



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Preparation for Worship

*God shows us a man who gave his life away
to the extent of dying a national disgrace
without a penny in the bank or a friend to his name.
In terms of human wisdom, he was a perfect fool.
And if you think you can follow him
without making something like the same kind of a fool of yourself,
you are laboring not under a cross, but a delusion.*

- Frederick Buechner

Voluntary

Prelude from Partita No. 3 in E Major
BWV 1006

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Greeting

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

Introit

The Whole Bright World Rejoices Now (excerpt)

arr. Peter Crisafulli

*The whole bright world rejoices now,
Hilariter, hilariter;
The birds do sing on every bough,
Alleluia, alleluia.*

Friedrich von Spee (1591-1635)
Transl. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

✠ Opening Sentences

✠ Hymn 5 [\(see page 11\)](#)

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

✠ Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
 you have made foolish the wisdom of the world,
 teaching that the meek shall inherit the earth
 and that heaven belongs to those who suffer for justice.
 But we cling to the values of this world,
 pursuing things that enhance our status, but cheat our souls.
 Forgetting that Christ lifted up the lowly,
 we disregard the poor and the vulnerable.
 By your spirit, cleanse our hearts and renew our minds
 so that we might follow more nearly the way of Jesus,
 acting with justice, practicing kindness,
 and walking humbly with you.

silent prayer

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

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

✠ Response

Jacques Berthier

1. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 2. in ex - cel - sis De - o!

3. Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, 4. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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✠ The Peace

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

Conversation with Children

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

Children's Chapel meets in Room 203.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

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

Anthem*Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*Healey Willan
(1880-1968)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
 Thou, the true, the only Light.
 Sun of Righteousness, arise,
 Triumph o'er the shades of night.
 Dayspring from on high be near;
 Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
 Unaccompanied by Thee;
 Joyless is the day's return
 Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
 Till they inward light impart,
 Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit, then, this soul of mine,
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
 Fill me, Radiancy Divine,
 Scatter all my unbelief.
 More and more Thyself display,
 Shining to the perfect day.

Amen.

Charles Wesley, 1740

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

What a Fool Believes

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness✠ **Hymn 754** ([see page 12](#))*Help Us Accept Each Other*

BARONITA

Offering**Offertory***Come Sunday*Duke Ellington
(1899-1974)

Ooh...

Come Sunday, oh, come Sunday,
 That's the day.

Lord, dear Lord of love
 God almighty, God above
 Please look down and see my people through.

I believe that God put sun and moon up in the sky.
 I don't mind the gray skies
 'Cause they're just clouds passing by.

Heaven is a goodness time, a brighter light on high.
 Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,
 And have a brighter by and by.

I believe that God is now, was then and always will be.
 With God's blessing we can make it
 Through eternity.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you . . . We sing the ageless hymn of your glory:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2006
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SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

All holy God . . . Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)

Gracious God . . . now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
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AMEN (Pavlechko)

As the children of God, let us pray together:

**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.**

The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts

Communion Music

✠ Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
that you have fed us with your mercy
and poured out your Spirit in this place.

**Continue to nourish and fill us each day,
that we may live as your beloved people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠ Hymn 529 [\(see page 13\)](#)

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

UNION SEMINARY

✠ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

In dir ist Freude
BWV 615

J.S. Bach

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Pam Keever

Musicians

Georgie Dawson, guest violinist | Matthew Dirst, organist | St. Philip Choir
Daniel Boyd, soloist | Justin Langham, director of music

WORSHIP NOTES

To receive communion today, please come forward via the center aisle, receive a piece of bread. The bread may be dipped in the chalice of grape juice and consumed or you may take a small cup of grape juice from the tray. You may return to your pew via the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available; just ask the servers as you come forward. Those with mobility challenges may receive communion in their seats; just signal the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion today.

An additional offering is received when communion is celebrated. Gifts brought forward during today's final hymn support Have Shears Will Travel. Have Shears Will Travel is a non-profit hair care ministry organized to serve the local community with special needs that restrict their ability to obtain these services due to physical impairment, lack of transportation or financial means. HSWT has served nearly 31,000 people through partnerships with 47 non-profit organizations serving the homeless, veterans, hospice/rehabilitation patients, and special needs adults in the Greater Houston area. HSWT also accepts requests from churches for those

needing services at their home or hospital/nursing home. On “off” days, HSWT serves homeless encampments. To learn more visit: www.haveshearswilltravel.org. Communion offering gifts may also be made up until February 25 through the church website. Anyone may donate online by going to the saintphilip.net homepage and selecting the tab *Giving* and then *Make a Contribution*, please indicate it is the *Communion* as the fund.

