



RESURRECTION  
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday October 10, 2021

Ephesians: The Spiritual Church  
“THE WISDOM OF GOD REVEALED”

## 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

Christianity marks the spot where, if noble dream joins hands with God-inspired hope and presses with great impatience against the insularities of life, for example, national, cultural, ethnic, economic, sexual, and racial, seeking the deeper ground upon which to seed a new way of belonging and living together, then we will find together not simply a new ground, not simply a new seed, but a life already prepared and offered to us.

-Willie James Jennings, *The Christian Imagination*

## 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

Dr. Cyndi Parker

## Opening Song

### *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse



1. Won-der - ful, mer - ci - ful sav - ior, pre - cious re - dee-mer and friend,
2. Coun-se - lor, com-for - ter, keep - er, Spi - rit we long to em - brace,
3. Al-might y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing your own,



who would have thought that a lamb could res - cue the souls of  
you of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the  
here in our weak - ness you find us fall - ing be - fore your



men? O, you res - cue the souls of men!  
way. O, we hope - less - ly lost the way.  
throne. O, we're fall - ing be - fore your throne!



You are the one that we praise; you are the one we a - dore; you give the heal-ing and



grace our hearts al-ways hun-ger for, O, our hearts al-ways hun-ger for.

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## 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 good to all,

**All and his compassion is over all that he has made.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
**and all your faithful shall bless you.**

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,  
**and tell of your power,**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
**and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

**The Lord is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.**

*from Psalm 145*

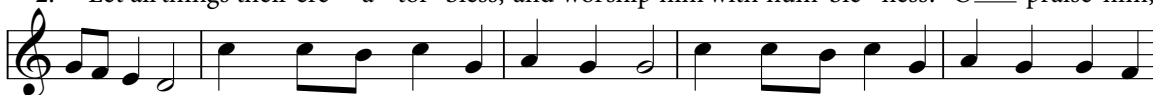
## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

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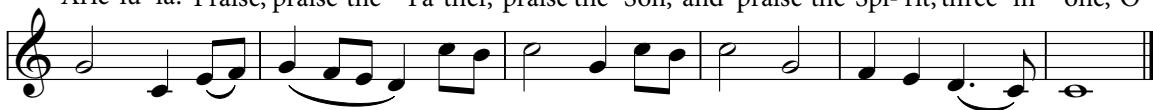
Francis of Assisi, Jonathan Gilley



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 of abundance and grace:  
You know us well, better than we know ourselves.  
You hear us cry "Gloria!" and "Praise!"  
and you watch us tear things apart  
with our words and deeds.  
You hear us say "Thy will be done" and "use me, O God,"  
and you watch us do nothing  
in response to cries for help.  
You know us, and you love us, and you forgive.  
Hear us now say, "Make us into a people  
who show forth the obedient love of Christ."

*Silence is kept.*

## Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May God join you to Christ by faith,  
forgive all of your sins,  
and raise you up to serve  
as Christ's reconciling community.

**All** Amen.

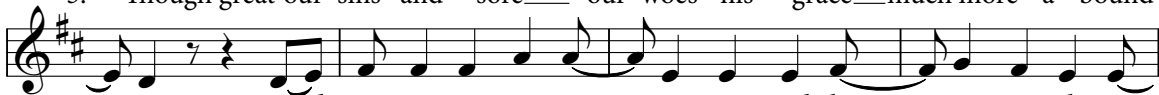
# Song of Praise and Adoration

From *Depths of Woe*

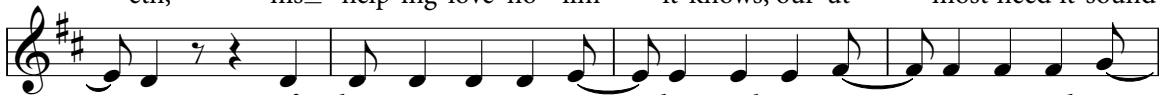
Martin Luther, Christopher Miner



1. From depths of woe I raise\_\_ to thee the voice\_\_ of lam - en - ta -
2. To\_\_ wash a - way the crim - son stain, grace, grace\_\_ a - lone a - vail -
3. There - fore my trust is in\_\_ the Lord and not\_\_ in mine own mer
4. What though I wait the live - long night and til\_\_ the dawn ap - pear
5. Though great our sins and sore\_\_ our woes his grace\_\_ much more a - bound



