



EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God — the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)

MARCH 29, 2019 • 11 AM GATHERED-IN-SPIRIT WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise."

— Walter C. Smith, 1867

"It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

— Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, 1943

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
William Bolcom

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

* LITANY OF SHARED WORSHIP & PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: We come together to worship in the name of the God of peace, our Savior the Prince of Peace,
and the eternal Holy Spirit of Peace. Now and always...

People: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Leader: Through this time of worship, may we know the things which make for peace: quiet, trust,
forgiveness, hope. Now and always...

People: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Leader: Mother of the world, and all who live within it, you have reconciled this world to yourself in
Christ — calling forth life into dry, weary bones and moving through all things visible and
invisible by your power and grace. Thank you, God...

People: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Leader: Wherever we might be this day, in this moment,
draw us together — as recipients of your
generosity, as partners in your justice, as
wounded healers and redeemed sinners, sheep of
your fold. Thank you, God...

People: May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Leader: Here we are to worship you. May all we do be to
your glory, O God of peace, Prince of Peace,
Holy Spirit of Peace...

People: For to this peace of yours we are called as
members of this body. Thanks be to God.
Amen.



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HYMN #687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of thy throne, thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS & GRACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!
¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ezekiel 37:1-6

Dr. Moore

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and [God] brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

[God] led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. [The Lord] said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.”

Then [God] said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

Romans 8:1-2, 9-11

Carly Noel Black

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of [God] who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, [the One] who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through [Christ's] Spirit that dwells in you.

CHILDREN & FAMILY TIME

The Rev. Dr. Bush

MUSICAL RESPONSE

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

American Folk Hymn

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Colossians 1:15-17

The Rev. Dr. Bush

[Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

SERMON

“What Holds Us Together”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

We offer our gifts in response to God’s love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



BLESSING AS THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* HYMN #450

“Be Thou My Vision” (vs. 1 and 2)

SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

* BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush



*As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all,
our full worship service is now being livestreamed on*

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www.facebook.com/EastLibertyPresbyterian

and

YouTube

<http://tiny.cc/elpc-youtube>

as well as archived at www.ELPC.church.

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Senior Pastor

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director

Carly Noel Black

A/V: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you "view" us for worship this morning. Even though our church building is closed in response to the current health crisis, we are still a church!

*We ask you to contact ELPC
with any questions or concerns.*

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To All The Healthcare Workers On the Front Lines Of The Coronavirus Pandemic:



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OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST (vs. 1, 2, 3 and 6)

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

BE THOU MY VISION (vs. 1 and 2)

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.