

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)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 24, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Adagio in E”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Frank Bridge

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 47; responsive reading)*

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great ruler over all the earth.

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises with a psalm.

Leader: Come, let us worship our Triune God, the Creator, the risen and ascended Christ, and the ever-present Spirit. Alleluia!

* HYMN #263 *(vs. 1, 3, 4)*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Samantha Coggins

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Samantha Coggins

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

Dr. Moore

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

HYMN #273

"He Is King of Kings"

HE IS KING

Refrain: He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.
O he is King of kings; he is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no one works like him.

He built his throne up in the air; no one works like him;
And called his saints from everywhere; no one works like him. O... *Refrain*

He pitched his tents on Canaan ground; no one works like him;
And broke oppressive kingdoms down; no one works like him. O... *Refrain*

I know that my Redeemer lives; no one works like him;
And by his love sweet blessing gives; no one works like him. O... *Refrain*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

SERMON

"Raised Hands"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

ANTHEM

“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand”

African-American Spiritual
arr. Margaret Bonds

He's got the whole world in his hand.

*He's got the woods and the waters in his hand,
He's got the sun and the moon right in his hand,
He's got the whole world in his hand.*

*He's got the birds and the bees right in his hand,
He's got the beasts of the field right in his hand,
He's got the whole world in his hand.*

*He's got you and me right in his hand,
He's got everybody in his hand,
He's got the whole world in his hand.*

Recorded during worship on May 19, 2019

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #267

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Carillon-Sortie”

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Henri Mulet



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Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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Tuesdays and Fridays ▪ 8-8:15 am

Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

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meeting ID 293 707 645

Thursdays ▪ 12-12:15 pm

Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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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 Samantha Coggins
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore <i>Organist/Music Director</i> Denise Sheffey-Powell, <i>Cantor</i>
<i>Pre-recorded</i> Musicians:	Denise Sheffey-Powell, <i>soloist</i> Gail Mosites, <i>soloist</i> Adrianna Cleveland, <i>soloist</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME! (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Descant

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

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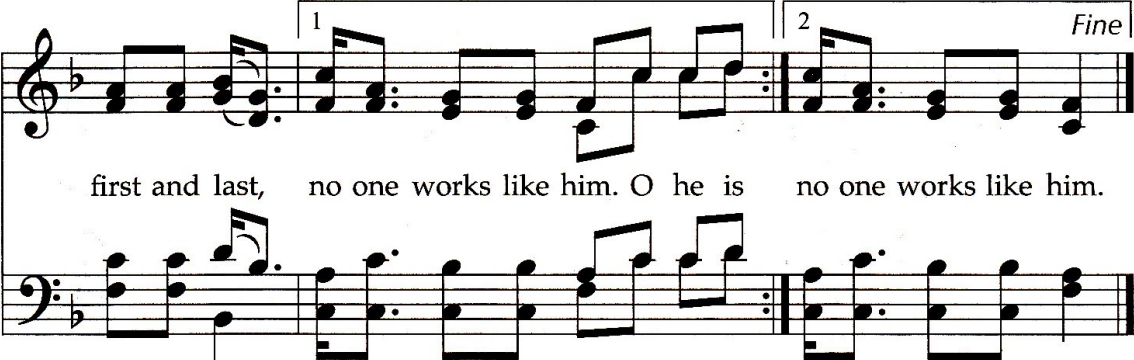
This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

