

SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

First Presbyterian Church

Tallahassee, Florida

April 26, 2025, 11:00 AM



In Memoriam

Carolyn Louise “Carol Lou” Sherman Phillips

June 17, 1930 – April 15, 2025

GATHERING

Voluntary

Greetings

Rev. Glenn Hodges

*Procession

*Opening Sentences

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Maker of heaven and earth.

*Hymn 836

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

*Prayer

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Call to Confession

*Confession and Pardon

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,
or walked humbly with you, our God.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Do not cast us away from your presence,
or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**

*Declaration of Forgiveness

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

PROCLAIMING

Prayer of Illumination

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 121

Michael Phillips

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-8

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Asterisks indicate to please rise in body or spirit. Congregational responses are in **bold print.*

*Hymn 391

This Is the Day

ESTE ES EL DÍA

Gospel

John 3:1-16

Rev. Glenn Hodges

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

RESPONDING

*Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Eulogy

Rebecca Colón

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Supplication, and Intercession

Rev. Glenn Hodges

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Commendation

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.
We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.
This you ordained when you created us,
saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

**All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with all your saints,
where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing,
but life everlasting. **Amen.**

***Blessing**

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
remain with you always. **Alleluia!**

***Hymn 336**

We Gather Together

KREMSER

***Procession**

SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reception: Carol Lou's church family welcomes you to a reception in the Westminster Room following the service. Please feel free to enter without forming a line, greeting the family as the opportunity arises.

Restrooms are located in this building through the door at the end of each aisle of the sanctuary.

An induction loop system is available in the sanctuary. To use the system, switch your compatible hearing aid to the T–telephone mode or request a wireless headset from an usher.

Large print versions of the *Glory to God* hymnal and worship bulletin are available from ushers.

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Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.

This Is the Day

Este es el día

(Psalm 118)

Refrain / Estribillo

Capo 3: (D) (Em7) (D) (Em7)

F Gm7 F Gm7

This is the day; this is the day;
¡Es - te es el dí - a, es - te es el dí - a,

(D) (Em7) (A) (D)

F Gm7 C F *Fine*

this is the day that God has made!
es - te es el dí - a que hi - zo Dios!

(D) (A7) (D)

F C7 F

1 O - pen, now, o - pen the door - ways of jus - tice!
 2 I will sing prais - es be - cause you have heard me,
 3 It is the Lord who has done all these won - ders.
 4 Praise the Cre - a - tor, the Christ, and the Spir - it,

(D) (A7) (D)

F C7 F

Let us be glad as we pass through those gates.
 of - fering sal - va - tion with grace up - on grace,
 I have seen mar - vel - ous, mar - vel - ous things.
 from the be - gin - ning through worlds with - out end:

(D) (A7) (D)


F C7 F

This is the place where the righ - teous may en - ter,
 turn - ing the stone that the build - ers re - ject - ed.
 This is the day that the Lord has cre - at - ed.
 God who is now and who ev - er - more shall be,

The author/composer has incorporated elements of his Argentinian culture in this dynamic paraphrase of Psalm 118. In particular, the melodic patterns of the refrain are intended to suggest the way cowboys (*gauchos*) greet each other when they ride out to their work in the morning.

GATHERING

(D) (A7) (D) *to Refrain*
 F C7 F *al Estribillo*



sing - ing to God with thanks - giv - ing and praise.
 in - to the cor - ner - stone, rock of our faith.
 Join the re - joic - ing as ev - ery heart sings:
 glo - ry for - ev - er, a - men and a - men!

SPANISH

- 1 *Ábranme las puertas de la justicia,
y entraré alabando a mi Dios.
Esta es la puerta que Dios nos ha dado,
todos los justos por ella entrarán.*
- 2 *Voy a alabarte porque me has oído
y porque fuiste mi gran salvación.
Esa piedra que todos despreciaron
resulta ahora ser fundamental.*
- 3 *Es el Señor quien ha hecho todo esto;
¡Qué maravilla poder verlo hoy!
Este es el día que el Señor ha hecho,
con alegría gocemos en Él.*
- 4 *Al Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo
demos la gloria por la eternidad;
como al principio, tal cual es ahora
y lo será para siempre jamás.*

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.