Today's Lectionary readings:

- Micah 6:1–8—*What does the Lord require? Justice, kindness, and humility.*
- Psalm 15—*Those who do what is right live in the presence of God.*
- 1 Corinthians 1:18–31—*The foolishness of the cross shames the wisdom of the world.*
- Matthew 5:1–12—*Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes.*

MUSIC NOTES

J. S. Bach's collection of *Sonatas and Partitas* represent a crown jewel in the solo violin repertoire and one of the milestones in a violinist's repertoire. The virtuosic opening movement from the sixth and final set (BWV 1006)—today's **opening voluntary**—is an athletic showpiece of nonstop sixteenth notes alternating between melodic and harmonic expression. St. Philip warmly welcomes our special guest violinist, Georgie Dawson, to open our service.

Today's choral selections offer a reflection on the renewal and guidance found in heavenly light. Our **introit**, a setting of the 17th-century text, boldly rejoices *hilariter* (“joyfully”) and *alleluia* that Christ's light has come to the world. To pair, we offer a setting of the familiar Wesleyan hymn, “**Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**” by Anglo-Canadian composer and organist Healey Willan. Willan, a devout and lifelong servant of the church, was dedicated to preserving tradition, with his sacred works often displaying tune and text in a conventional, unaltered form.

Our **offertory** comes from the first movement of *Black, Brown and Beige* (1943), an extended jazz suite by Duke Ellington aimed at transforming attitudes about race, elevating American music (jazz), and challenging America to live up to its founding principles of freedom and equality for all. After a disappointing response to its premiere, Ellington reworked the original suite in 1958 and included a new vocal version of the already-popular portion “**Come Sunday**” sung by American gospel singer Mahalia Jackson, which greatly increased its popularity.

Today's **closing voluntary** comes from Sebastian Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (*Little Organ Book*), a repository of chorale settings for the liturgical year. Bach's treatment of the Epiphany chorale *In dir ist Freude* (“In Thee is Gladness”), among the most ambitious in this volume, develops the hymn tune imitatively while busy figuration surrounds it with swirls of joyful counterpoint.

—Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START AT 9:45 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

GODLY PLAY—Ages 3—Kindergarten—ROOM 103

CHILDREN: Grades 1-4—Room 105

YOUTH—Grades 5-12—DINING ROOM—Watch email and website for new schedule.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY—ROOM 204—We are studying Isaiah in Volume 2, *Prophets*, in Dr. Robert Alter's *The Hebrew Bible: A Translation with Commentary* (2019). Join us as we seek to deepen our understanding of God's faithfulness to all God's people. All are welcome.

CHURCH & SOCIETY—ROOM 201—Join us from **9:30—10:40 AM** with presentations in person and by Zoom. **Feb. 8**—*Pastoral Care: What Is It?* Presented by Rev. Gregory Han. Look at any church profile seeking a pastor, and "pastoral care" is most likely on the list of required skills? But what is it? In this presentation, we will walk through the history of pastoral care in America. From its foundations in theologies of repentance to the ways that modern psychological theories have made care about self-realization, we will look at various models and modes that have been applied to the understanding of what pastoral care is. If you would like the Zoom link for the classes, email:

jshartman01@gmail.com.

WHO ARE WE ANYWAY? - Beginning Feb. 15—Room 202—What's a Presbyterian to think and do amidst the growing influence of a brand of Christianity that is increasingly aggressive and political, strident and cruel? Join us for an exploration and affirmation of Presbyterian beliefs as we study *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvoangelical America*, a new book from Presbyterian ministers Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg. Copies of the book are available Sundays in the Gathering Area or during the week in the Church Office. Keatan King and John Wurster will lead discussions of the book during the Sunday School hour continuing through the Sundays in Lent.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL—In the Children's Chapel, our young disciples learn the whos, whats, wheres, whens and whys of worship in the chapel, while also praying, seeing and hearing God's word at an age-appropriate level. Children return to join the congregation in the first few pews on the lectern side of the church for the last hymn. The Children's Chapel is held every 2nd and 4th Sunday when we have Sunday School classes. Children are able to participate in this during the worship service.

ST. PHILIP DURING THE WEEK

LAMBETH STUDY—Keatan King leads young adults in study on the first Monday of the month 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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP—This group meets for an hour once a month on Zoom to read and discuss social justice issues of concern in today's world. Our current topic is Christian Nationalism, one definition of which is "that America is God's chosen nation and should be defended and governed as such." Attitudes already influencing our legislators include opposition to gay rights, opposition to gun safety efforts, promotion of Christian religion in schools and libraries, book bans, etc. Our current study book is Brian Kaylor's *Baptizing America; how mainline Protestants helped build Christian Nationalism*. Interested persons can contact Sara Jean Jackson sjj10223@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S MONTHLY BOOK CLUB—This self-led, interactive group produces lively discussions and wonderful fellowship. The next meeting is **Feb. 12** at 7:00 PM. *The Instrumentalist* by Harriett Constable. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Lambright at: nnl@lambrightlaw.com.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP—Men of all ages are welcome to participate in this self-led group. The Men's Weekly Fellowship meets each Friday in person in the office Conference Room and via Zoom at 11:45 AM. We are learning from *Too Busy Not to Pray* by Bill Hybels. If you would like to join them please contact Gary Gardner at: ggardne148@aol.com.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY—Wednesday Bible study with John Wurster meets weekly at 9:30 AM, and is a hybrid format with an in-person option in the Office Conference Room and also a Zoom option. Bible novices, Bible experts, and everyone in between is welcome! To get on the list for the Zoom links, send a note to: john@saintphilip.net.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thursday Evening Circle—Feb. 5

meets 1st Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the Dining Room. Sarah Victorian sarah.m.0617@gmail.com