HE IS KING OF KINGS

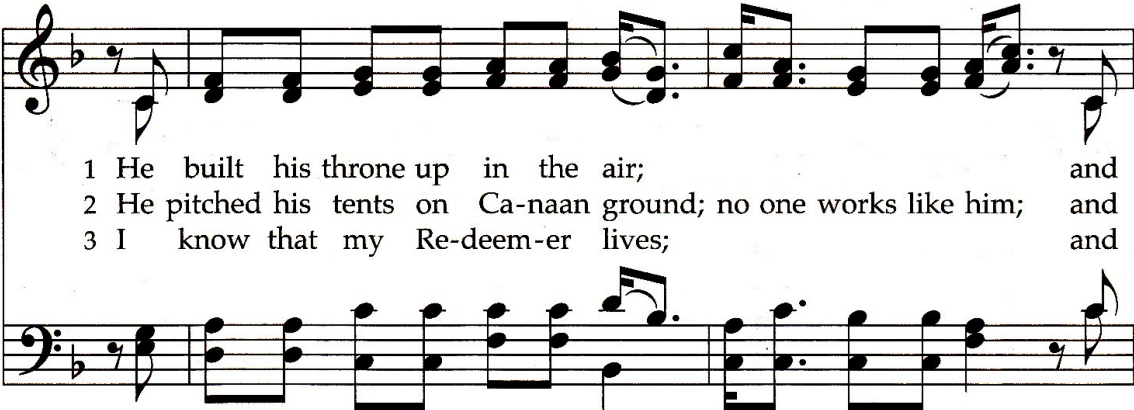
Refrain



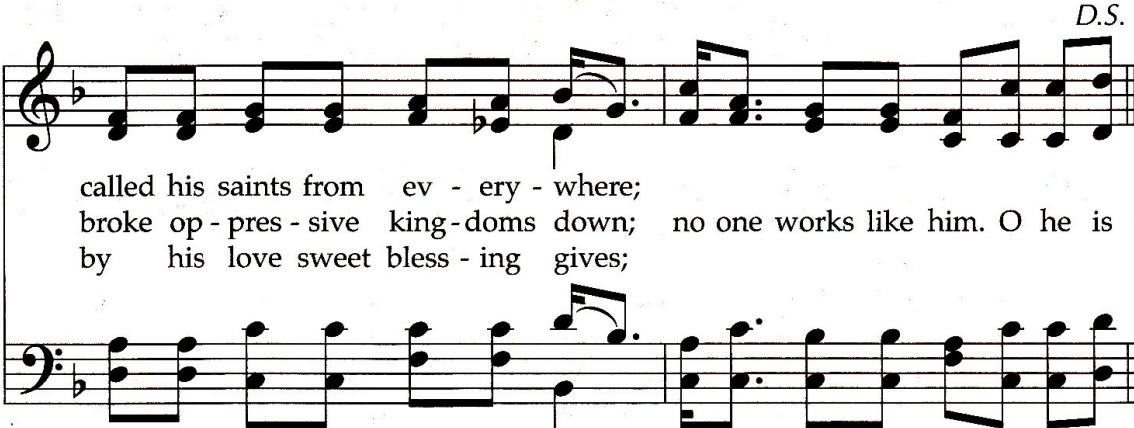
He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the



first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.



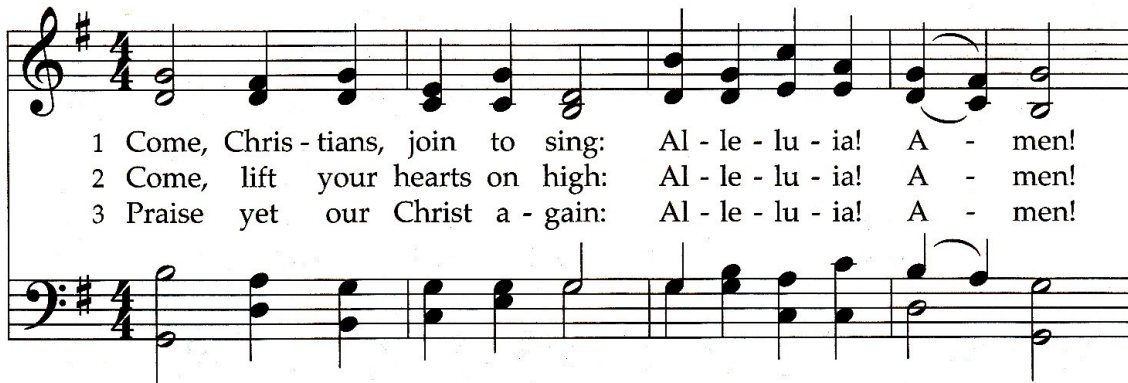
1 He built his throne up in the air; and
2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and
3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and



