jacqueline Hazrum, Erin McDougal, and Eric Alberto Marquez – friends of Kate Burkart; Betsy Shear Lewis – friend of Laney Miller; and Shirley Stubblefield – friend of Barbara Runge.

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



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 on **August 16**.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON SUMMER RECESS AND RETURN SEPTEMBER 8

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

St. Philip offers a variety of weekday activities for young and seasoned which are on summer recess. Please visit our website (saintphilip.net) to see what you have to look forward to in the fall.

LAMBETH STUDY—Keatan King leads young adults in study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is a time of study, reflection, and prayer. For more information, email Keatan King at: keatan@saintphilip.net.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **August 8** at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss *Beartown* by Fredrik Blackman. Watch your email for details. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—Agreeing that a focus on Disinformation is timely and important as the presidential election draws near, the next study book will be Barbara McQuade's *Attack from Within; how disinformation is sabotaging America*. This group will meet by zoom on Monday, **September 9**, 7-8 p.m. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson at:

sjj10223@gmail.com.

LITURGISTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER 2024 AND BEYOND

If you would like to be liturgist for any of the Sundays in 2024, listed below, or any Sunday in 2025 please contact Roderick James by text or email (713-503-0785 or jamesrv@me.com).

If you have a special Sunday, a birthday or anniversary or anything important to you we will do our best to accommodate your request.

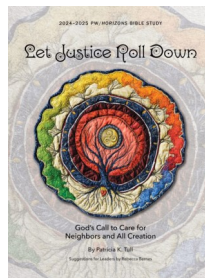
The available Sundays in 2024 are:
**Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 24,
Dec 1., Dec 8., Dec. 29**

MISSION ACTIVITIES

KIDS' MEALS VOLUNTEER DAY RESCHEDULED—

Due to Hurricane Beryl's arrival on July 8, we were not able to volunteer with Kids' Meals. Our volunteer day has been rescheduled for **Monday, September 30** from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at 330 Garden Oaks Blvd., 77018 Please sign up in the Gathering Area on Sundays or email mission@saintphilip.net. Every individual, including children, attending must register via the link provided below for the event date of **September 30**.

Registration link: <https://vhub.at/StPhilipPresbyterian>
Kids' Meals goal is to make things as smooth as possible for you. It is recommended volunteers wear comfortable clothing, closed toed-shoes, and a hat. In case someone prefers not to wear a hat, hairnets will be distributed as an option. Limited parking, carpool if possible. Please arrive at the Kids' Meals office by **12:30 p.m.** Upon arrival, you will enter the Welcome Center, sign-in at the computers, and attend a brief orientation. Once everyone is ready to get to work, you will be supplied with the needed items for your task.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

Bible study books for the coming year have arrived! Bible study in our circles is a vital part of our mission and we look forward to the lessons from "Let Justice Roll Down" by Patricia K. Tull. We'll be studying and praying about

God's call to care for neighbors and all creation.

We'll have the books available in the Gathering Area before and after worship this Sunday and all Sundays in August or you can pick yours up from Lorrie in the Church Office. The cost is \$10 for the regular version and \$15 for the large print, payable through St Philip's online payment portal, cash (please have exact amount), or by check.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN JOINT CIRCLE

September 15 will be the first circle meeting of the year when all Presbyterian Women will gather together for lunch in the Fellowship Hall following worship service. Registration will be open in late August. Please contact Judith Hiott - Judith.hiott@outlook.com or 832-277-8676
Volunteers are needed to:

- ◇ Decoration set up 9:30 a.m. Sunday
- ◇ Food - setting out the lunch boxes
- ◇ Hostesses for greeting, selling books, any payments needed
- ◇ Clean up



CHILI COOK-OFF

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
12 PM | FOLLOWING WORSHIP
[IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL]

Categories include:
Best Vegetarian Chili * Hottest Chili
Most Unique Chili * Best Overall Chili
Best Corn Bread

If you are not entering a chili or cornbread, please bring a pot-luck dish to share. Last names that begin with -
A-I: Side Dish * J-R: Dessert * S-Z: Salad/Veggies

Multi-generational
ALL AGES WELCOME!

ST. PHILIP
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

2024 SUMMER ORGAN SERIES

Sunday September 15 | 5 pm

Deux Voix

Justin Langham, trumpet & Stephen Distad, organ

Free Admission | St. Philip Presbyterian Church
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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.

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 106 of the Education Building along the Sunday School Classroom hallway 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 HYMNS ARE IN THE NARTHEX.**

Connect with St. Philip through saintphilip.net and our social media. To join our e-mail list for regular news updates, send a note to 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 Room 100 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. 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, text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts, or sent to the Church Office at 4807 San Felipe, Houston, TX 77056.

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.



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 or 713-622-4807.

Hymn 401

Here in this Place

GATHER US IN



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Hymn 734

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS



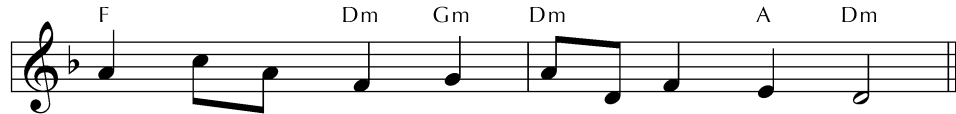
1 Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion:
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
 4 Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
 5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
 show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:
 from death and deep de - spair, from sin and guilt:
 who by this sign didst con - quer grief and pain:



save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
 still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
 walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
 we ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;
 we would be faith - ful to thy gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
 to heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife.
 lure us a - way from thee to end - less night.
 take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.
 thou art our Lord! Thou dost for - ev - er reign!

This winning entry by a groundbreaking woman theologian was selected from over five hundred others in a search for a hymn to be used at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Evanston, Illinois, in October 1954. The theme of the assembly was "Jesus Christ, Hope of the World."

TEXT: Georgia Harkness, 1954
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551
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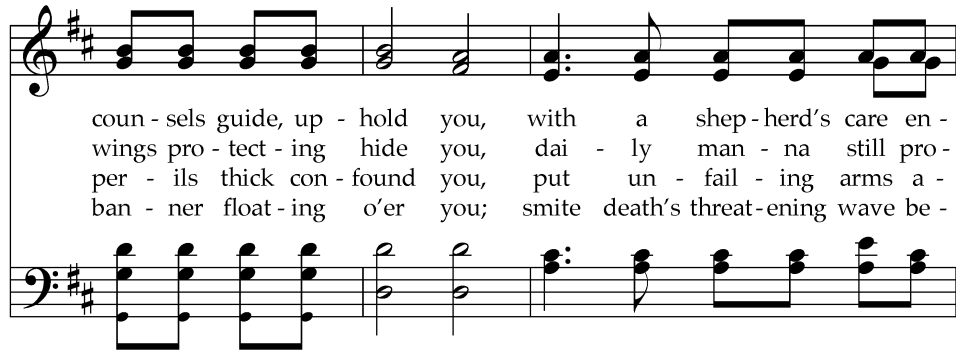
Hymn 542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

GOD BE WITH YOU



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -



fold you:
 vide you:
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

TEXT: Jeremiah Eames Rankin, 1880, alt.
 MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU
 9.8.8.9
 (alternate tune: RANDOLPH, 541)

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