



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 20, 2025

Preparation for Worship

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

— Mother Teresa

Voluntary

Toccata in A Major: Allegro – Partita alla Lombarda

Alessandro Scarlatti
(1660-1725)

Greeting

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

Introit

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Trad. Irish melody
Harm. The English Hymnal, 1906
Psalm 23

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever.

And so through all the length of day
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

H.W. Baker (1868)

✠ Opening Sentences

I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
I will thank God forever,
because of what God has done.
In the presence of the faithful
I will proclaim God's name, for it is good.

✠ Hymn 755 [\(see page 9\)](#)

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

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✠ Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,
 your word in Scripture is a light unto our path,
 illuminating how you want us to live and the ways we fall short.
 In humility, we confess the truth
 of the words of the psalmist,
 "Our tongues are like a sharp razor."

For the times we've used our words
 to divide and disparage, rather than dignify our neighbor,
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 For complaints that sow discord,
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 For name-calling and pigeonholing each other,
 Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Forgive us and free us to upbuild one another
 by speaking the truth in love.

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 10:38-42

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

Anthem*Zion's Walls*

adapt. Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers,
 Come sisters and brothers come,
 Come, join us in singing the praises of Zion.
 O fathers don't you feel determined
 To meet within the walls of Zion?
 We'll shout and go round
 The walls of Zion.

John G. McCurry (1855)

Sermon**Get to the Good Part**

Keatan King

silence and stillness✠ **Hymn 761** [\(see page 10\)](#)*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

✠ **Affirmation of Faith**

Colossians 1:15-22

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
 the firstborn of all creation;
 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
 things visible and invisible,
 whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-
 all things have been created through him and for him.
 He himself is before all things,
 and in him all things hold together.
 He is the head of the body, the church;
 he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
 so that he might come to have first place in everything.
 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things,
 whether on earth or in heaven,
 by making peace through the blood of his cross.
 And we who were once estranged and hostile in mind,
 doing evil deeds,
 Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death,
 so as to present us holy and blameless
 and irreproachable before God.

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

Offertory

Amazing Grace

arr. John Ness Beck

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

John Newton (1772)

✠ Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

Eternal God,
we praise you for sending Jesus to conquer death
and summoning us to new life.

**By your Spirit,
set our feet in Christ's holy way,
that our lives may be a sign of his life,
and that all we have may show forth his love. Amen.**

✦ Hymn

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2. For all gen - ders here, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4. For gay, bi, and straight, a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,
 a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,
 for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for all gen - ders here, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for gay, bi, and straight, the chal - ice of grace,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,
Refrain
 and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,
 God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus - tice and joy!

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FOR EVERYONE BORN
 11.10.11.10 with refrain

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

Sonata in E Major
 K. 395

Domenico Scarlatti
 (1685-1757)

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Liturgist

Juliana Vahora

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | David Le, baritone | St. Philip Summer Choir
Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers are given today by Janet and Cark Eskridge in memory of John & Rita Hannah.

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Amos 8:1–12 — *The end has come; the Lord condemns those who prey on the needy.*
- Psalm 52 — *Why do you boast of your evil? God will uproot and destroy you.*
- Genesis 18:1–10a — *Three visitors appear to Abraham; soon Sarah will have a son.*
- Psalm 15 — *Who may abide in God's tent? Only those who do what is right.*
- Colossians 1:15–28 — *Christ is the image of the invisible God; now the mystery is revealed.*
- Luke 10:38–42 — *Mary sits and listens to Jesus, while Martha is busy with many tasks*

MUSIC NOTES

Today's **organ voluntaries** come from Alessandro Scarlatti and his son Domenico Scarlatti, two of the leading lights of Italianate music-making in the early 18th century. Alessandro Scarlatti spent most of his career in his native Naples composing and producing operas and oratorios, though he left a small handful of keyboard works, including at least a couple of toccatas that seem to have been intended for the organ. His Toccata in A Major includes four sections, two of which are heard at the beginning of our service: an introductory Allegro and a lively triple-time dance “alla Lombarda” — in the style then popular in the Lombardy region. Domenico Scarlatti composed most of his 500+ keyboard sonatas during his decades of service at the Portuguese and Spanish court. Like so many others from his fertile pen, the younger Scarlatti's Sonata in E Major, K. 395, combines lively scale patterns, guitar strumming, and sudden modulations to great effect.