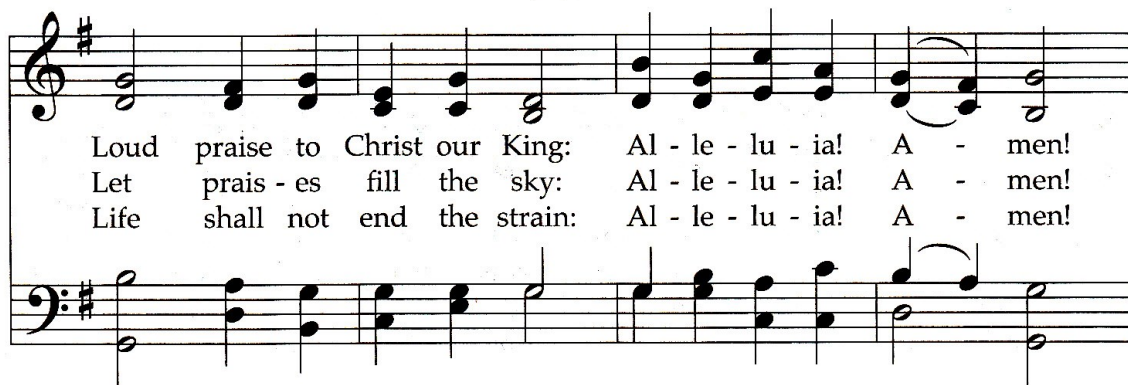
called his saints from ev - ery - where;
broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is
by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.

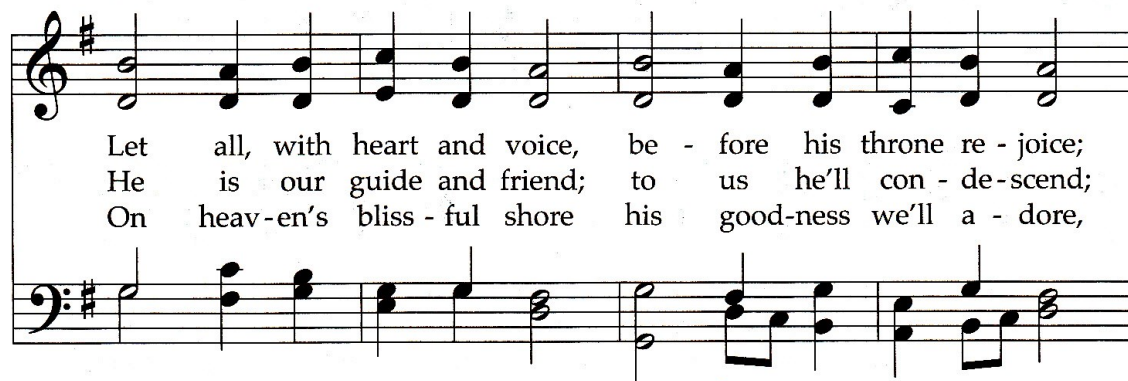
COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING



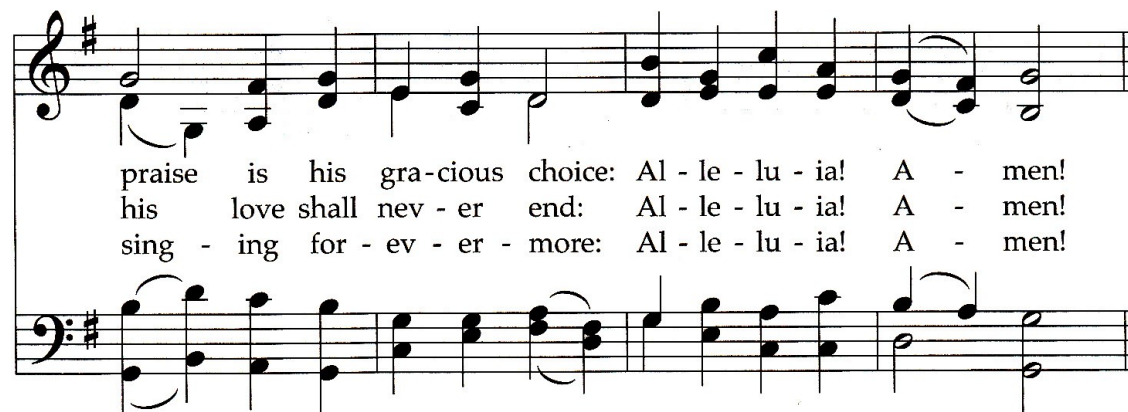
1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.