



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2026

Preparation for Worship

*Lord, keep this nation under your care.
 Bless the leaders of our land,
 That we may be a people of peace among ourselves
 And a blessing to other nations of the earth;
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

- Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (USA)

Voluntary

Voluntary in A Major

William Shelby
(1738-1798)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Introit

This Is My Song, O God of All the Nations

FINLANDIA
 Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)
 Adapt. Langham

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
 A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
 This is my home, the country where my heart is;
 Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
 But other hearts in other lands are beating
 With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

Lloyd Stone (1934)

✦ Opening Sentences

✦ Hymn 331 [\(page 9\)](#)

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN

✦ Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
 We have not loved our neighbors as our selves.

In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
 help us amend what we are,
 and direct what we shall be,
 that we may delight in your will
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your holy name.

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, ¶ with - out end. A - men.

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

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, ¶ 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 106.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Romans :15-25

N. T. pg. 157

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

Anthem

Prayer for Peace

David M. Cherwien
(b. 1957)

O God of love, O King of peace,
Make wars throughout the world to cease;
The wrath of nations now restrain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Remember, Lord, thy works of old,
The wonder that thy people told;
Remember not our sin's dark stain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord?
None ever called on thee in vain.
Give peace, O God, give peace again.

Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)

Sermon

Patriotic Humility

John W. Wurster

silence and stillness

✦ Hymn

We the People of One Nation

PEOPLE OF ONE

v. 1 – choir only

vv. 2-4 – All

1. We the peo - ple of one na - tion Join in praise and cel - e - bra - tion,
2. We the peo - ple sing with plea - sure of our na - tion's boun - teous trea - sure:
3. We the peo - ple trust God's guid - ance To en - light - en and pro - vide us
4. We the peo - ple pledge and prom - ise To ex - tend God's grace be - yond us -

Grate - ful for what God has done, Mak - ing var - ied peo - ples one!
Tow - 'ring ci - ties, sun - drenched keys, Paint - ed des - erts, red - wood trees,
Ways to lift the low and poor, Seek - ing jus - tice ev - er - more,
Fair - ness, mer - cy, li - ber - ty, For our world com - mun - i - ty.

This, a un - ion God has fash - ioned With a - bun - dance and com -
Smok - y moun - tains, streams fresh flow - ing, Syl - van fields and or - chards
Join - ing hands to serve to - geth - er, Join - ing hearts and minds for -
May God's peo - ple work with spir - it, Till true free - dom all in -

pas - sion. God bless A - mer - i - ca this day!
grow - ing. God bless A - mer - i - ca we pray!
ev - er. God bless A - mer - i - ca to - day!
her - it. God bless A - mer - i - ca al - ways!

Offering**Offertory***Simple Gifts*

arr. Aaron Copland

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
 And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained
 To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed;
 To turn, turn will be our delight,
 'Till by turning, turning we come round right.

Joseph Brackett (1940)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**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.**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.**

The Breaking of Bread and the Sharing of God's Gifts**Communion Music***Introduction & Variation I from "Variations on Lord of the Dance"*Noël Goemanne
(1926–2010)*There is a Happy Land*George Shearing
(1919–2011)

✦ Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O God,
for these gifts of your grace and peace.
As you have welcomed us at your table,
send us forth to welcome others.
**As you have fed us with abundance;
send us forth to share our goods with all.
Through the anointing of your Spirit,
clothe us in kindness and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✦ Hymn 509 ([page 10](#))

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANINA

✦ Charge and Blessing

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

Voluntary

“Ostinato” from Four Short Pieces

Daniel Pinkham
(1923-2006)

Join the Fellowship Committee in the Gathering Area for ice cream to celebrate Independence Day!

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon | John Wurster

Liturgist

Deb Burks

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | Theresa Hanebury, trumpet | St. Philip Summer Choir | David Le, baritone
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 the St. Philip Day School, an organization dedicated to providing high-quality childcare at no cost to low-income families. It was founded by St. Philip Presbyterian Church in 2024 and opened its doors to children and their families in December of 2025. We invite you to find out more and support their efforts by visiting stphilipdayschool.org. If you have any questions, please contact Candice Harris, Program Director, at Director@stphilipdayschool.org.

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

- Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 – *Isaac finds a wife, Rebekah, in the homeland of his father.*
- Psalm 45:10-17 *A royal love song; come with joy to the palace of the king.*
- Song of Solomon 2:8-13 – *One lover calls to another: Arise, my love, and come away.*
- Zechariah 9:9-12 – *Rejoice, O people; the humble king is coming to set you free.*
- Psalm 145:8-14 – *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, full of love.*
- Romans 7:15-25a – *Paul confesses his inner conflict with sin; only God can save.*
- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 – *Jesus says: Come to me; my yoke is easy, my burden is light.*

MUSIC NOTES

William Selby, a native of England, arrived in Rhode Island in 1774. Within two years, he had moved to Boston and was appointed organist of King's Chapel, which played a central role in the development of an indigenous American church music tradition. His charming voluntaries, one of which serves as today's **opening voluntary**, typically have two sections: a grandiose overture-style beginning followed by a sprightly fugue.

Today's **introit** is based on *Finlandia*, Op. 26, a tone poem by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius that represented the struggle and patriotism of the Finnish people during the Russification of the late 19th century. Text by California native Lloyd Stone channels Sibelius' spirit through an American lens, inspired by the beauty of his own homeland and the promise that this country holds.

