# 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)

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** 

"Andante" "Adoration" Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ G.F. Handel Florence Price

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**OPENING WORDS** 

#### SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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

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- **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Romans 8; responsive reading)
  - The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought. Leader:
  - **People:** We know that all things work together for good for those who love God.
  - What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Leader:
  - You, who did not withhold your own Son, will you not also give us all things through **People:** him?
  - Come let us worship God with thanksgiving and in the beauty of holiness. Leader:
- \* **HYMN** #406 (sing 3x)

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

**CALL TO CONFESSION** 

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, have mercy upon us as we make our confession to you. We question your judgement when your will conflicts with our own. We are reluctant to follow the course you prescribe, when it causes us to be uncomfortable or feel out of control. Our patience grows thin when you intrude in life's journey, causing us to veer from the path we have chosen to pursue. We seek to be faithful and obey your directions, but our own desires delay us in fulfilling your will. Have mercy on us. Forgive us and deliver us from self-deception and self-centeredness. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Paul assures us that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, and intercedes for us according to God's will. In Jesus Christ, God calls us and conforms us to Christ, so that in him we receive the promise of new life. As we dwell in the Spirit let us also rest assured in the promise. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! **People:** ¡Aleluya y alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Hallelujah and praise God!

HOLY GROUND

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

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from the land of Egypt, and red and Miriam. O my people, rem	he to you? In what have I wearied you? And leemed you from the house of slavery; and I lember now what King Balak of Moab dev ed from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know	sent before you Moses, Aaron, ised, what Balaam son of Beor
Leader:This is the word of tPeople:Thanks be to God.		
TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMIL	IES	Sara Hackett
ORGAN MEDITATION	"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"	Johann Sebastian Bach
PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION		The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
burnt offerings, with calves a year of rivers of oil? Shall I give my	Micah 6:6-8 he Lord, and bow myself before God on hig ar old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousan firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of r at is good; and what does the Lord require o bly with your God?	nds of rams, with ten thousands ny body for the sin of my soul?
Sermon	"Do. Love. Walk."	The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
HYMN #372"O For a World"AZMONO for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.AZMON		
O for a world where goods are Where truth is spoken, childre	•	
We welcome one world family That opens us to unity and gi	and struggle with each choice, ves our vision voice.	

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,

Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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

**OFFERING INVITATION** 

**HYMN #288** (sing 3x)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

July 12 • 6th Sunday after Pentecost

"Spirit of the Living God"

The Rev. Callahan

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation. Please visit www.ELPC.church/donate if you would like to make a contribution.

LIVING GOD

Dr. Moore

Micah 6:1-5

#### Hymn #767

"Together We Serve"

Together we serve, united by love, Inviting God's world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, Extending God's love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope, A lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through Until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, The busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, Our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work, Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, Remembering love is the strength of our song.

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION** 

POSTLUDE

"Festive Trumpet Tune"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

David German





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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 *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 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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan Sara Hackett
- Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore Organist/Music Director Jacob Berger, Cantor
- A/V: Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines

As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on:

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> YouTube http://tiny.cc/elpc-youtube

## and archived at www.ELPC.church

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## WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND (sing 3x)



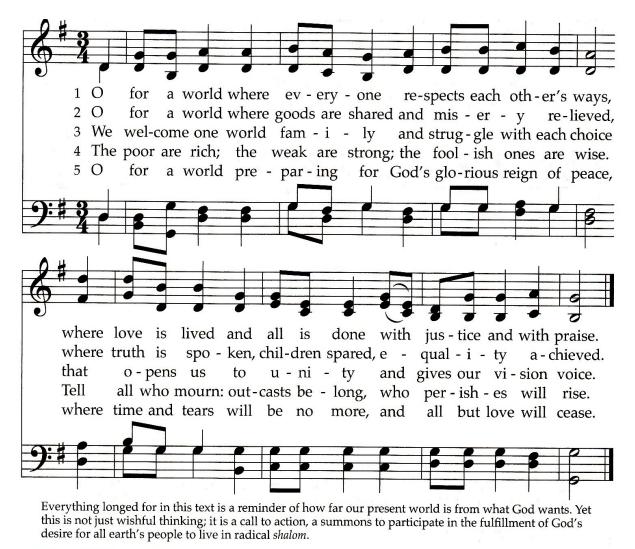
The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12–17) or Hebrews 12:22.



Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

LIVING GOD Irregular

### **O** FOR A WORLD

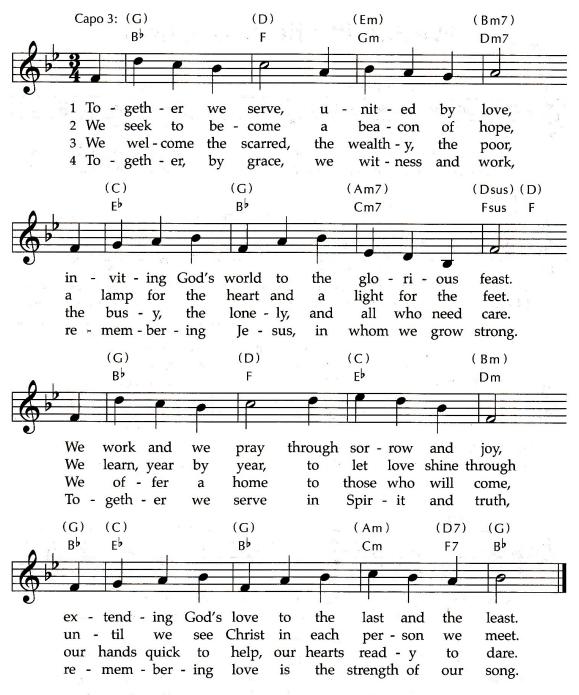


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## **TOGETHER WE SERVE**



The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11–16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.