



# 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)*

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

### ORGAN PRELUDE

“Fantasia in G, BWV 572”

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

### OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **Y también contigo.**

**And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive reading*)

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: God calls us by name into the presence of something that is truly holy.

People: **God calls us together by our names that we may be God’s holy people.**

Leader: We answer this call by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: **We open ourselves to the indwelling presence of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit; and by this we are saved and made whole.**

Leader: This good news is for you and for all. Come, let us worship God!

### \* HYMN #366 (*vs. 1, 2, 3*)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,

Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

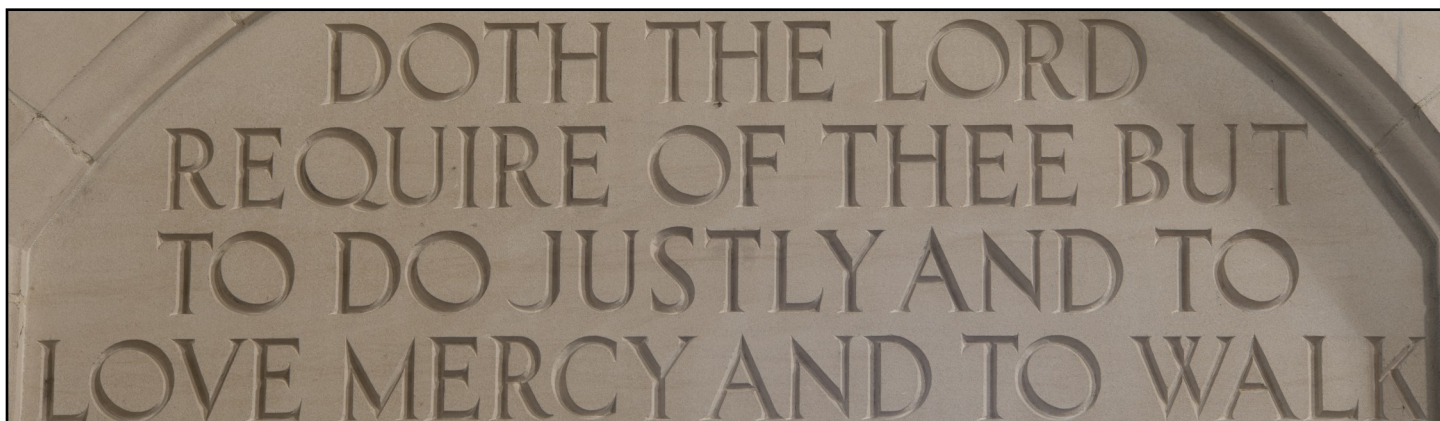
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.



**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Michael Painter

Leader: God's loving-kindness endures forever. Trusting in this mercy, let us confess our sins together.  
Let us pray:

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Michael Painter

Lord, have mercy upon us, for our lack of compassion toward the poor;  
For our failure to end our destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on earth;  
For our disbelief in your power to make us whole  
and our unwillingness to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you;  
For making war, for neglecting the migrant and stranger,  
for what we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts.  
Lord, have mercy on us and forgive us our sins. In Christ's name. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Michael Painter

Leader: The One who was and is and is to come knows us through and through. Christ has overcome death and sin so that we might be healed and made fully alive to God in Christ. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!**  
**¡Alaben a Dios!**

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**Praise God!**

**HYMN #366 (vs. 4)**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Romans 6:1-11

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

Sara Hackett

**ORGAN MEDITATION**

"The Peace May Be Exchanged"  
(from *Rubrics*)

Dan Locklair

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 10:26-39

The Rev. Dr. Bush

So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,  
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**SERMON**

“Fear, Faith & Life”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**HYMN #661** (*vs. 1, 2*)

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

SPARROW

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

*Refrain:* I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy)  
I sing because I'm free, (I'm free)  
For his eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know he watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,  
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (*Refrain*)

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**OFFERING INVITATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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**HYMN #753** (*vs. 1, 3, 4*)

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.  
Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

