



RESURRECTION
PHILADELPHIA

Sunday October 8, 2023

Exodus: Living the Story of God's Rescue & Re-Creation
"JUDGMENT & DELIVERANCE"

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.

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 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

Sunday Information

- **Nursery + Children’s Ministry:** Check-in available at both 17th and Sansom Street entrances.
 - Nursery for children 6-30 months: Available for the duration of the service.
 - Sunday School for ages 30 months through 5th grade: Children are dismissed to class just before the sermon; K-5th graders return in time for communion.
 - For nursing mothers seeking privacy, there’s a room behind the SE exit from the Sanctuary where the service can be watched.
- **Accessibility:** A street level entrance is available on Sansom Street, and an elevator providing access to all other levels can be accessed there. Assistive listening devices are available; to request one, please see one of the greeters.
- **Restrooms:** Men’s and Women’s restrooms are on the lower level; two single-user restrooms open to anyone are available on the 2nd floor.
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, located in the Community room, behind the front of the Sanctuary. All are welcome!
- **Parking/Transportation:** Free parking for worship is available at the Liberty Place Garage. Get a timed ticket when you enter the garage, and a chaser ticket (validation ticket) at church. Limited bike and stroller parking at the Sansom lobby, as well as single journey SEPTA passes.

Reflection

Listening to God's voice in scripture doesn't put us in the position of having infallible opinions. It puts us where it put Jesus himself: in possession of a vocation, whether for a lifetime or for the next minute. Vocations are fragile, and are tested in performance. That's what it's like to live at the intersection of heaven and earth.

- N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian*

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

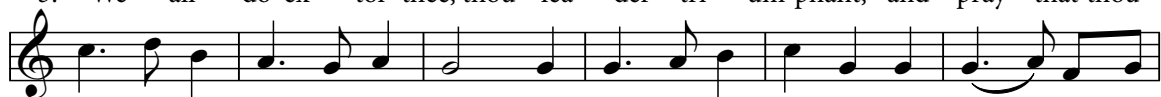
Opening Song

We Gather Together

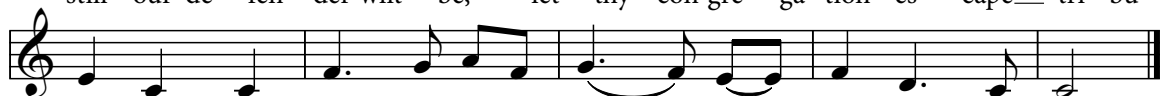
Anonymous, trans. Theodore Baker, Netherlands folk song



1. We ga - ther to - ge - ther to ask the Lord's bles - sing; he chas - tens and
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, or - dain - ing, main -
3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lea - der tri - um - phant, and pray that thou



has - tens his will to make known; the wick - ed op - pres - sing now cease from dis -
tain - ing his king - dom di - vine; so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were
still our de - fen - der wilt be; let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape tri - bu -



tes - sing, sing prai - ses to his name: he for - gets not his own.
win - ning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
la - tion; thy name be e - ver praised! O Lord, make us free!

Opening of Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All And also with you.

Responsive Reading

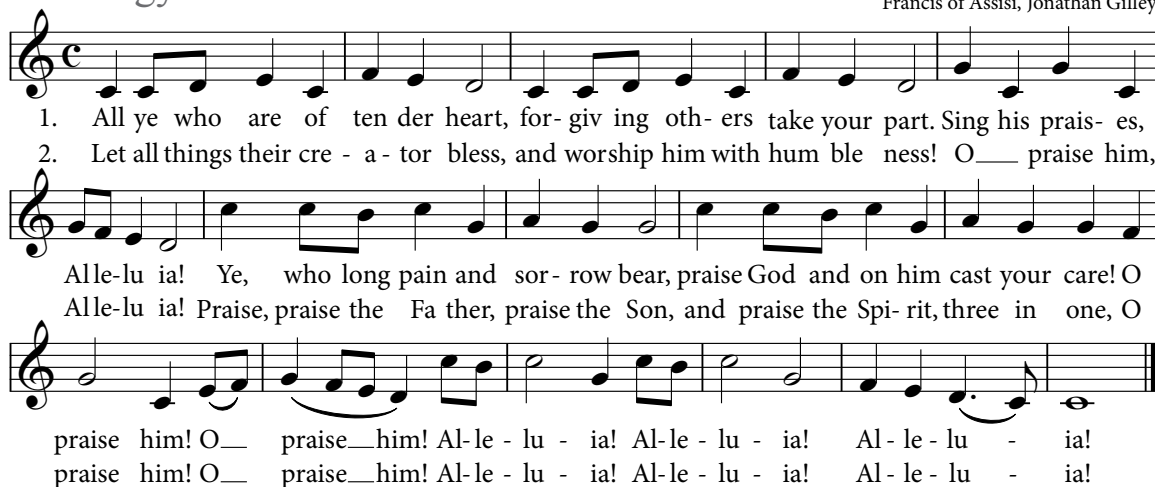
Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
All my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
A bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench.
He will faithfully bring forth justice;
he will not grow faint or be discouraged
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.

