



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2026

Preparation for Worship

*Heaven shall not wait
for the dawn of great ideas,
thoughts of compassion divorced from cries of pain:
Jesus is Lord;
he has married word and action;
his cross and company make his purpose plain.*

—Hymn 773

Voluntary

Canzona in G Minor

Domenico Zipoli
(1688-1726)

Greeting

Please sign and pass the friendship folder.

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

Introit

Come and Fill Our Hearts

Jacques Berthier
(1923-1994)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
Alleluia.

Jacques Berthier, 1982

Opening Sentences

If the Lord had not been with us
our enemies would have destroyed us
and the floods would have swept us away.
Blessed be the Lord,
who has not forsaken us.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

✠ Hymn 311 ([see page 9](#))

Here O Lord Your Servants Gather

TOKYO

✦ Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God,
 you call us to work for a world
 where all will be fed and have dignity,
 but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
 You call us to seek justice and peace,
 but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
 You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
 but we do not insist on freedom for all.
 Forgive us, O Lord.
 Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
 so that all may know your justice and peace;
 through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

silent prayer

✦ Response *(sung twice)*

Take, O take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
 be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995

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TAKE ME AS I AM
 7.7.7.4.

✦ Declaration of Forgiveness

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

✦ Response

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise
 God, all crea-tures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia! Praise God in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre -
 a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

✠ 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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

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

Anthem

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.

And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy,
Compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
Justice and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
A system that's fair.

For young and for old, a place at the table,
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
For young and for old, the right to belong.

For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free!

Shirley Erena Murray

Sermon

Religious Identity

Omar Rouchon

silence and stillness

✠ Hymn 773 [\(see page 10\)](#)

Heaven Shall Not Wait

HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

✠ Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ,
 fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts,
 forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified,
 suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Offertory

This Day

Bob Chilcott
 (b. 1955)

This day will you strength us.
 This day will you bless us.
 This day will you lift us, visit us for good.
 This day inscribe us for a happy, happy life.
 This day hear our cry.

This day accept our prayer in mercy and favour.
 This day support us with your righteous hand.
 This day accept our prayer in mercy and favour,
 This day.

Amen.

Traditional Jewish Text
 Adapt. B. C.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gracious God, you have given so freely unto us,
and have offered us an abundance of love and grace.

**We pray that these gifts we offer will serve all of creation,
and in doing so, we may glorify your name. Amen.**

✦ **Hymn 295** ([page 11](#))

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

✦ **Charge and Blessing**

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

Voluntary

Sonata in D Major
K. 288

Domenico Scarlatti

SERVING TODAY

Pastors

Keatan King | Omar Rouchon

Liturgist

Cindy Judson

Musicians

Matthew Dirst, organist | St. Philip Choir | Zachary Budd, cello | Cecilia Duarte, mezzo-soprano
Justin Langham, director of music

FLOWERS

The flowers on the chancel are given today by Greg and Bonnie Moore in honor of their grandson, Sebastian. A gift of wisdom and curiosity.

MEMORIAL GIFT

Tom Cavanaugh has given a gift to the church in memory of Barbara Cavanaugh to mark the anniversary of her death in 2025.

WORSHIP NOTES

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

- Exodus 1:8–2:10 – *Pharaoh orders the drowning of Hebrew boys, but Moses is spared.*
- Psalm 124 – *Were the Lord not on our side, the water would have consumed us.*
- Isaiah 51:1–6 – *Look to the rock from which you were hewed; God will deliver.*
- Psalm 138 – *I sing your praise, O Lord; do not forsake the work of your hands.*
- Romans 12:1–8 – *Offer yourselves to God as a living sacrifice; one body, many gifts.*
- Matthew 16:13–20 – *Who is Jesus? Peter answers: You are the Messiah, the Son of God.*

SABBATICAL NOTES:

John Wurster is on a sabbatical from August 10 to November 9. Guided by the phrase attributed to Augustine, "It is solved by walking," John is reflecting on a series of scripture passages as part of his daily walking regimen over these three months. You are invited to join him in engaging the biblical texts through the weeks. The passage for the week of August 24 is Isaiah 2:2-5 Come, let us *walk* in the light of the LORD!

MUSIC NOTES

The Italian Baroque composer Domenico Zipoli left a small handful of keyboard works plus vocal works of various kinds, from masses to oratorios. He even composed a sacred opera during the latter half of his life, which was spent in South America serving as a Jesuit priest in Argentina and Paraguay. His **Canzona in G Minor** follows the typical plan for such works: several sections of lively imitative counterpoint, each of which adapts the same basic motive to a new meter and a new melodic gestures. His more famous contemporary Domenico Scarlatti wrote hundreds of keyboard sonatas, a few of which show indications of organ performance. One of these, the **Sonata in D Major** K. 288, indicates clearly the use of an organ with contrasting registers. Its nimble figuration pits flutes against reeds in a cheerful, witty dance.

French composer Jacques Berthier is best known for his liturgical music written for Taizé services, which originated from the ecumenical Christian monastic community in Burgundy, France. A native of Burgundy, Berthier composed 232 songs in 20 different languages, many of

which are still in wide use today by communities around the world, including today's **introit**.

Tom Trenney, who wears many hats as a composer, conductor, organist, and preacher, has served as Minister of Music to First-Plymouth Church in Lincoln, Nebraska since 2009 and currently teaches choral music at Nebraska Wesleyan University. His choral anthem setting of 1996 hymn "**For Everyone Born**," by New Zealand hymnist Shirley Mann, embodies and amplifies its themes of human rights, equality, inclusion, and divine justice. The St. Philip Choir also welcomes cellist and St. Philip member Zachary Budd, who joins us in presenting this moving work.