- tion; Lord, turn a gra-cious ear\_\_ to me and hear\_\_ my sup-ply - ca -  
 - eth; our\_ works, a - las! are all\_\_ in vain; in much\_\_ the best life fail-  
 - it; on\_\_ him my soul shall rest;\_\_ his word up holds\_\_ my fainting spi-  
 - eth, my\_ heart still trust-eth in\_\_ his might; it doubt - eth not nor fear  
 - eth; his\_ help-ing love no lim - it knows, our ut - most need it sound



- tion; if thou in - i - qui - ties\_\_ dost mark, our se - cret sins and mis -  
 - eth; no man can glo - ry in\_\_ thy sight; all must\_\_ a - like con - fess\_  
 - rit; his promised mer - cy is\_\_ my fort, my com - fort and my sweet  
 - eth; do thus, O ye of Is - rael's seed, ye of\_\_ the Spi - rit born  
 - eth. Our shep-herd good and true\_\_ is he, who will\_\_ at last his Is -



deeds dark, **Lead:** O\_\_ who shall stand be - fore\_\_ thee? O\_\_  
 \_\_ thy might and live a - lone by mer - cy. And  
 \_\_ sup - port; I\_\_ wait for it with pa - tience. I\_\_  
 \_\_ in - deed, and wait til God ap - pear - eth. And  
 - rael free from all their sin and sor - row. From



who shall stand be - fore\_\_ thee?  
 live a - lone by mer - cy.  
 wait for it with pa - tience.  
 wait til God ap - pear - eth.  
 all their sin and sor - row.

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GOD SPEAKS TO US  
IN HIS WORD

*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.*

## 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.

## The Word of God

*New Testament reading:* Ephesians 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. <sup>7</sup>Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. <sup>13</sup>I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



*Gospel reading:* John 14:5–14

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

**All    Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All    Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

*“The Wisdom of God Revealed”* – Dr. Cyndi Parker

*Having offered  
ourselves up in faith  
through the creed,  
affirming the power  
of God's redemption,  
we lift up the  
church, our world,  
and other needs to  
God in prayer for  
his provision and  
healing.*

## 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.

## Prayers

*Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.*

Father of heaven, whose profound love  
has provided a ransom for our souls:  
we pray for the world, created by your love,  
for its nations and governments and peoples.  
Extend to them your peace, pardon, mercy, and grace.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All** Lord, hear our prayer.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:  
we pray for the Church, created for your glory,  
for its life to reflect the eternal wisdom of God.  
Extend to us your guidance, growth, mercy, and grace.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death:  
we pray for families and individuals, created in your image,  
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying.  
Breathe on them your life, healing, mercy, and grace.  
For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

And for what else should we pray?

*Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at  
this time, ending with,*

For this, O Lord, we pray:

**All Lord, hear our prayer.**

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our  
Savior has taught us:

**All 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 and ever.  
Amen.**

## Communion

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

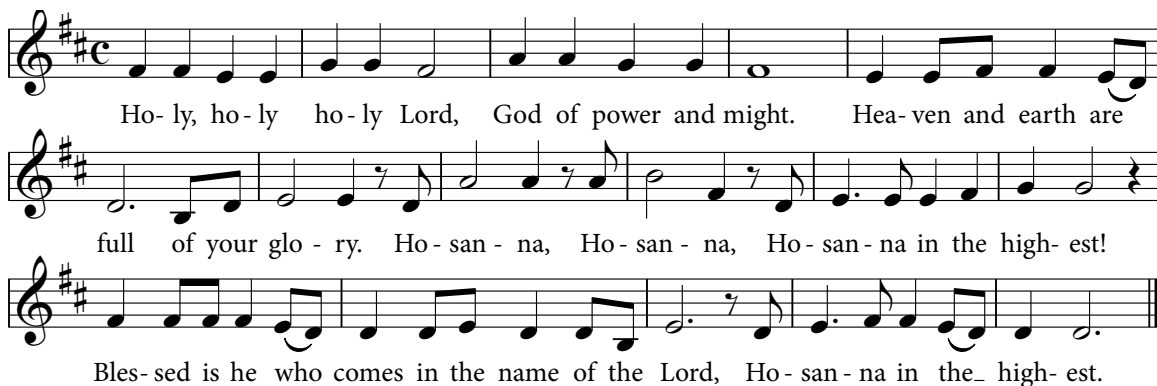
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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 Child*

Benjamin Stamper



1. There is no love like the Fa - ther's love. I have tried e-v'ry thing, -  
2. There is no heart like the Fa - ther's heart. I have turned e-v'ry key, -



gone e-v'ry where, - on - ly to find, none can com pare. - Your eyes set this  
to e-v'ry door, - shed all my tears, what were they for? - Your hands pulled me



world\_ on\_ fire. - Your words pierce the dark est\_ hour. -  
safe\_ a\_ shore. - Your feet tread where none\_ will dare. -



I will al-ways be your child, I will e-ver be re-deemed, you will al-ways be my Ab - ba.

# Prayer after Communion

All God our Father,  
whose Son has come from heaven  
to deliver the world from alienation and death:  
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding  
that we may walk in the way of life without stumbling.  
Amen.

# Blessing and Sending

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re-stored. He has



done great things, we will say to - ge - ther; we will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire, he is the LORD our God.
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, my soul, be not a-fraid.
3. Ev'-ry vow we've bro - ken and be-trayed, you are the faith-ful one.



We are not con-sumed by the flood, up held, pro tec-ted, ga-thered up.  
For the pro-mised morn - ing, oh how long? Oh God of Ja-cob, be my strength!  
And from the gar- den to the grave, bind us to-ge ther, bring sha - lom.

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## Benediction

May God the Father,  
who has revealed in his Son  
the mystery of salvation,  
make you to know  
the abounding love of Christ;  
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.

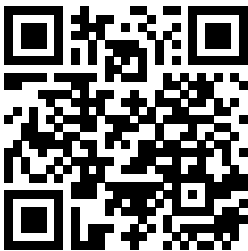
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at the address below or text any amount to the number 84321.  
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## Announcements

**Theology of Place Class Starts October 17** We design and occupy places to fulfill our needs. But places also influence us and shape the way we interact with our communities. Places preserve memories and emotions. They influence what we eat and how we dress. The Bible offers clear guidance on the ideal way for the Israelites to occupy their land, but what about us in our city today? How should we understand a theology of place? Join this four-session course to explore not only a biblical understanding of place but also different places in Philadelphia. This class, led by Dr. Cyndi Parker, will take place on Sundays Oct. 17, Oct. 24, Nov. 7, and Nov. 14 at 4:00pm. Please register on our website (see Upcoming Events under Connect header).



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

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**Musicians**

Charlie Heim: drums

Eliza Jones: piano, voice

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Jeremy McDonald: bass

Joshua Stamper: guitar

**Liturgist**

Arlene Navarro

**Scripture Reading**

Jonathan Bassett

**Celebrant**

Rev. Scott Jennings

# Help us welcome you.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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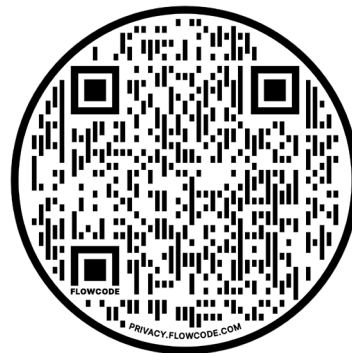
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Please send me:  Weekly Newsletter  Morning & Evening Prayer

## 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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