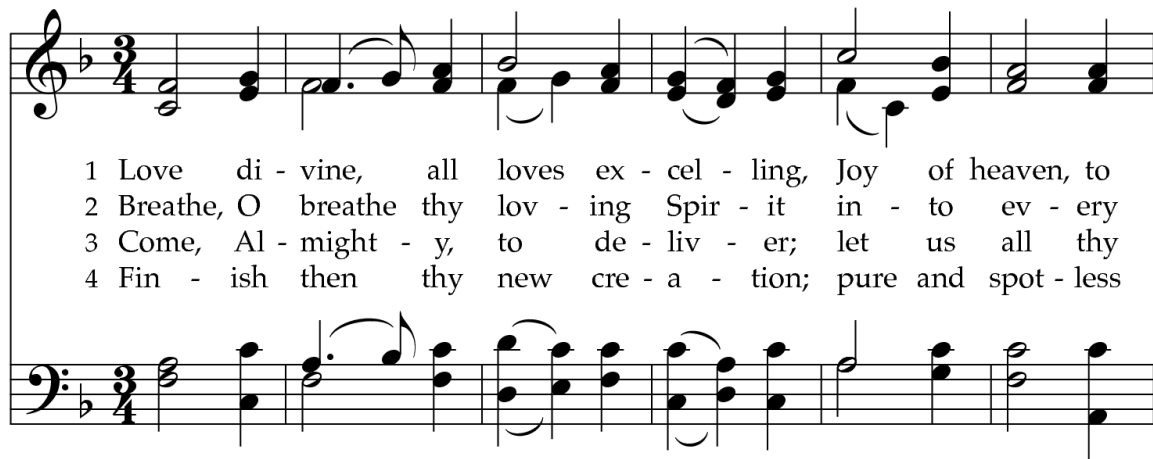
**POSTLUDE**

“The people respond – Amen!”  
(from *Rubrics*)

Dan Locklair



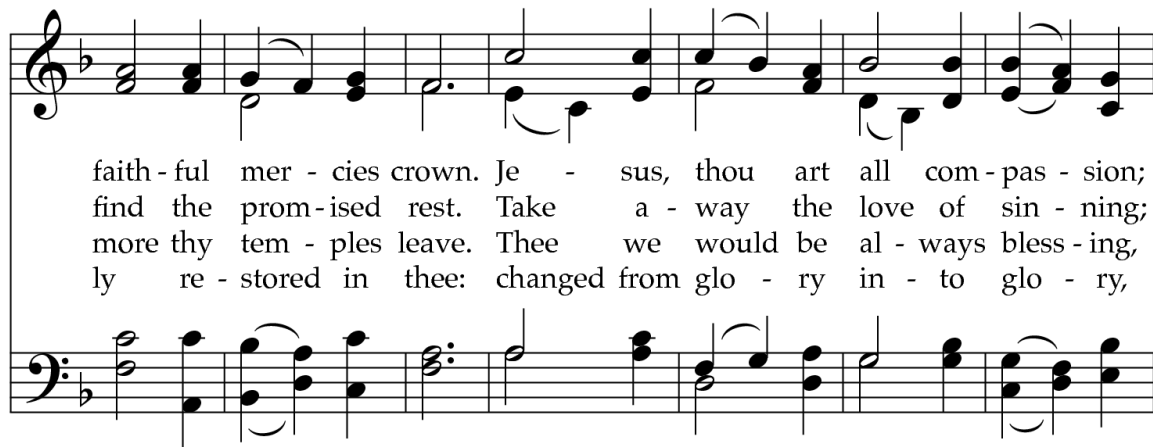
# LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

