



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)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Gail Novak Mosites, *soprano*
Maurice Duruflé

Chorale Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive reading)*

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us as children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

* HYMN #280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your work for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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!****SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 2:1-13

Confirmands

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.****TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

Sara Hackett

ANTHEM

"I'm Gonna Sing"

André J. Thomas

*Sing on! Dance on! Sing on! Pray on! Sing on! Shout on till the spirit says sing!**I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing, and obey the spirit of the Lord!**I'm gonna pray when the spirit says pray, and obey the spirit of the Lord!**Sing on, brother, sing on! Shout on, sister, shout on!**I'm gonna shout when the spirit says shout, and obey the spirit of the Lord!**Recorded during worship on February 16, 2020***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Acts 2:14-21

The Rev. Schoenewolf

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SERMON

“This is Us”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confirmands

HYMN #691

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

LAND OF REST

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name;
Today I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast,
I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

In all the tensions of my life, between my faith and doubt,
Let your great Spirit give me hope, sustain me, lead me out.

So help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on you.

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #298 (vs. 1, 3, 5)

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: “This, my body; this, my blood.”
Let us all, for earth’s true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us share your children’s liberty:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf



COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

LORD, WHEN I CAME INTO THIS LIFE

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
 2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
 3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
 4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
 mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
 tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
 let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
 all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
 give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
 on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 545)

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Worship Services

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

Taižé 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. Heather Schoenewolf

Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Sara Hackett

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore
Organist/Music Director
Gail Novak Mosites, *Cantor*

Pre-recorded

Musicians: ELPC Chancel Choir

A/V: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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hospitality to all, our full worship service
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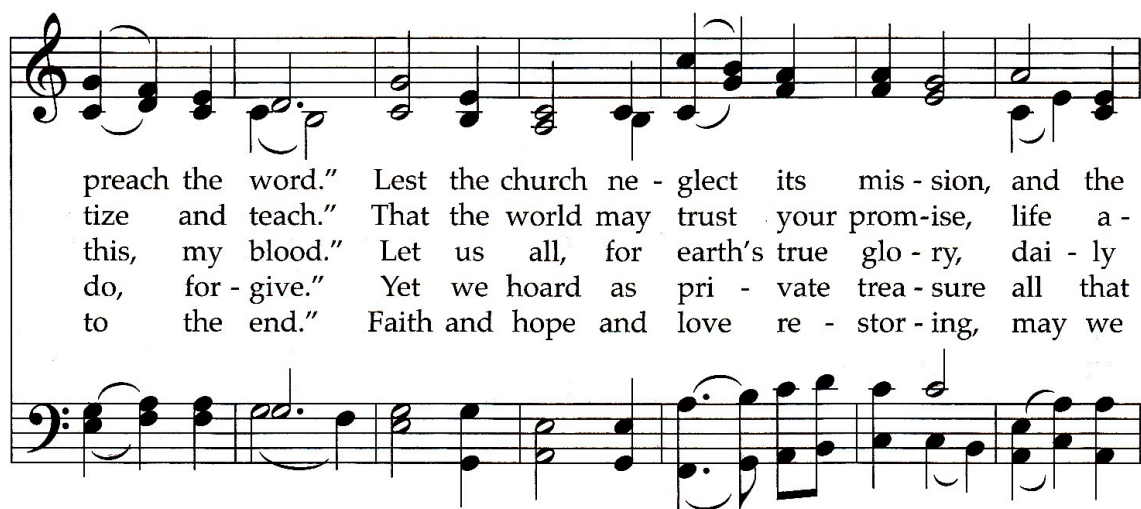
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LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION (vs. 1, 3, 5)



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri-ate trea-sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we



gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer-vor,
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

TEXT: Jeffery W. Rowthorn, 1978

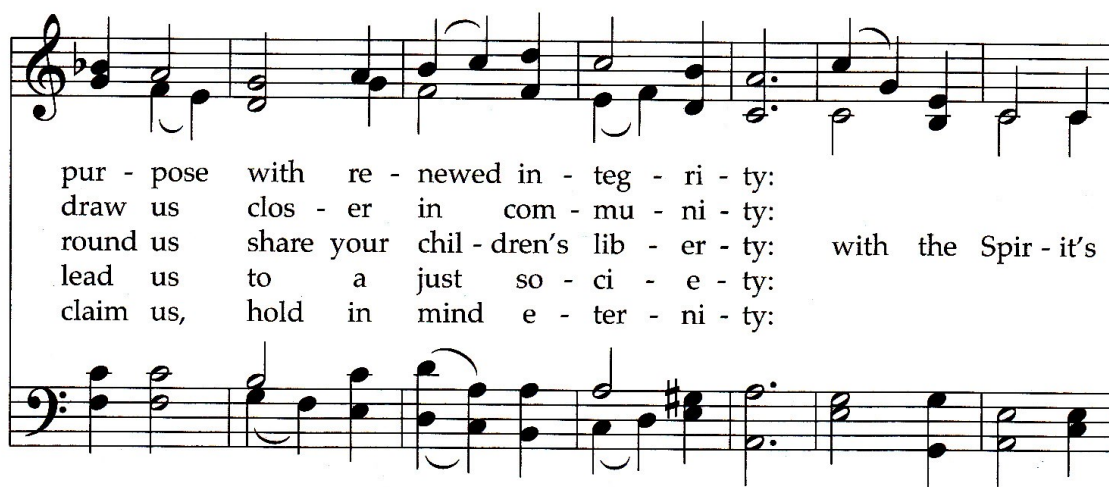
MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

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ABBOT'S LEIGH

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pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty: with the Spir - it's
lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.