from Isaiah 42

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Doxology

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 Most holy and merciful Father,
 we confess in your presence
 that we are quick to do evil and slow to do good.
 You alone know how often we have sinned,
 in wandering from your ways,
 in wasting your gifts,
 in forgetting your love.
 O Lord, have mercy on us.
 Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts
 that we may live in your light and walk in your ways
 as we follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Illuminate the Shadows

Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell



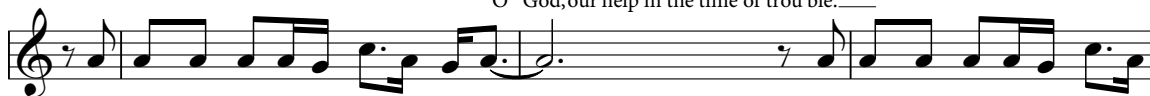
1. Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows, and com-fort those who are cast down.
2. Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows, and cast the e - vil ru - ler from his throne.
3. Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows, till ev'-ry i - dol has been tram-pled on.



Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows; be our__ re - fuge in the time of storm.
Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows; break op-pres-sion with your might-y arm.
Il-lu-mi-nate the shad-ows, till ev' - ry sta - tue comes tumbling down.

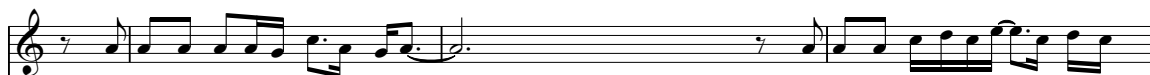


O God, our help in the time of trou ble.___



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O God, our help in the time of trouble.



trouble.___

O God, our help in the time of trouble.___

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God, our help in the time of trou - ble.___

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Baptism and Membership Reception

Ezra Peter Sandeman, Tessa Hope Sandeman

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 these children in the truth of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for them, to teach them to pray; and to train them 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 these brothers and 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.**

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.

*Pre-school children
are invited to go to
their classes at this
time. Elementary
children through
grade 5 are invited
to Children's Church
and will return
during the Song of
Response, following
the Reflection.*

*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

Old Testament reading: Exodus 6:28-7:13

²⁸On the day when the LORD spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt,
²⁹he said to him, "I am the LORD; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I
am speaking to you." ³⁰But Moses said in the Lord's presence, "Since
I am a poor speaker, why would Pharaoh listen to me?"

¹The LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh,
and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. ²You shall speak all
that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let
the Israelites go out of his land. ³But I will harden Pharaoh's heart,
and I will multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. ⁴When
Pharaoh does not listen to you, I will lay my hand upon Egypt and
bring my people the Israelites, company by company, out of the land
of Egypt by great acts of judgment. ⁵The Egyptians shall know that I
am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the
Israelites out from among them." ⁶Moses and Aaron did so; they did
just as the LORD commanded them. ⁷Moses was eighty years old and
Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

⁸The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹"When Pharaoh says to you,
'Perform a wonder,' then you shall say to Aaron, 'Take your staff
and throw it down before Pharaoh, and it will become a snake.'"
¹⁰So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did as the LORD had
commanded; Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and his
officials, and it became a snake. ¹¹Then Pharaoh summoned the wise
men and the sorcerers; and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did
the same by their secret arts. ¹²Each one threw down his staff, and
they became snakes; but Aaron's staff swallowed up theirs. ¹³Still
Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he would not listen to them, as
the LORD had said.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 8:54-59

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, he of whom you say, ‘He is our God,’
⁵⁵though you do not know him. But I know him; if I would say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you. But I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶Your ancestor Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day; he saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷Then the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

“Judgment & Deliverance” – Dr. Cyndi Parker

Offertory

By His Wounds

Ps. 53 arr. Isaac Wardell, traditional melody

By his wounds, his wounds will we be healed.

And for our trans - ges - sions, his pas - sion has made us well.

Let us come a - gain and feed on him, our Lord E - man - u - el!

The offering is part of our worship together, an opportunity to participate in the ministry of Resurrection. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give— we're grateful simply for your presence here today.



resurrectionphl.org/give

When encouraging the early church toward generosity, the Apostle Paul pointed to Jesus' giving of himself:

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich” - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

If you'd like to contribute to the work of our church, you can do so by scanning the QR code at the left or text any amount to the number 84321.

