



RESURRECTION  
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday October 31, 2021

Ephesians: The Spiritual Church  
“NEW LIFE IN CHRIST”

## Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today for worship! We hope you find Resurrection Philadelphia to be a warm, welcoming community--regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation. To that end, we recognize that certain parts of the service may feel unfamiliar, so we've provided brief explanations throughout the bulletin.

Our worship is "liturgical." The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

Please visit our website [resurrectionphl.org](http://resurrectionphl.org) for more information about worship and ways to connect further to this church community. We are glad you are joining us and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff  
Chris Currie, Scott Jennings

## Reflection

God is more than an idea to be contemplated; God is made present in our midst, mediated to us through our very bodies, through taste and touch, sight and sound. The transcendent God who is so far beyond our comprehension is also God incarnate, the Word who is made flesh and speaks that Word to, and through, our own beautifully imperfect frames, surprising us with divine graces and binding us to one another in ways that would be otherwise impossible.

-Kimberly Bracken Long, *The Worshipping Body*

## Church Calendar

ADVENT  
CHRISTMAS  
EPIPHANY  
LENT  
EASTER  
PENTECOST  
**ORDINARY TIME**

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, which we count as weeks following Pentecost. During this time we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. As a result, as one Sunday follows another, this season can begin to feel, well, ordinary.

# Welcome

## Opening Song

### *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - migh - ty, the King of cre - a - tion! O my soul,
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drou-sly reign - eth, shel - ters thee
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend thee! Sure - ly his
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar-ve-lous wis-dom hath made thee, decked thee with
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath



praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear,  
un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen  
good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new  
health, and with lo - ving hand guid - ed and stayed thee! How oft in grief  
life and breath, come now with prai - ses be - fore him. Let the A - men



now to his tem - ple draw near, join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.  
how thy de - sires e'er have been gran - ted in what he or - dain - eth?  
what the Al - migh - ty will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
hath not he brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!  
sound from his peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

## Opening of Worship

Grace, mercy, and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All And also with you.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

**All slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

As a father has compassion for his children,

**so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

*from Psalm 103*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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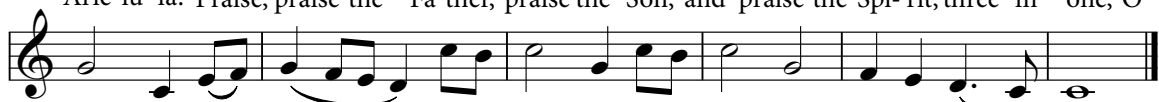
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



1. All ye who are of ten der heart, for- giv ing oth- ers take your part. Sing his prais- es,  
2. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and worship him with hum ble ness! O\_\_ praise him,



Alle-lu ia! Ye, who long pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O  
Alle-lu ia! Praise, praise the Fa ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, three in one, O



praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him! O\_\_ praise\_\_him! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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GOD SANCTIFIES US  
TO HIMSELF

*Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this, we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.*

## Confession of Sin

**All** God, you already know what lies in our hearts.  
We offer up our hopes yet unmet:  
for peace, for reconciliation, for grace.  
We offer up the wrongs we have done:  
our greed, our apathy, our meanness.  
We offer up the good we have left undone:  
forgiving others, offering mercy, choosing compassion.  
In silence, we offer the whole of our lives to you.

*Silence is kept.*

## Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God, who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Savior,  
forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world.

**All** Amen.

# Song of Praise and Adoration

## *Morning Star*

Don Peris

Mor-ning star, so rad-i-ant and ho-ly, shine on me in my great hour of  
need. Je-sus Christ, so beau-ti-ful and love-ly, shine o-ver me.

# Baptism and Membership Reception

*Daniel Postilnik and Lilah Danit Postilnik*

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world?

Candidates & Parents: **I renounce them.**

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates & Parents: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Minister (to the candidates):

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and through worship and service seek to advance God's purposes here and throughout the world?

Candidates: **I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Minister (to the parents):

Do you promise to instruct this child in the truth of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for her, to teach her to pray; and to train her in Christ's way by your example, through worship, and in the nurture of the church?

Parents: **I do, and I ask God to help me.**

Minister (to the congregation):

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support this brother and these sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service.