Our **introit** highlights text from a familiar hymn by Englishman H. W. Baker, whose name is most strongly associated with 19th-century hymnody. The central message of gratitude and praise that the hymn expresses over the standard six verses concentrated here in the first and last verses only, with the added contrast of a soloist being answered by the full choir.

Originally credited to John McCurry's *The Social Harp*, a 19th-century collection of 222 American folk tunes, *Zion's Walls* was a revivalist song made famous when Aaron Copland included it in his second set of *Old American Songs* (1952) and later in his opera *The Tender Land* (1954). Today, we present a choral setting of the original version by Copland, whose melody and accompaniment vividly capture the emotion and excitement that characterized preachers and attendees of revival camp meetings held across the American frontier.

Possibly the most sung and recorded hymn in the world, *Amazing Grace* has been treated to countless musical adaptations and arrangements since it was first published in 1779. Today's setting by John Ness Beck is built on contrast, beginning soft and restrained before growing suddenly and dramatically into a thunderous final verse. The arrangement is also relatively simple compared to others, with an understated harmonic language and a tune essentially unaltered from the original — except for one unmistakable exception.

Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

*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.*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CCSC'S BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

This coming Saturday, **July 26** volunteer from 9:00-11:30 am to help package school supplies at Faith Lutheran Church located at 4600 Bellaire Blvd. for CCSC. Volunteers ages 5 years old and up are welcome, and parental supervision is required for children ages 12 and under. To sign up, email Keatan at keatan@saintphilip.net

IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Jane Larkin; Joy Maguire; Stewart Coffman; Bonnie Moore; Rollie McGinnis; 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; John Palisin – brother of Peg Palisin; 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. Lind Butler (wife of Bill Connolly) and her family in Israel.

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

Friends of St. Philippians – Mary Ann Thomas; Al & Kathleen Wiesenthal – friends of Pam Keever; Elaine Ende – friend of Beth Atkinson; Marianne Keeswood – friend of Kate Burkart; Jennifer McCrea, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte, friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; Mary Waters 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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 7

Visit our website at 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).

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.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY – On recess until further notice. To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: 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, Aug. 14.** The book discussion will be about Beartown by Fredrik Blackman 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.

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

ggardne148@aol.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women study year has ended for this year. We look forward to seeing you again in September. Save **Sept. 21** on your calendar for the PW All Circle Luncheon after worship.

MAHJONG ANYONE?

Three St. Philippians and a guest have been playing Mahjong on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. We are interested in substitutes with the possibility of forming a second set if there is enough interest. We may also be open to additional times. If you're interested in playing Mahjong sometimes or often or in learning how to play, text Judith Hiott at 832-277-8676.

PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE PRESENTS 5TH SUNDAY

Save the Date – Sunday, **Aug. 31** – *Earth Care Composting and Recycling* - join us immediately following worship in Room 201 – light bites provided.



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[GUEST BOOK]

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 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 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 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. 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.

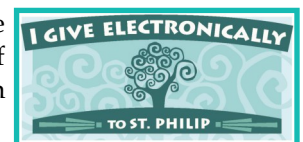


[MAKE A CONTRIBUTION]

St. Philip Day School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. To support the school, **please make all contributions directly to St. Philip Day School**, rather than to St. Philip Presbyterian Church. If you wish to make a contribution in the future, please make checks payable to "St. Philip DAY SCHOOL" You are welcome to leave in the church offering plate or mail to St. Philip Day School, 4807 San Felipe, Houston, 77056. At this time the school cannot accept electronic gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Candice Harris, Program Director, at Director@stphilipdayschool.org.

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.

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 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless-ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus-tains us; match-less are the gifts we share:
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil-dren now re-claim;

by whose grace we find re - demp-tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
 light in dark-ness, hope in con - flict, an-swering to our deep-est prayer.
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.

Righ-teous-ness and rich com-pas-sion shall at-tend us all our days;
 Ours to give as we are giv-en: arms to lift when oth-ers fall;
 Fill our hearts with un-der-stand-ing, brace our weak-ness by your might;

may God's prom-ise to be faith-ful ech-o through our songs of praise!
 im - ag - es of God's great good-ness, faith-ful ser - vants to God's call.
 awe-some hon-or, born in wis-dom; your great glo-ry, our de-light!

Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

TEXT: Michael Morgan, 2011
 MUSIC: *Tochter Zion*, 1741
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Hymn 761

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor - er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
 Words of com - fort, words of vi - sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv - ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870
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 (alternate tune: EBENEZER)

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