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.

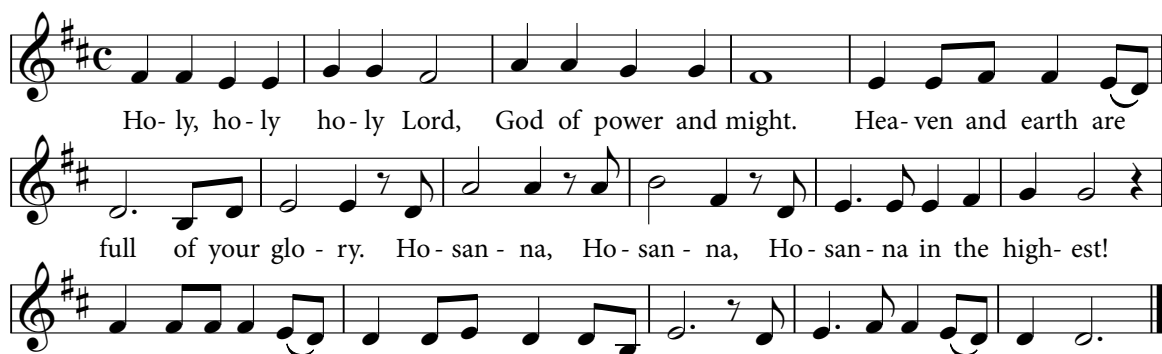
GOD STRENGTHENS US
AT HIS TABLE

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

The Eucharistic Prayer

And now we give you thanks,
for only in your strength,
which is at work in weakness,
do we find our rescue,
and only in your wisdom,
which often appears as foolishness,
do we find our way home.
So we put our trust in your word of hope
and 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.

*We use wine in
Communion. Non-
alcoholic white grape
juice and a gluten-
free option are also
available if preferred.
Please discard your
Communion cup as
you leave worship.*

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching | Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer of belief | Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling | Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Communion Song

My Song Is Love Unknown

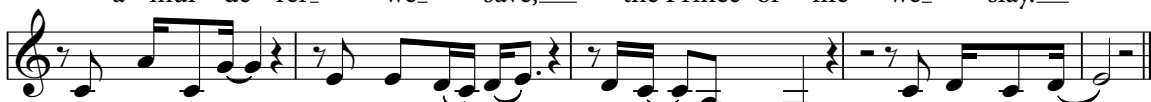
Samuel Crossman, Bethany Danel Brooks



1. My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, _____
2. He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be stow _____
3. Some times we strew his way and his sweet prai - ses sing, _____
4. Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? _____
5. We rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; _____



love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be.
 but we cared not, and none the longed for Christ would know.
 re soun ding all the day ho - san - nas to our King.
 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
 a mur - de - rer we save, the Prince of life we slay.



O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 But O, my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet all his deeds our ha - tred feeds; we 'gainst him rise.
 Yet willing he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

6. In life, no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death, no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home,
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7. Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine;
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend.

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Prayer after Communion

All Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
 ever giving himself that the world may live:
 may we so receive within ourselves
 the power of his death and passion
 that, in his saving cup,
 we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love.
 Amen.

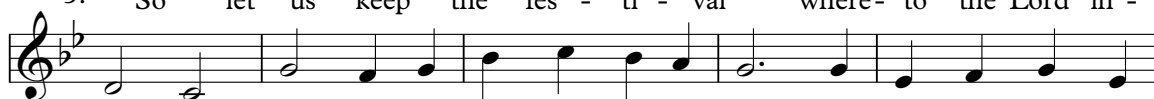
Blessing and Sending

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

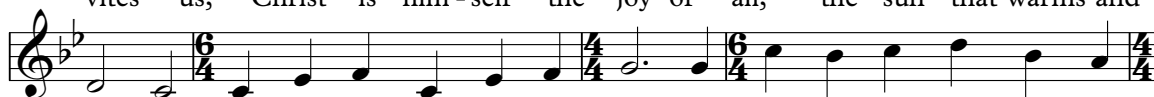
Medieval Chant, Johann Walter, Martin Luther, Richard Massie



1. Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands, for our of - fen - ses
 2. No son of man could conq - uer Death, such mis-chief sin had
 3. But Je - sus Christ, God's on - ly Son, to our low state des -
 4. Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free- ly
 5. So let us keep the fes - ti - val where- to the Lord in -



gi - ven; but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from
 wrought us, for in - no-cence dwelt not on earth, and there-fore Death had
 cen - ded, the cause of Death he has un-done, his pow'r for - e - ver
 gave us; he died on the ac - curs ed tree, so strong His love! to
 vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and



hea - ven; there fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank-ful
 brought us in - to thral-dom from of old and e - ver grew more strong and
 en - ded, ru - in'd all his right and claim and left him noth - ing but the
 save us. See, his blood doth mark our door; faith points to it, Death pas - ses
 lights us. By his grace he doth im - part e - ter - nal sun shine to the



ly loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 bold and kept us in his bon - dage. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 name, his sting is lost for - e - ver. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 o'er, and Sa - tan can-not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 heart; the night of sin is en - ded. Hal - le - lu - jah!

GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD

*We have responded
to God's call, heard
his word, offered
ourselves to his
service, and received
strength at his table.
Now, at the close of
worship, God sends us
out to carry forward
the gospel story.*

Benediction

The Lord God almighty is your Father:
he loves you and tenderly cares for you;
the Lord Jesus Christ is your Savior:
he has redeemed you and will defend you to the end;
the Lord, the Holy Spirit, is among you:
he will lead you in God's holy way;
and may 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.

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14)

After the service, ministers and elders of the church will be stationed at the front of the sanctuary to offer healing prayer and anointing with oil for those seeking God's healing in any aspect of life: physical, relational, emotional, psychological, or spiritual. If you come for healing prayer, you will not be asked any personal questions about your situation, only for your consent to be anointed with oil on your forehead. Receiving healing prayer and anointing with oil only takes a few seconds, but the practice can be a powerful way to experience God's help in our weakness.

Musicians

Christopher McDonald: piano, voice

Sarah Long: voice

Melissa Choi: voice

Ross Bellenoit: guitar

Jesse Evans: bass

Evan Chapman: drums

Liturgist

Allison Sparrow

Scripture Reading

Joan Krayner

Celebrant

Rev. Scott Jennings

CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS gather across the city and region on varying frequencies (weekly/bi-weekly), with the intent of taking up basic practices of fellowship, prayer, and study of the Scriptures. Groups range in size from 10-15 people.

CONNECTION GROUPS provide connection to the life of the church and to one another via shared interests or other affinity (such as mens or womens groups, study groups, prayer groups, service groups, etc.).

To see current groups, visit **resurrectionphl.org/groups** or scan the QR code at right.



FAMILY MINISTRIES come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- **Children's Ministry.** Our Sunday morning children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to help children find their place in God's big story. Children leave the service at the Passing of the Peace. Elementary age children return during the hymn of response. Contact Terri Taylor, terri@resurrectionphl.org
- **Resurrection Youth.** Students Grades 6-12 and Volunteer Leaders gather regularly to hang out, play games, and explore questions of faith and belonging to Christ. Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6 pm at the Center City building. For more info, contact Paul Burkhardt at paul@resurrectionphl.org.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS During the academic year, our university ministry hosts speaker series and dinner discussion groups on campus. Both undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate. We also host regular Sunday brunches for graduate students. Reach out to Ryan McCormick (ryan@resurrectionphl.org) for more information about these events.

GROW

Resurrection is a community committed to growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, Resurrection seeks to become more like Jesus by engaging spiritual practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Join “Resurrection Rhythms” to foster spiritual growth through practices resurrectionphl.org/practices
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox resurrectionphl.org/daily-prayer to help you get started.

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider Resurrection Philadelphia their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to Resurrection Philadelphia:

- Give online | resurrectionphl.org/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select Resurrection Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: Resurrection Philadelphia, 123 S 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103

SERVE

We seek to be a church that demonstrates the love of Christ to our city. This year, our deacons have cultivated partnerships with several local organizations. To view current opportunities to serve, please visit <https://www.resurrectionphl.org/serve-city>



Esperanza Health Center



Announcements

Do You Get Resurrection News? If not, sign up using the form at the bottom of resurrectionphl.org, or by filling out the welcome form at the end of this bulletin.

Community Groups, Bible Studies, Book Groups & More!

Growth often happens in the context of intentional community, so we encourage everyone at Resurrection to get connected to a smaller community inside the congregation. Explore current offerings at resurrectionphl.org/groups.

Women's Day Away, Oct 14 Resurrection women are invited to "Day Away" in a restful setting in Haddonfield, NJ on Saturday, October 14. We'll enjoy fellowship over snacks and lunch, as well as teaching from Dr. Cyndi Parker on "Women and the City," breakout sessions, and a panel discussion. Join us from 9 am to 4 pm. Cost is \$10, scholarships are available. Sign up at resurrectionphl.org/upcoming-events.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October

14 - Women's Day Away

November

3-5 - Men's Retreat

Help us welcome you.

Name(s): _____

Children & their ages: _____

If undergrad or grad student, school & year: _____

Address: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email(s): _____

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.*

Please tear off this back page and place in the box by the welcome table.



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