Congregation: **We do.**



## Creed

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

*The sacrament of baptism is administered, and pastoral prayer  
is offered.*

*The congregation shall stand.*

**All** Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.  
Join with us as we give witness in the world  
to the good news,  
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.  
Alleluia.

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All** And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.*

## The Word of God

*New Testament reading:* Ephesians 4:17-5:1a

<sup>17</sup>Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup>They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>That is not the way you learned Christ! <sup>21</sup>For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup>You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. <sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel reading:* Luke 6:27-36

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup>If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

*“New Life in Christ”* – Rev. Chris Currie

## Communion

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

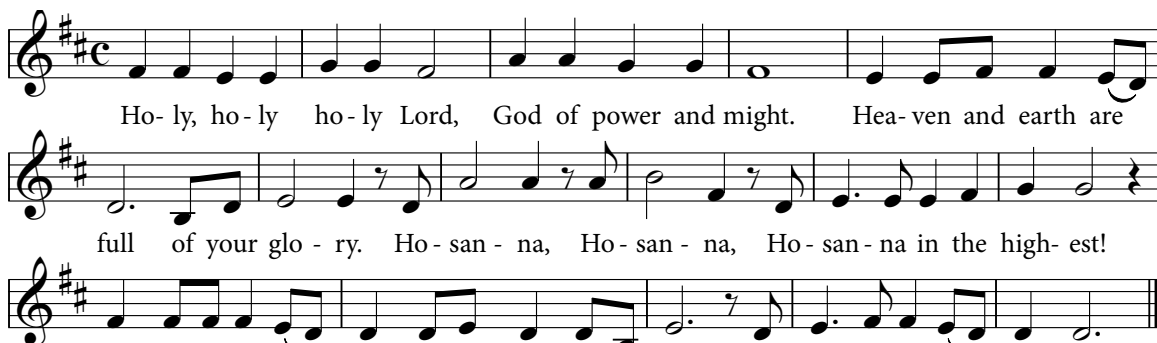
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
For by water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to show forth your glory in all the world.  
And so we gladly thank you,  
with saints and angels praising you and singing:

### *Sanctus*



Ho- ly, ho- ly ho- ly Lord, God of power and might. Hea- ven and earth are  
full of your glo- ry. Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na, Ho- san- na in the high- est!  
Bles- sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho- san- na in the\_ high- est.

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*The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
forever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*The minister speaks the Words of Institution.*

## Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

**All Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

# Communion Song

## *Your Labor Is Not in Vain*

Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell



1. Your la - bor is not in vain though the ground un - der - neath you is  
2. Your la - bor is not un - known, though the rocks they cry out, and the  
3. The vine - yards you plant will bear fruit, the fields will sing out and re -  
4. The hou - ses you la - bored to build will final - ly with laugh - ter and



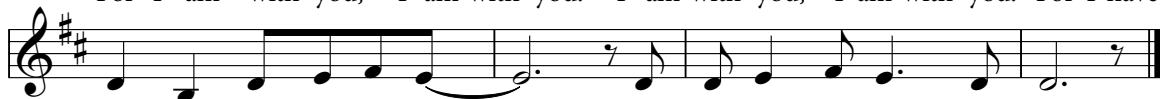
cursed and stained, your plan - ting and reap - ing are  
sea it may groan. The place of your toil may not  
joyce with the truth, for all that is old will at  
joy be filled. The ser - pent that hurts and des -



ne - ver the same, but your la - bor is not in vain.  
seem like a home, but your la - bor is not un - known.  
last be made new: the vi - neyards you plant will bear fruit.  
troys shall be killed, and all that is bro - ken be healed.



For I am with you, I am with you. I am with you, I am with you. For I have



called you, called you by name;— your la - bor is not in vain.

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## Prayer after Communion

*All* Lord Jesus, you fed the hungry  
with the bread of your life  
and the word of your kingdom:  
renew your people,  
and in all our weakness,  
sustain us by your grace.  
Amen.