Monday Morning Saints—Feb. 8

meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10 AM in the Dining Room - Tricia Tolbert phtolbert@gmail.com

The Hallmark Circle—Feb. 11

meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM - contact Sue Shirley-Howard sue@fluencyhouston.com for location

Sunday Circle—Feb. 15

meets 3rd Sunday of each month after worship in the Dining Room. Jan Meyer jsmeyer9990@gmail.com

One More Chance Study for Everyone—Feb. 22

Meets 4th Sunday of each month at 10 AM in the Library. Lee Ardell leearnell@gmail.com

IN OUR PRAYERS

The family of Doris Cantrell who died on January 14.

Cara Biddle and family upon the death of her grandfather Lonnie Turnipseed who died last week at the age of 99 years old.

St. Philippians and their families – Joyce Fugit; Jan Meyer; Joyce Fox; Kay Cash; Emily Estill; Joy Maguire; Bonnie Moore; David Winship; Bob Ardell; Diane Clarke; Mary Herlitz; Dick Nunn; Nancy E. Johnson; Eleanor Grant; Judy Nunn; Don Padgett; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Ibby Turnipseed – grandmother of Cara Biddle; Jonathan Castro – brother of David Castro; Susan Everhart – niece and Lisa Marcelletti – cousin of Nancy E. Johnson; Kathy Bailey and family – sister of Peg Palisin; Jo Hadley Smith – cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes – daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; and Ann Perkins Cloud – cousin of Stephen Paine.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; Carolyn Keeble; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Jan Ostendorf; Joyce Randolph; George and Lorraine Scott; Sondra Sullivan; and Mary Sinderson.

Friends of St. Philippians – Christiane Richter – friend of Roderick James; Greg Anderson – friend of Lorrie Castle; Ann Swanson – friend of Deborah Unruh; Kitty Manson and family; Sidney Roach, Fatima Robinson, and Joyce Freudenberg – friends of Stephen Paine; Mary Ann Thomas; Erin McDougal and Marianne Keeswood – friends of Kate Burkart; Elaine Ende – friend of Beth Atkinson; Carter Lindley, Tandi Porter, 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; Kenneth and Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan and Tom Barnett – friends of Robin and Gary Willis; 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.

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Duerr Lecture Series 2026

29TH ANNUAL DUERR LECTURE SERIES

Place-Bound Promises: The wrestled blessings of particularity

FEBRUARY 22, 23 & 24, 2026
7PM | Fellowship Hall

Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield

*Pastor, First Presbyterian Church
Greensboro, North Carolina*



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Open Invitation
Peacemaking and Social Justice
Committee Meeting
Today, Sunday, **Feb. 1**
after Worship
in Room 205
Just show up!

Feb. 2 is the Last Day to register to
vote
in the **Mar. 3** primaries.

Refer to the Vote Texas website for
information on registering, checking
your registration status, and other
vital voters' registration questions:
<https://www.votetexas.gov/>

DUERR LECTURE SERIES BROWN BAG LUNCH - Join Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield for the informal Brown Bag Lunch on Monday, **Feb. 23**, at Noon in the Dining Room. This is a great opportunity to get to know the speaker and ask questions about any subject. Bring your own lunch, drinks are provided. The tables will be arranged in a large open square so there can be comfortable conversation. **The lunch concludes at 1:00 p.m.**



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip
Please register your attendance by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Live Stream 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 AM – 12:30 PM. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find our Nursery has returned to the Education Bldg. and can be accessed from the hall off 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 Room 100 for the purpose of receiving new members.**

Worship with us, whenever, wherever. Our 11:00 AM 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.



St. Philip Day School is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. (www.stphilipdayschool.org) To support the school, **please make all contributions directly to St. Philip Day School**, rather than to St. Philip Presbyterian Church. 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. 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 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are aim - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help: formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

TEXT: John Thornburg, 1993, alt.

MUSIC: Amanda Husberg, 1995

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JENNINGS-HOUSTON

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Hymn 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept-ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1974
 MUSIC: Doreen Potter, 1974
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Hymn 529

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

TEXT: Percy Dearmer, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957

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UNION SEMINARY

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