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

*Procession

*Opening Sentences

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

*Hymn 836

Abide with Me

*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.

Rev. Glenn Hodges

EVENTIDE

*Hymn 391

Gospel

This Is the Day

John 3:1-16

ESTE ES EL DÍA

Rev. Glenn Hodges

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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

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Supplication, and Intercession

Rebecca Colón

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

Presider and Preacher Scripture Reader Eulogist Organist Video Team Custodian Rev. Glenn Hodges Michael Phillips Rebecca Colón Elizabeth LaJeunesse Carl Morse Becky Brown

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.



LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

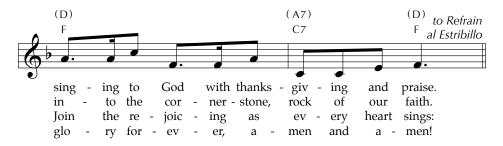


By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.

GATHERING 391 This Is the Day Este es el día (Psalm 118) Refrain / Estribillo (Em7) Capo 3: (D) (D) (Em7) Gm7 Gm7 F F the This is day; this is the day; iEs te es el dí a, el dí este es a, (D) (Em7) (A) (D) С F Gm7 F Fine day has made! this is the that God el dí hi - zo Dios! es tę es _ а que (D) (A7) (D) F C7 F pen 1 Ο the door of tice! _ pen, now, 0 ways jus you have heard 2 Ι will sing prais - es be cause me, who has all these 3 It is the Lord done won ders. the Christ. 4 Praise Cre tor. the and the Spir а it. -(D) (A7) (D) F C7 F pass through those Let us be glad as we gates. of with fering sal - va tion grace up on grace, I have seen mar - vel - ous, mar vel ous things. from be - gin - ning through worlds with end: the out (D) (A7) (D) F C7 F This is the place where the righ - teous may ter, en turn ing the stone that the build ers re ed _ iect This that the is the day Lord has cre at ed. and who God who is now 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



SPANISH

- 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.



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.