# Blessing and Sending

## *Have Mercy on Me*

David Gungor, Latifah Alattas, Madison Cunningham

1. The good - ness of the Lord is the kind - ness of the Lord with  
2. The beau - ty of the Lord is the suff' - ring of the Lord, is

ev' - ry breath we take, the gift of life and grace; the pow - er of the Lord is the  
Christ u - pon a tree, \_\_\_ stripped of dig - ni - ty, the glo - ry of the Lord is the

meek - ness of the Lord who bore hu - man - i - ty with brave hu - mil - i - ty:  
mer - cy of the Lord, gives life for us to see a new hu - man - i - ty:

Let your mer - cy flow through us, \_\_\_ your mer - cy, your mer - cy. \_\_\_

Let your mer - cy flow through us, your mer - cy, your mer - cy. \_

When they see us, may they see your mer - cy, your mer - cy. \_

When they know us, may they know your mer - cy, your mer - cy. \_

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## Benediction

May God let you live each day  
as his children,  
remade in his likeness;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always.

**All Amen.**

## Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who  
love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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at the address below or text any amount to the number 84321.  
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## Announcements

### **The Art of Hard Conversation Workshop** | Saturday, November 13, 10-3:30 pm

In today's increasingly polarized world, it is critical that we learn the art of managing hard conversations when we disagree with others. In this workshop, we'll hear from:

- Kristyn Komarnicki, director of dialogue and convening at Christians for Social Action, on conversations about sexuality, and
- Dr. John Walton, professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College, on whether science and the Bible are in conflict over origins.

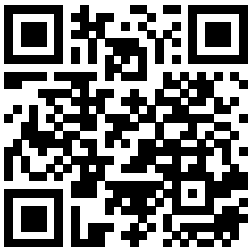
Please help spread the word! Read more and register at [resurrectionphl.org/conversations](https://resurrectionphl.org/conversations)

**Sign Up to Help Serve Thanksgiving Breakfast** We partner with Emmanuel Ministry to serve a Thanksgiving Day breakfast from our Center City building. It's a cherished tradition where we serve a really hearty, home-cooked breakfast to our friends experiencing homelessness and food insecurity – many of whom may not get another meal that day. Sign up through the event link at [resurrectionphl.org](https://resurrectionphl.org) under connect

**Interested in Joining a Choir for Christmas Service?** Christopher McDonald is working on plans for this year's Service of Lessons & Carols, an annual advent tradition (scheduled for Sunday, December 12 at 5 pm). If you are vaccinated and interested in joining a choir for the occasion, please stop by the piano and see Christopher this Sunday after the service in Center City, or contact him at [christopher@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:christopher@resurrectionphl.org).

**Are you a Grad or Post-Grad Student?** We're starting a group for anyone in a graduate or post-graduate program. People do not need to attend Resurrection to come, so feel free to invite friends. The first gathering will be November 7. Contact Dr. Cyndi Parker at [cyndi@resurrectionphl.org](mailto:cyndi@resurrectionphl.org) for details.

**1st and 3rd Sunday Prayer Time in Center City** All are welcome to join a prayer time in Center City at 11 am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. These prayer times will take place in the Cry Room behind the Sanctuary.



Please provide us your feedback  
as we together seek to refine our  
gathered worship each week.

**Musicians**

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Ross Bellenoit: guitar

Jaron Olevsky: bass

Matt Scarano: drums

**Liturgist**

Abigail Garbarino

**Scripture Reading**

Katie Burrows-Stone

**Celebrant**

Rev. Scott Jennings

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# Help us welcome you.

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Children & their ages: \_\_\_\_\_

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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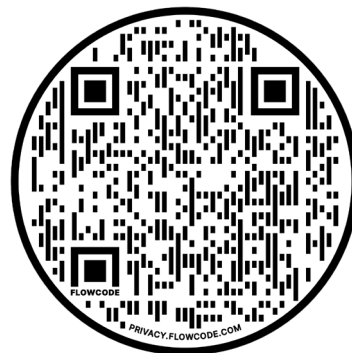
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Please send me:  Weekly Newsletter  Morning & Evening Prayer

## Please contact me about:

- Community Groups
- Neighborhood Service Opportunities
- Volunteering on Sundays
- Children's & Youth Ministries
- Meeting with a Pastor
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



## Prayer Requests

*Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.*

*Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.*

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