



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)

YOUTH SUNDAY

JULY 19, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Praeambulum in E Major”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Vincent Lübeck

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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)*

Kiara Rockeymore

Leader: We gather as your children, God. Young and old, we come seeking to grow in faith, to learn your ways and to be strengthened to follow you.

People: **We know this growth takes time, but we worship a God who is gracious and eternal.**

Leader: Truly, God formed us and fashioned us. God is with us always – to help us, to teach us, to nurture us.

People: **With thanksgiving we praise God. With hope we turn to God in prayer. With love we serve God.**

Leader: Let us pray: Loving God, we gather today because we need you. We need your guidance; we need your joy; we need your mercy; we need your peace. Open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to you at work among us now, that we might lean on you and live as your people. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #409 *(vs. 1, 3, 4)*

“God Is Here”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive:
We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

** Indicates where to please rise in spirit.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Loving God, we confess that we often try to hide from you. We become distracted and disheartened by the world around us and fail to see you in our midst. We grow weary or afraid and fail to follow you. Yet you are with us still. Your Word assures us that we cannot run away from you or from your mercy. Your love has no limits. Trusting in your grace and hoping in your promises, we ask you to forgive us, strengthen us, and make us new.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19a

Annabel Degenholtz

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Boaz Chapman

HYMN

"Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with you.

Here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came
To the earth you created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Here we are to worship,
Here we are to bow down,
Here we are to say that you are God.
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to us.

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PSALM LESSON

Psalms 139:1-18; 23-24

Sonia Degenholtz

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

SERMON

"Formed in Faith"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SENIOR MESSAGES

Isaac Degenoltz, Adylade Krimmel, Ramsey Lewand, Kiara Rockeymore

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

MESSAGES FROM TEACHERS**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Sara Hackett and ELPC Youth

OFFERING INVITATION

Dylan Geibel

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HYMN #741 (*vs. 1, 3, 4*)

“Guide My Feet”

SAN ANSELMO

Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Guide my feet while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Guide my feet while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Stand by me while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Stand by me while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
Stand by me while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

I'm your child while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
I'm your child while I run this race; (yes, my Lord!)
I'm your child while I run this race,
For I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Fugue: How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Heinrich Reimann



CHURCH LIFE CONTINUES

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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

*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. Heather Schoenewolf
Seniors:	Isaac Degenoltz, Adylade Krimmel Ramsey Lewand, Kiara Rockeymore
Liturgists:	The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy Boaz Chapman Annabel Degenholtz Sonia Degenholtz Dylan Geibel Kiara Rockeymore
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore <i>Organist/Music Director</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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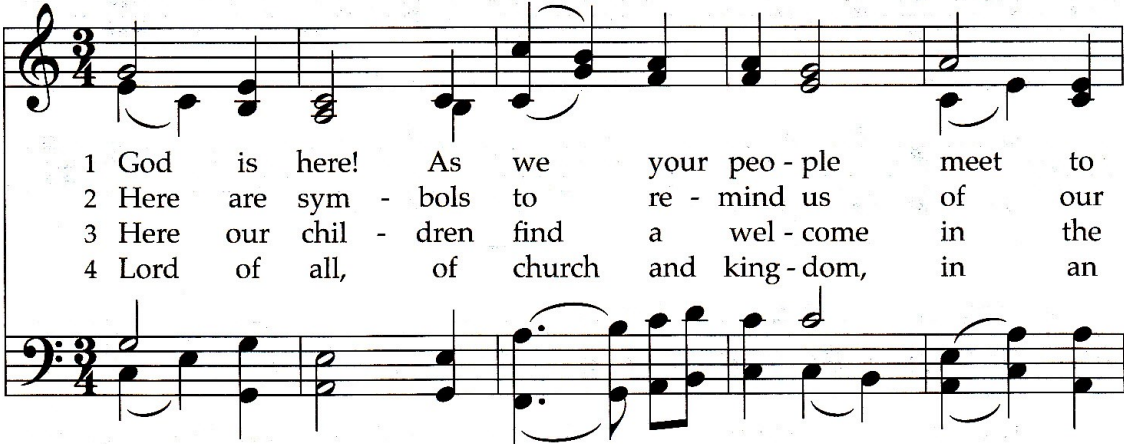
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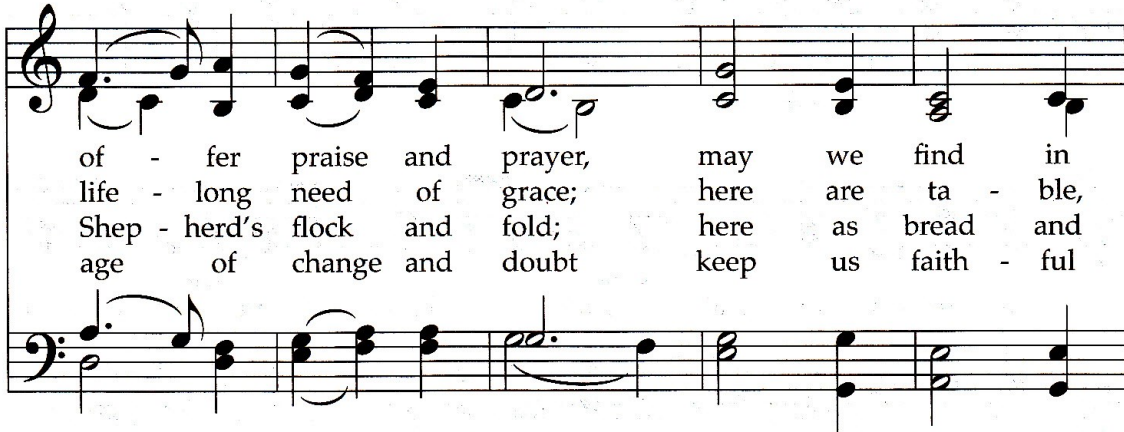
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GOD IS HERE (vs. 1, 3, 4)



