



**THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP
AT WORSHIP**

JULY 31, 2026

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

IN MEMORY OF

NANCY EVERHEART JOHNSON

MARCH 16, 1947—JULY 3, 2026

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCES

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

✠ HYMN 840

When Peace Like a River

VILLE DU HAVRE

✠ PRAYER

Eternal God, our strength and our comfort, our hope and our help,
your love cares for us in life and watches over us in death.
We praise you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith,
finished their race, and who now rest from their labor.
Especially we thank you for Nancy,
whom you have now received into your presence.
We are grateful for all she gave us,
for the memories that will abide with us,
and for the assurance that she lives forever in the peace and joy of your unending love.
Take from us now our regrets and sorrows, and grant us your grace, we pray,
that as we face the mystery of death we may see the light of eternity,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silent prayer

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

✠ DECLARATION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 98

Colossians 3:12-17

Revelation 5:6-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Austin Lovelace, arr.

SERMON

✠ HYMN 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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.**

ANTHEM

All Things New

Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears;
Home after wandering, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new,
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.

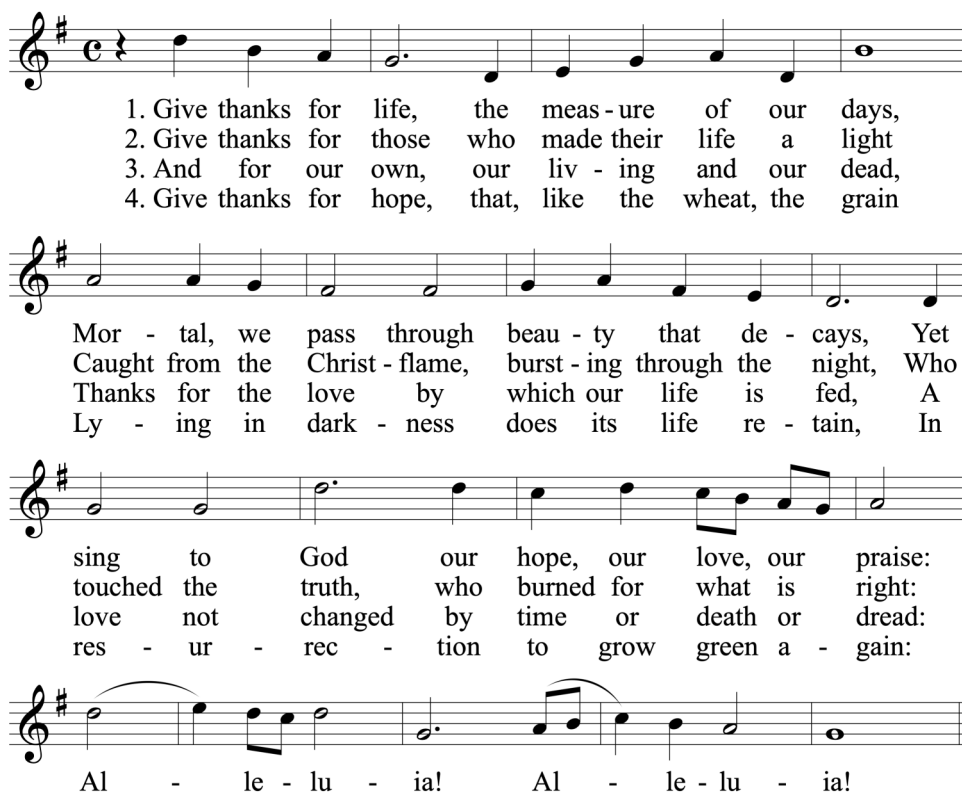
Sight after mystery, sun after rain,
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Frances Havergal

✠ HYMN

Give Thanks for Life

SINE NOMINE



1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
4. Give thanks for hope, that, like the wheat, the grain

Mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, Yet
Caught from the Christ - flame, burst - ing through the night, Who
Thanks for the love by which our life is fed, A
Ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, In

sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
touched the truth, who burned for what is right:
love not changed by time or death or dread:
res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
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✠ COMMENDATION AND BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

✠ RECESSIONAL

*Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception
in the Gathering Area adjacent to the Sanctuary.*



NANCY EVERHART JOHNSON, born Nancy Phillips Everhart to Peg and Clyde on March 16, 1947, passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning hours of July 3, 2026, at the age of 79.

Nancy was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Irondequoit, New York, near Rochester. After high school, she attended Austin College in Sherman, Texas, where she met Richard, her husband of over 30 years. While the two ultimately parted, they shared many life experiences together.

Faith was at the center of Nancy's life from an early age. The daughter of a church organist, Nancy grew up immersed in music and ministry. She went on to attend Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and became an ordained Presbyterian minister. She served as an interim pastor while living in Virginia and as a chaplain at Houston Memorial Hospital after moving to Houston, Texas. No matter where life took her, Nancy cherished her time singing in church choirs, including at St. Philip Presbyterian Church.

Nancy is survived by brother Bruce (Jann) and sister Paige; son Evan and his wife Lori; daughter Meredith and her husband Bradley; her grandchildren Ben, Andrew, Persephone, Brigid, and Claire; along with nieces and a nephew. Nancy also leaves a circle of devoted friends, with Nina holding a special place as a guiding light and unwavering support.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Music at St. Philip fund at St. Philip Presbyterian Church (Saintphilip.net).

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster

The St. Philip Choir

Justin Langham, Director of Music
Matthew Dirst, Organist