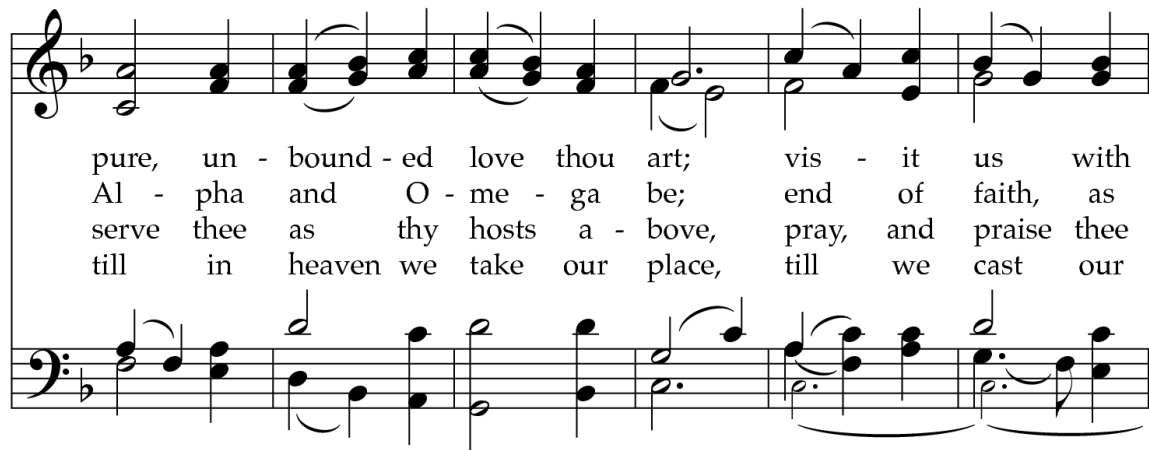


earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

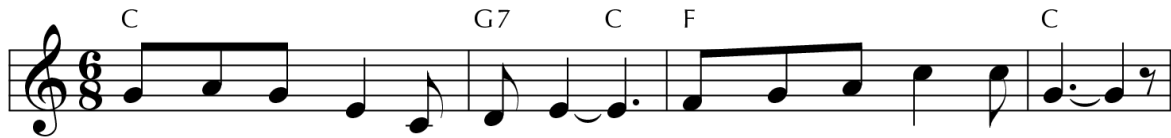


pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

# HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW (vs. 1, 2)



1 Why should I feel dis-cour-aged? Why should the shad-ows come?  
 2 "Let not your heart be trou-bled," his ten-der word I hear,  
 3 When-ev-er I am tempt-ed, when-ev-er clouds a-rise,



Why should my heart be lone-ly and long for heaven and home,  
 and rest-ing on his good-ness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
 when song gives place to sigh-ing, when hope with-in me dies,



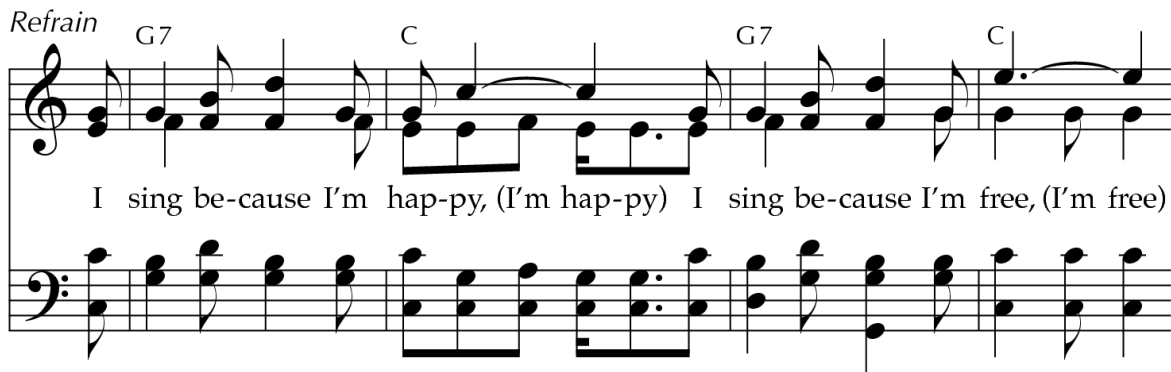
when Je-sus is my por-tion? My con-stant friend is he:  
 though by the path he lead-eth but one step I may see:  
 I draw the clos-er to him; from care he sets me free:



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me;



his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.



I sing be-cause I'm hap-py, (I'm hap-py) I sing be-cause I'm free, (I'm free)

This hymn based on Jesus' saying about God's care for all creatures (Matthew 10:29-30/Luke 12:6-7) began with the refrain's last line, inspired by a woman who had endured much illness. It was first sung in public at the Royal Albert Hall, London, during evangelistic services in 1905.

A musical score for a song, featuring a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment using chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

for his eye is on the spar-row, and I know he watch-es me.

Chords indicated above the treble staff: C7, F, Fm, C, G7, C.

# MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE (vs. 1, 3, 4)



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.



The image shows a musical score for a song in D major (two sharps). It consists of two staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics "un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, to be" and the chords G, Em, F#m, and Bm. The second staff contains the lyrics "loved as to love with all my soul." and the chords E, E7, A, E, A, and A7. The melody is written in a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The chords are written above the notes. The text "to Stanza 4" is written at the end of the second staff.

G Em F#m Bm

un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

# CHURCH LIFE CONTINUES

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**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**

*Taižé Prayer Service*

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

## Prayer Times

*Pastors Randy, Heather, and Patrice are offering brief  
Prayer Services with scripture readings, responsive  
prayer, and interactive dialogue.*

**Tuesdays ▪ 8-8:15 am**

**Watch Online ▪ [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)**

meeting ID 293 707 645

**Thursdays ▪ 12-12:15 pm**

**Watch Online ▪ [zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join)**

meeting ID 133 652 461

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching:	The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists:	The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy Sara Hackett Michael Painter
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore <i>Organist/Music Director</i> Michael Painter, <i>Cantor</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines

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