



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 AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 5, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“I Come with Joy”
“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
David M. Cherwien
Dale Wood

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive reading*)

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: O praise the Lord with me, let us exalt God’s name together.
People: **Sing and give praise to God’s name; tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**
Leader: For God is the Lord of this day, of this land, of all people.
People: **Together let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!**

* HYMN #338 (*vs. 1*)

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

MATERNA

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

* HYMN #339 (*vs. 1*)

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty.
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies;
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on, till victory is won.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

* Indicates where to please rise in spirit.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 7:15-25a

Dr. Edward Alan Moore

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vacation Church School songs

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

HYMN #796 (*vs. 1, 3, 5*)

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

LAND OF REST

**We come to you for healing Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
And pray that by your Spirit’s touch we may again be whole.**

**You touch us through physicians’ skills, through nurses’ gifts of care,
And through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.**

**We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
In trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

The Rev. Dr. Bush

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

SERMON

“Not So Hidden Wisdom”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #525

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

**Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (*Refrain*)**

**Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)
Let us praise God together on our knees. (*Refrain*)**



— THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Callahan

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #182 (*vs. 1, 3*)

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

KINGSFOLD

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Toccata”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
David Hegarty

CHURCH LIFE CONTINUES

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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

*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

meeting ID 293 707 645

Thursdays ▪ 12-12:15 pm

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. Mary Lynn Callahan The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore <i>Organist/Music Director</i> Denise Sheffey-Powell, <i>Cantor</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines

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O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES (*vs. 1*)

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a system of music. The first system includes three verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a chorus and a final verse. The score ends with a double bar line.

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING (*vs. 1*)

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

WE COME TO YOU FOR HEALING, LORD (*vs. 1, 3, 5*)

We come to you for healing Lord, of body, mind, and soul,
And pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.

You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care,
And through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
In trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 691)

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

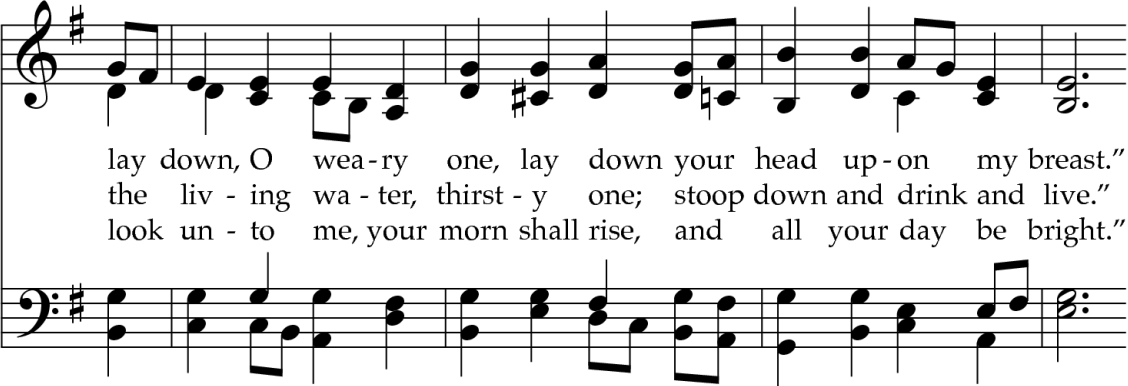
O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

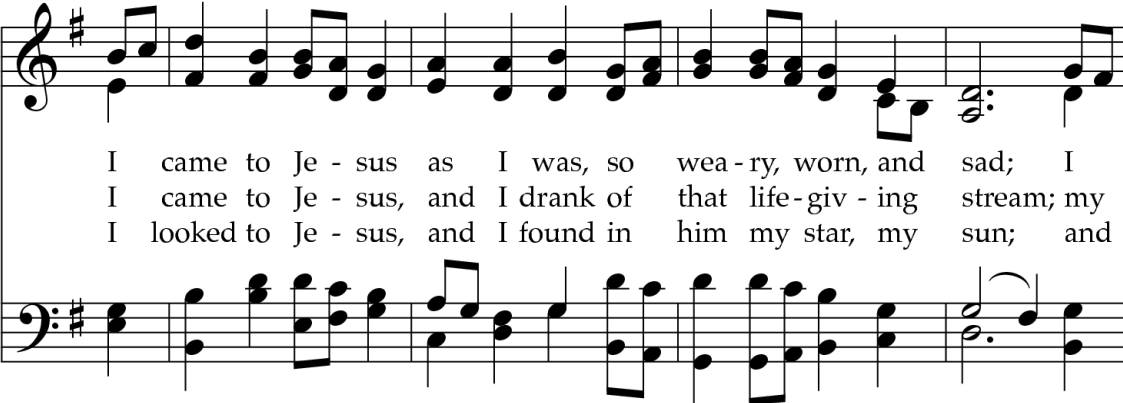
I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY (vs. 1, 3)



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10-14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).