



# 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)*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

### ORGAN PRELUDE

“Prelude in G Major, BWV 541”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Johann Sebastian Bach

### OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 31; responsive reading)*

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; in your righteousness, deliver me.

**People: Incline your ear to me; be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

Leader: God, you are indeed our rock and our fortress; for your name’s sake lead us and guide us.

**People: Into your hand I commit my spirit; for you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.**

Leader: Let us gather then to worship, to remember, and to give thanks to the Triune God, our Maker, our Savior, the Spirit of Life.

### \* HYMN #22 *(vs. 1, 3, 6)*

“God of the Sparrow”

ROEDER

God of the sparrow, God of the whale,

God of the swirling star,

How does the creature say Awe,

How does the creature say Praise.

God of the rainbow. God of the cross,

God of the empty grave,

How does the creature say Grace,

How does the creature say Thanks.

God of the ages, God near at hand,

God of the loving heart,

How do your children say Joy,

How do your children say Home.

### POEM

“Whistling Swans” *by Mary Oliver*

The Rev. Dr. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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.*

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

“The Water is Wide”

The Rev. Dr. Bush, *piano*

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Psalm 17:6-8

Dr. Moore

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

Isaiah 66:12-13

Dr. Moore

For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VIDEO**

Kathleen and Marian Croyle (filmed by Ryan Croyle)

“Lullaby – Suo Gân”

Welsh Lullaby

*Sleep, my baby, rest, my loved one. Softly slumber now with me.*

*Clasped in mother's arms so tender. Warm in mother's love for thee.*

*Naught shall ever come to harm you while this loving watch I keep.*

*Thou, my darling one, shall slumber while I sing this lullaby.*

*Sleep, my baby, rest, my loved one, while the evening shadows creep.*

*Why, my birdie, are you smiling smiling sweetly in your sleep?*

*Can it be that baby angels in God's Heaven smile on thee?*

*Sleep, my baby, smile and slumber while I sing this lullaby.*

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**HYMN #645** (*vs. 1, 3, 4*)

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

**Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,**

**The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.**

**With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:**

**To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,**

**An ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,**

**As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:**

**To God all praise and glory!**

**Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,**

**That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.**

**Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:**

**To God all praise and glory!**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 14:8-12, 26

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.”

**SERMON**

“What We Remember”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**OFFERING INVITATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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**ANTHEM**

“Hallelujah” (from “Messiah”)

G.F. Handel

*Recorded during worship on May 19, 2019*

*When Handel (1685-1759) completed the Hallelujah chorus from his oratorio Messiah, he reportedly said, “I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the great God Himself seated on His throne, with His company of Angels.”*

**CLOSING WORDS**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**POSTLUDE**

“Fugue in G Major, BWV 541”

Dr. Moore, *organ*  
Johann Sebastian Bach







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### WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sundays ▪ 8:45 am**

*Journey Worship Service*

**Livestream ▪ YouTube ▪ [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)**  
meeting ID 188 135 194

**Sundays ▪ 11 am**

*Sanctuary Worship Service*

**Livestream ▪ YouTube ▪ Facebook**

**Wednesdays ▪ 7 pm**

*Taizé Prayer Service*

**Archived Livestream ▪ [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)**

### PRAYER TIMES

**Mondays ▪ 12-12:15 pm**

*Rev. Heather Schoenewolf*

**Watch Online ▪ [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)**  
meeting ID 133 652 461

**Tuesdays and Fridays ▪ 8-8:15 am**

*Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush*

**Watch Online ▪ [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)**  
meeting ID 293 707 645

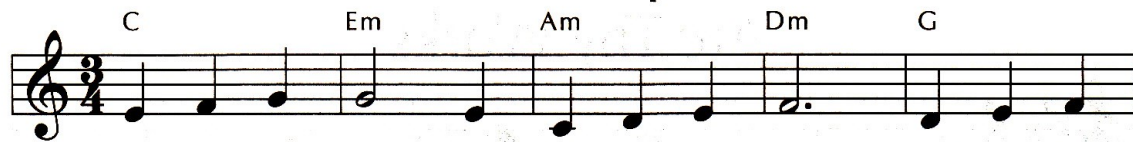
**Thursdays ▪ 12-12:15 pm**

*Rev. Patrice Fowler-Seary*

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# GOD OF THE SPARROW (vs. 1, 3, 6)



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care  
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love  
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life  
 How does the crea - ture say Peace  
 How do your chil - dren say Home

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though a lack of punctuation makes this text appear freeform and the flowing tune enhances a sense of movement, each stanza here is firmly anchored by a final weighty word (praise, save, thanks, life, peace, home), a sign of God's eternal presence in an ever-changing world.

# SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE (vs. 1, 3, 4)

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil-some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.



#### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
 Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore  
*Organist/Music Director*  
 Beth and Charlotte Bush, *Cantors*  
*Pre-Recorded*  
 Musicians: ELPc Anniversary Choir  
 Kathleen, Ryan and Marian Croyle  
 A/V: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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