



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)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

APRIL 26, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Wayne Wold

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

People: God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.

Leader: God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

People: In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.

Leader: For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

People: Let all the earth celebrate – mortals and creatures alike; for our hope abides in the living and enduring Word of God. Alleluia!

* HYMN #14 (*vs. 1, 2, 5*)

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given;
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYERS

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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!**

** Indicates where to please rise in spirit.*

UPDATE ON THE CHURCH

Wil Forrest

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 16:5-11

Wil Forrest

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

You show me the path of life.

In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-27

Dr. Moore

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER FOR EARTH DAY

The Rev. Dr. Bush

God of creation, we give thanks for the goodness of the earth that you made and sustain. Our voices join in praise with all creation: with the sea that roars, the trees that clap their hands, and the birds that sing in joy. Unite us by your Spirit, that we may be wise stewards of your world as we wait for the completion of your creation in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

HYMN #252 (*vs. 1 and 4*)

“Day of Arising”

RAABE

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,
Unknown companion walks with his own.
When they invite him, as fades the first day,
And bread is broken, Christ is made known.

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,
Bread of compassion, open our eyes.
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning
That all creation with you may rise.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:28-35

The Rev. Dr. Bush

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERMON

“Stopping on the Road to Emmaus”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SOLO

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Mary Randolph, *soloist*
John Rutter
text: Cecil Frances Alexander

MISSION MINISTRY UPDATES/OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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HYMN #245 (*vs. 1, 2, 4*)

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

LLANFAIR

“Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia! All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia! Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia! Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush


POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”


Dr. Moore, *organ*
William Mathias



FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (*vs. 1, 2, 5*)



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain




Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

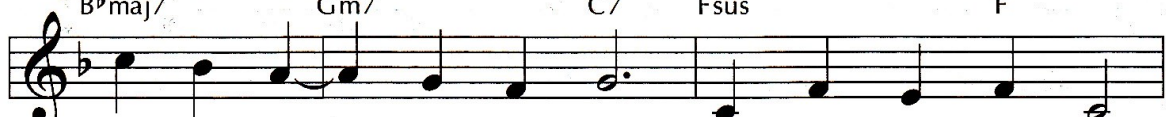
DAY OF ARISING (vs. 1, 4)

Capo 1: (Esus) (E) (B) (E)
Fsus F C F




1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way, un - known com -
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing, blind - ed by
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken. This is Christ's
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney, bread of com -

(Amaj7) (F#m7) (B7) (Esus) (E)
Bbmaj7 Gm7 C7 Fsus F



pan - ion walks with his own. When they in - vite him,
sad - ness, slow - ness of heart, yet Christ walks with us,
prom - ise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gath - ers,
pas - sion, o - pen our eyes. Grant us your vi - sion,

(B) (E) (Amaj7) (B7) (E)
C F Bbmaj7 C7 F



as fades the first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
ev - er a - wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
when bread is bro - ken, there Christ is with us, in bread and wine.
set all hearts burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Based on Luke 24:13-35, this text tells how Christ walked with two dejected believers on the way to Emmaus. This journey reminds us of our own spiritual wanderings, and the revelation of the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread gives us hope for such an encounter in worship.

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MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1999

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CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY! (*vs. 1, 2, 4*)

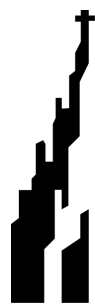
1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise to you by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus died, our souls to save,
Ev - ery knee to you shall bow,

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.



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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching:	The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists:	The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf Wil Forrest
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore <i>Organist/Music Director</i> Mary Randolph, <i>Cantor / Soloist</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines

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