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
“Come with Joy”
“I Come with Joy”
David M. Cherwien
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
“Let Us Break Bread Together”
Dale Wood

Opening Words
The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Sharing God’s Peace
Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The Rev. Dr. Bush
People: Y también contigo. And also with you.

Call to Worship (responsive reading)
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 (ts. 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)  KINGSFOLD
“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

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  Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
“Toccata”  David Hegarty
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
Taizé 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
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meeting ID 293 707 645

Thursdays • 12-12:15 pm
Watch Online • zoom.us/join
meeting ID 133 652 461

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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,
   for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
   A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
   and crown thy good with “broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!

2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
   who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
   A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
   con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!

3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years
   thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!
   A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or “servan-thood”*

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.

TEXT: Katharine Lee Bates, 1893, alt.
MUSIC: Samuel Augustus Ward, 1882

MATERNA
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1 Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of rod, felt in the days when hope tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the ty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening died. Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary way; thou who hast by thy might led us into the skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea. feet come to the place for which our parents sighed? light, keep us forever 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.

TEXT: James Weldon Johnson, 1900
MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1905
LIFT EVERY VOICE
Irregular
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaught
est, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget us. Facing the rising sun of our new day be
tered, out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at thee; shad-owed beneath thy hand may we for-ev-er
gun, let us march on, till victory 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.
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1. Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)
3. Let us praise God together on our knees; (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)

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 worshipers' 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;
lay down, O wea-ry one, lay down your head up-on my breast.”
I came to Je-sus as I was, so wea-ry, worn, and sad; I
found in him a rest-ing place, and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, “Be-hold, I free-ly give
the liv-ing wa-ter, thirst-y one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Je-sus, and I drank of that life-giv-ing stream; my
thirst was quenched, my soul re-vived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Je-sus say, “I am this dark world’s light;
look un-to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Je-sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and
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).