



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)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Prelude in D-flat Major, Op. 19, No. 1”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
John Knowles Paine

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 66; responsive reading)*

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.

People: Sing the glory of God’s name; sing the glory of God’s praise.

Leader: Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God’s deeds toward all people.

People: For you, O God, have tested us, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

Leader: Come and listen, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

People: Blessed be God, in whose unfailing love we rejoice and find our strength. Together let us worship God!

* HYMN #462 *(vs. 1, 2)*

“I Love to Tell the Story”

HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,

Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;

It satisfies my longings as nothing else could do.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat,

What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard

The message of salvation from God’s own holy Word.

I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory

To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Callahan

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!**

GREETING FROM MISSION CO-WORKER

Chenoa Stock

** Indicates where to please rise in spirit.*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

Dr. Moore

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Sara Hackett

HYMN #466 (*sing 2x*)

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I Peter 3:9, 13-15

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence.

SERMON

“Saying What Needs to Be Said”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Terri Pennybaker

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. Please visit www.ELPC.church/donate if you would like to make a contribution.

HYMN #451

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

OPEN MY EYES

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.

And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.

Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Postlude in C Major”

Arthur Foote

CHURCH LIFE CONTINUES

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Sundays ▪ 8:45 am

Journey Worship Service

Livestream ▪ YouTube ▪ 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

Prayer Times

Mondays ▪ 12-12:15 pm

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Watch Online ▪ 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
meeting ID 293 707 645

Thursdays ▪ 12-12:15 pm

Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Watch Online ▪ zoom.us/join
meeting ID 133 652 461

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching:	The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists:	The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan The Rev. Terri Pennybaker Sara Hackett Chenoa Stock
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore <i>Organist/Music Director</i> Todd Farwell, <i>Cantor</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines

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hospitality to all, our full worship service
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I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY (*vs. 1, 2*)

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else could do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word.
'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

This text is drawn from the second part of a fifty-stanza poem on the life of Christ written in 1866, during the author's recovery from a serious illness. The tune named for her first appeared three years later, and the composer was responsible for the creation of the refrain.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

The first line of the refrain is written on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry".

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

The second line of the refrain continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics are: "to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love." The line ends with a double bar line.

COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS (*sing 2x*)

The musical score is written for a 3/4 time signature in the key of D major (two sharps). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal melody line and a bass line. The first system has four measures with chords D, Bm, D, and A. The second system has five measures with chords Em, C, Em, A, and D. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Chords: D, Bm, D, A, Em, C, Em, A, D

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

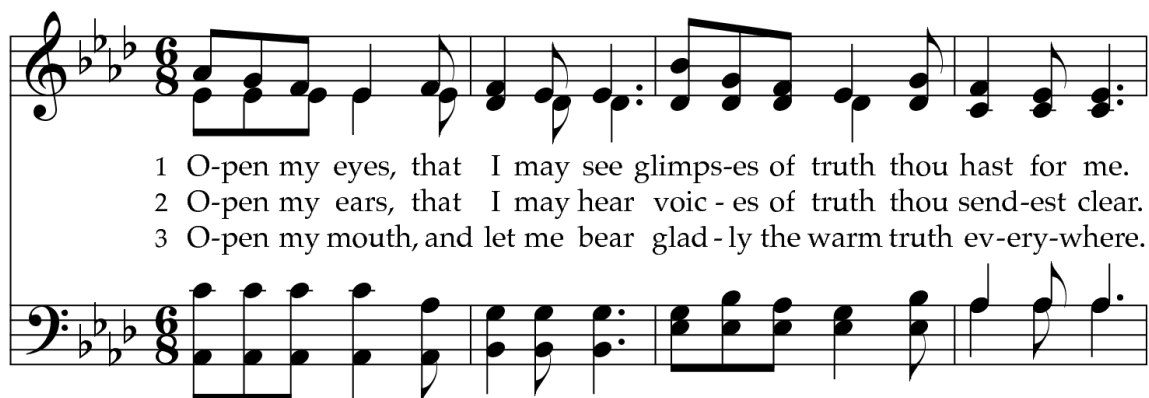
This prayer chant—intended for repeated singing—was originally created for a Latin text (Psalm 106:1a and Psalm 118:1a, 29a) on which the present English text is loosely based. Chants at Taizé often use Latin because it is a language free of political overtones.

TEXT and MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982
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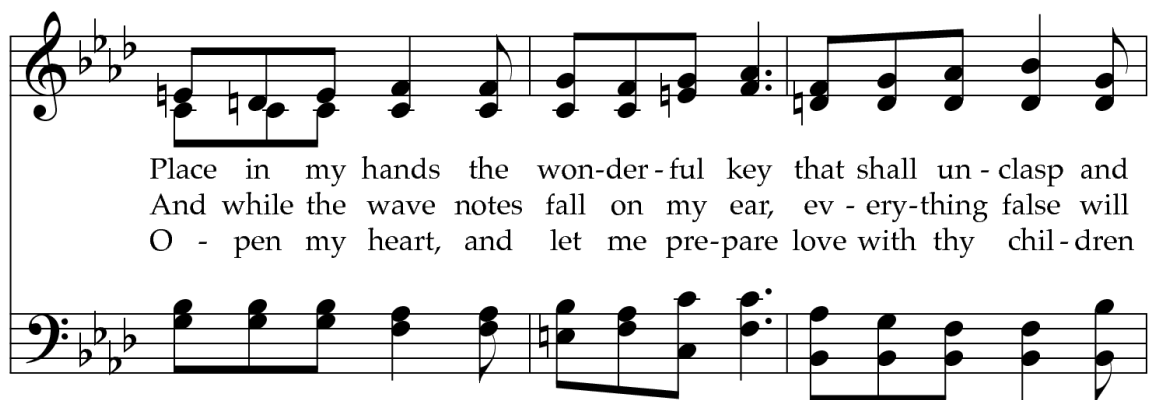
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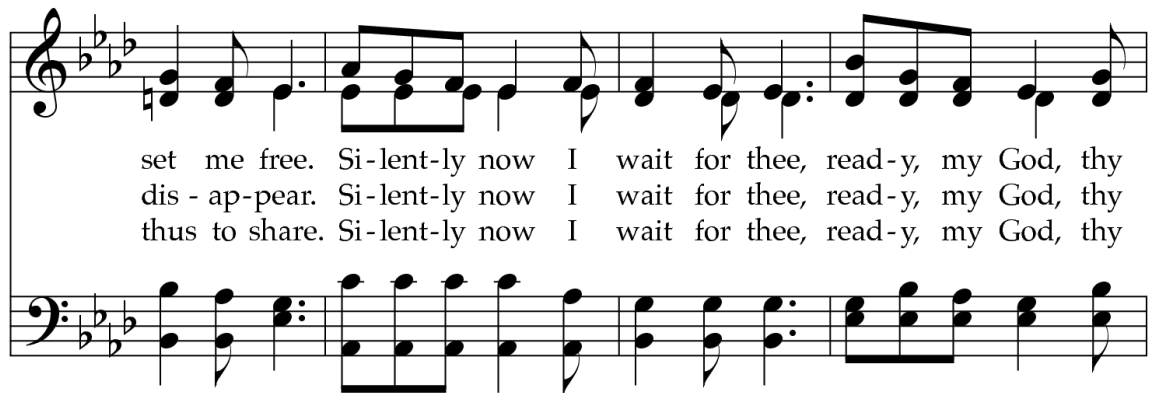
OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.