English composer Bob Chilcott is well known around the world for his sacred choral works, which he attributes to his own Christian faith. Crafted from a traditional Jewish prayer, today's **offertory** captures a spirit of reverence and gratitude through sensitive melodic lines and an appealing harmonic language.

— Notes by Matthew Dirst & Justin Langham

Pledges as of 6/30/2026	
Budgeted	\$638,000
Received	\$565,000

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE ON SUMMER RECESS

JOIN THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE ON RALLY DAY – SEPTEMBER 6 – IN THE GATHERING AREA

We will have excerpts from each class and a light breakfast before worship.

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 this fall please contact Omar Rouchon via email at :

omar@saintphilip.net.

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.

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IN OUR PRAYERS

St. Philippians and their families – Angelina Fonseca-Grewal; John Bobbitt; 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; Ada & Bob Austin – parents of Nina Lambright; Mary Morgan – niece of Celia Morgan; 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; Jo Hadley Smith – cousin of William Rowe; Katie Forbes – daughter of Marise Robbins-Forbes; Ann Perenyi – mother of Lad Perenyi; Suzanne Frazier & Ann Perkins Cloud – cousins of Stephen Paine.

Homebound – Elizabeth Arp; Beverly Baker; Joan Boelens; Joe Harwood; Kathryn Harwood; Jan Ostendorf; Joyce Randolph; Larraine Scott; Sondra Sullivan; and Mary Sinderson.

Friends of St. Philippians – Camilo Triana – uncle of Jesús Toribio; Austin Miller – friend of Charles Swan; Christiane Richter – friend of Roderick James; Ann Swanson – friend of Deborah Unruh; Tanya Voinche & Sidney Roach – 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 & Donna Benton – friends of William Rowe; Patty Ryan & Tom Barnett – friends of Robin & 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.



Often what people with dementia say is connected to a feeling instead of what they are actually saying. You cannot control the disease, but you can control your reaction to it, including your words. Please join us for this lively gathering to help change the conversation.

Wednesday, August 26, 9:30 – 11AM

Amazing Place Central
3735 Drexel Drive, Houston, TX 77027



Scan to register. Contact **Pam Berkley** at pberkley@amazingplacehouston.org for questions or more information.

READY! SET! VOTE!

Join *Rebecca McIlwain*, *Houston Faith Votes Project Manager*, as she helps us prepare for the crucial upcoming midterm elections. Join Peacemaking and Social Justice on Sunday, August 30th immediately after worship for our next 5th Sunday Speaker Series. Rebecca will offer ways to engage congregation members and community members in both getting people registered to vote, and then getting people out to actually vote on **November 3**.

No need to RSVP, just show up for conversation. Oh, and light bites!

In the meantime - check your own voters registration status. Encourage friends, family, and neighbors to do the same. Use this link:

<https://www.vote411.org/check-registration>

PEACEMAKING & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
INVITES YOU TO **5TH SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES**

READY, SET, VOTE!
REBECCA MCILWAIN, HOUSTON FAITH VOTES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
FOLLOWING WORSHIP | ROOM 201
LIGHT BITES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: DWILBORN55@GMAIL.COM

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WE CHOOSE WELCOME



[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.



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.



[MAKE A CONTRIBUTION]

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.

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 payable directly to St. Philip Day School** or visit their website for online donations. 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 email: Director@stphilipdayschool.org.

Hymn 311

Here O Lord Your Servants Gather

1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
 2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands;
 3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease;
 4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death-less love;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
 yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
 where, O where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
 help us as we work and pray; send us from a - bove



As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
 While in dark-ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
 Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
 truth and cour - age, faith and power need - ed in our strife:



Je - sus, Sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
 Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
 Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, be our Way; be our Truth, our Life.

**Optional finger cymbals*

This gentle hymn was created for a 1958 international convention of Christian educators in Japan. The tune's use of the *gagaku* mode, originally from China but later limited to use in the Japanese court, serves as a subtle but significant affirmation of Christ's sovereignty.

TEXT: Tokuo Yamaguchi, 1958; trans. Everett M. Stowe, 1958, alt.
 MUSIC: Japanese *gagaku* mode, Isao Koizumi, 1958
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TOKYO
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Hymn 773

Heaven Shall Not Wait

1 Heaven shall not wait for the poor to lose their pa-tience,
 2 Heaven shall not wait for the rich to share their for-tunes,
 3 Heaven shall not wait for the dawn of great i - de - as,
 4 Heaven shall not wait for tri - um-phant Hal - le - lu - jahs,



the scorned to smile, the de-spised to find a friend:
 the proud to fall, the e - lite to tend the least:
 thoughts of com - pas - sion di-vorced from cries of pain:
 when earth has passed and we reach an - oth - er shore:



Je - sus is Lord; he has cham - pioned the un - want - ed;
 Je - sus is Lord; he has shown the mas - ter's priv - ilege:
 Je - sus is Lord; he has mar - ried word and ac - tion;
 Je - sus is Lord in our pres - ent im - per - fec - tion;



in him in - jus - tice con - fronts its time - ly
 to kneel and wash ser - vants' feet be - fore they
 his cross and com - pa - ny make his pur - pose
 his power and love are for now and then for



end. ev - er - more.
 feast.
 plain.

This stirring, prophetic hymn is organized around two recurring four-syllable phrases, the first of which introduces an idealized scenario of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer would call "cheap grace," while the second announces the "costly grace" of God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987

MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1987

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HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT

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Hymn 295

Go to the World!

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
 Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,
 bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"
 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19-20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
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SINE NOMINE
 10.10.10 with alleluias

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