David Cherwien is a church musician, organist, and composer, with over 150 publications to-date. His "**Prayer for Peace**" offers a tender and meditative prayer for God to forgive our sin and bring peace to all nations around the world.

Now an American anthem, the Shaker melody "**Simple Gifts**" was once forgotten but gained renewed popularity after its inclusion in Aaron Copland's ballet *Appalachian Spring*, which premiered in 1944. Eight years later, when writing this version for solo voice, Copland decided on a recitative-like style, placing the chordal accompaniment

squarely on weak beats to avoid the feeling of a regular rhythmic pulse.

For **communion music**, we present variations on two distinctly American tunes. Belgian composer Noël Goe-manne, who settled in Dallas after immigrating to the U.S., penned a compelling set of variations on the "Simple Gifts" tune in 1994 for then principal trumpeter of the Dallas symphony. The first two movements display the tune in its more recognizable form followed before shifting into a mysterious minor mode—a reference to the Good Friday stanza of the tune's original text. Then, George Shearing's variations on "There is a Happy Land" sets an early American tune long associated with this hymn text. The variations have Shearing's signature jazz style, with increasingly lush harmonies as the variations progress.

Daniel Pinkham, a modern-day successor to Selby at King's Chapel in Boston, specialized in pithy works that exploit various colors of the organ and compositional techniques. His *Four Short Pieces*, from which today's **closing voluntary** is drawn, are just that: clever, unpretentious miniatures that encapsulate his singular compositional style.

— Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

MUSIC MINISTRY OPEN HOUSE

DO YOU...
PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

HAVE YOU EVER...
SUNG IN A CHOIR?

ARE YOU...
CURIOUS ABOUT BELLS?

BE A PART OF MUSIC AT ST. PHILIP!

SUNDAY, JULY 12

IN THE SANCTUARY

9:45 AM ORGAN TOUR

WITH MATTHEW DIRST

10:15 AM WATCH OR JOIN

CHOIR REHEARSAL

12:15 PM BELLS FOR BEGINNERS

OPEN TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, & ADULTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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IN OUR PRAYERS

A memorial service for Judy Nunn, wife of Dick Nunn, is scheduled for July 13 at 2 p.m.

Scott Easterly upon the death of husband Bill Holden on June 24 in Hoschton, Georgia.

Best Wishes to Denise Ferrell upon her marriage to Turner Cochran on June 29.

St. Philippians and their families – Carolyn Keeble; Jo Helland; Linda Miller; Gary Whitney; David Winship; Margaret King; Jane Malczewskyj; Nancy E. Johnson; Molly Boren; Charlotte Kibler; Laney Miller; Laurie Sims; Jan Meyer; Emily Estill; Joy Maguire; Bonnie Moore; Bob Ardell; Diane Clarke; Mary Herlitz; Eleanor Grant; Don Padgett; Arlette Keene; Mezgebe Gebray; Camilo Triana – uncle of Jesús Toribio; Annbeth Hernandez – wife of Dimas Parada; Barbara Torpy, sister of Gary Willis; Bill Davis – brother of Meg Scott-Johnson; Lara Bain – niece of Jo Helland; Jonathan Castro – brother of David Castro; Susan Everhart – niece and Lisa Marcelletti – cousin of Nancy E. Johnson; 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; John Bobbitt; Joan Boelens; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Jan Ostendorf; Joyce Randolph; Lorraine Scott; Sondra Sullivan; and Mary Sinderson.

Friends of St. Philippians – Christiane Richter – friend of Roderick James; Ann Swanson – friend of Deborah Unruh; Tanya Voinche, Sidney Roach, and Joyce Freudenberg – friends of Stephen Paine; Keith Kirby, Tandi Porter, Audrey Eubank Harris, Jay Stokes & Anna Domonte – friends of Curt & Sharon Webb; Marianne Hash – friend of Jane Cooper; 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.

MUSIC AT  ST. PHILIP

SUMMER ORGAN SERIES



**Sunday,
July 12 | 3 pm**
Emily Amos, Organist

Featuring music by:
J.S. Bach, David Briggs,
Rachel Laurin, among
others.

**Sunday,
August 16**
2:30 pm | Lecture
3:00 pm | Concert

Bryan Anderson, Organist
Dr. Louis Markos, Narrator

Featuring: Petr Eben's
"Labyrinth of the World and
Paradise of the Heart"



Free Admission

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NURSERY CARE IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Infants to age 4 are invited to our Nursery which is staffed by professional childcare providers. Please find that our Nursery is located in the hallway off of the Gathering Area. An usher or a greeter will be happy to direct you there.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON SUMMER RECESS AND RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

Visit our website (www.saintphilip.net) to learn about all of the Christian Education programs we offer for children, youth, young adults, senior adults and families. Classes are offered on Sundays, as well as weekdays. If you would like to be a leader in classes next fall please contact Omar Rouchon via email at :

omar@saintphilip.net

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Continuing through **August 21**, 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 28**.



[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. Resources such as noise-dampening headphones and fidget tools for our neurodivergent neighbors and anyone needing sensory support can be found there too.

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.

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.



[MAKE A CONTRIBUTION]



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.

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.

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.

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.

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♣ Hymn 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

TEXT: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt.
 MUSIC: George William Warren, 1892

NATIONAL HYMN
 10.10.10.10

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♠ Hymn 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-ered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990
 MUSIC: William Moore's *Columbian Harmony*, 1825
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HOLY MANNA
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 (alternate harmonization, 396)

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