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988

MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

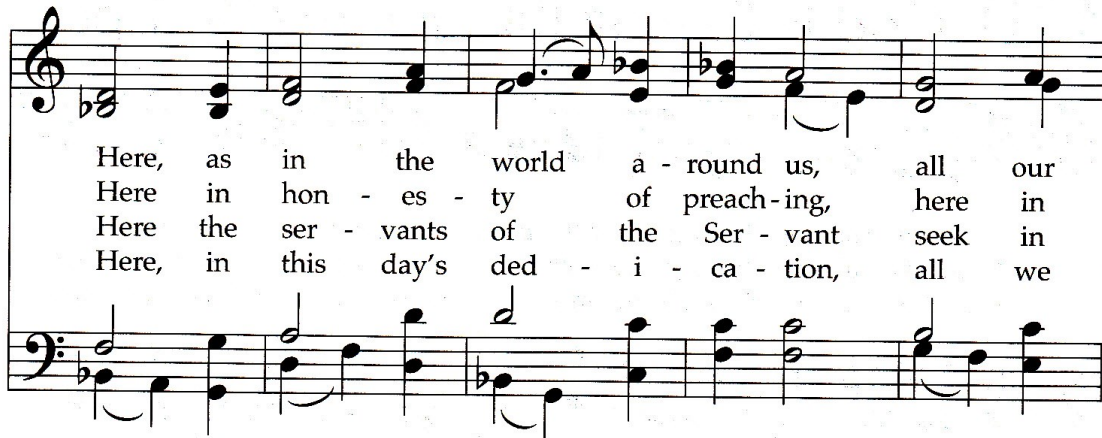
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ABBOT'S LEIGH

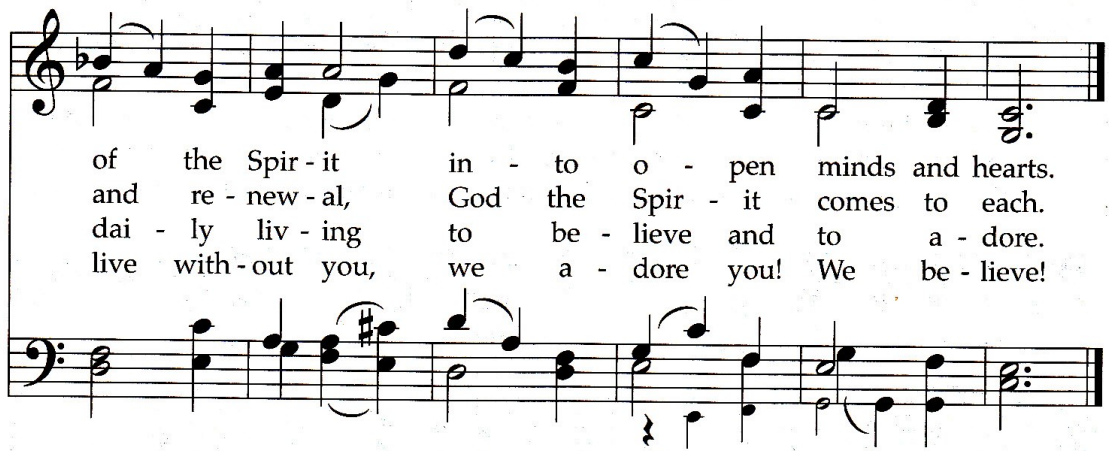
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Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

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Altogether wonderful to us.

GUIDE MY FEET (vs. 1, 3, 4)

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;

(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC: African American spiritual; harm. Wendell P. Whalum, c. 1984

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GUIDE MY FEET

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