



# 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)*

## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 2, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

“Every Praise”

Michael Warren, *piano/soloist*

Hezekiah Walker

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

Harold Friedell

“Draw Us In the Spirit’s Tether”

### 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 meets us in our greatest need;

People: **And satisfies us with divine presence and provision.**

Leader: God is with us, even in places of isolation or when we find ourselves in spiritual deserts.

People: **Loaves are broken, and wine is poured out before us, so that we are provided with what we truly need.**

Leader: God meets us, Christ feeds us, and the Spirit sustains us. Let us unite our hearts as we worship our Triune God together.

### \* HYMN #396 (*vs. 1, 2, 4*)

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

HOLY MANNA

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.

Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses’ sister aided him.

Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?

Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.

Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.

Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.

Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we’ll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

\* Indicates where to please rise in spirit.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

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

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

**SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #698** (*sing 2x*)

TAKE ME AS I AM

"Take, O Take Me As I Am"

**Take, O take me as I am;  
Summon out what I shall be;  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Psalm 130

Melia Chandler

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Psalm 131

Paige McKenzie

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**HYMN #312**

"Take Us As We Are, O God"

ENDLESS FEAST

**Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own.**

**As once you chose to tell your love in human flesh and bone,  
So let our lives be used to make your saving purpose known.**

**Bless us for your service, Lord; no power we devise  
Will ever give us strength enough or make us truly wise,  
Yet by your promise we can know the peace your grace supplies.**

**Break us open to disclose how brokenness can heal,  
Wherever broken loaves suffice to give a crowd a meal  
And graves break open to release new life from death's dread seal.**

**Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast,  
That we may nourish in your name the last, the lost, the least,  
Until at length you call us all to your unending feast.**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 14:13-21

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**SERMON**

"The Unrelenting Crowd"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**SOLO**

"The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"

Adrianna Cleveland, *soloist*  
Andraé Crouch**— THE LORD'S SUPPER —****INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**SHARING THE BREAD & CUP**

The Rev. Dr. Bush and The Rev. Schoenewolf

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Dr. Moore

Loving and generous God, you provide for us and even bless us in more ways that we can number. We thank you once more for the meal of bread and juice, made sacred and set apart by your grace. May it nurture in us the desire to share your good news with others and to live as your disciples of mercy and justice. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**OFFERING INVITATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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**HYMN #702**

"Christ Be Beside Me"

BUNESSAN

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart.

Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife.

Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me; Christ be on all tongues telling of me.

Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

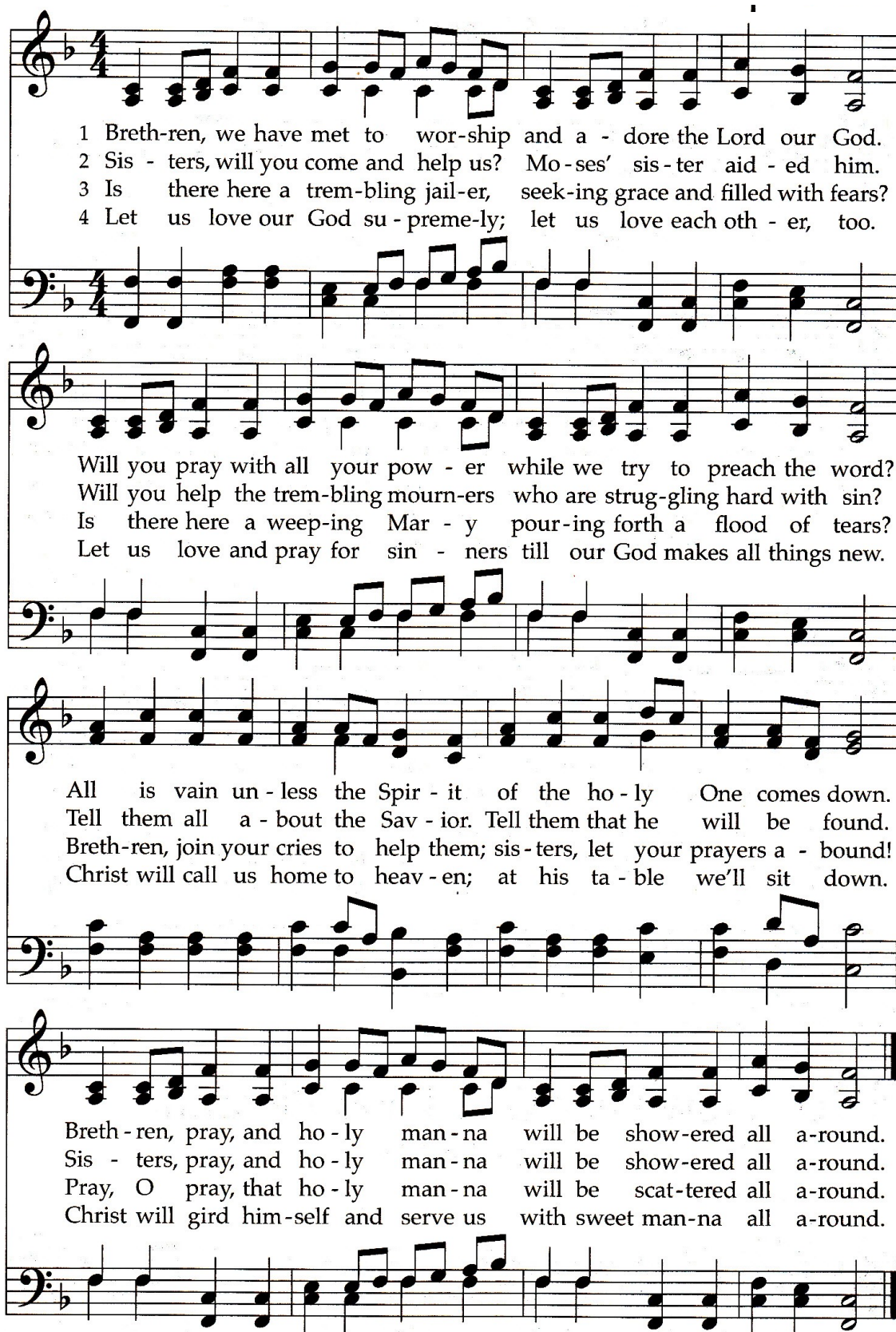
The Rev. Dr. Bush

**POSTLUDE**

"National City Fanfare"

Dr. Moore, *organ*  
Aaron David Miller

# BRETHREN, WE HAVE MET TO WORSHIP (vs. 1, 2, 4)



1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.  
 2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.  
 3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?  
 4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?  
 Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?  
 Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?  
 Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.  
 Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.  
 Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a - bound!  
 Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.

Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.  
 Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.  
 Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.  
 Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

TEXT: George Atkins, 1819, alt.

MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011 CCLI #689547

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HOLY MANNA

8.7.8.7.D

(alternate harmonization, 509)

## TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM (*sing 2x*)

The musical score is written for two voices, Soprano and Bass, in 4/4 time. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.' The score is divided into two systems, each with a Soprano staff and a Bass staff.

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

TEXT and MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1995  
Text and Music © 1995 WGRG, Iona Community (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

TAKE ME AS I AM  
7.7.7.4



# TAKE US AS WE ARE, O GOD



1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As  
 2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will  
 3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -  
 4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that



once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so  
 ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet  
 ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and  
 we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -



let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.  
 by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.  
 graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.  
 til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This Lord's Supper text is organized around the fourfold liturgical shape traced by Dom Gregory Dix in *The Shape of the Liturgy*: take, bless, break, give. It considers how the phrase "Body of Christ," used for sacramental bread, can also be applied to the baptized people of God.

# CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -  
 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -  
 3 Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me; Christ be on

hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -  
 round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my  
 all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that

low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.  
 sit - ting, Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.  
 see me; in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.

This text adapts part of a traditional Irish prayer associated with St. Patrick (see also no. 6). Such a prayer for protection is known as a *lorica*, from a Latin word for "breastplate" or "armor." It is set to a Gaelic melody that gained wide popularity in the 1970s.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969

MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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BUNESSAN

5.5.5.4.D

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*Journey Worship Service*

Returns September 13 at 8:45 am

**Sundays ▪ 11 am**

*Sanctuary Worship Service*

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**Wednesdays ▪ 7 pm**

*Taižé Prayer Service*

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## Prayer Times

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**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. Heather Schoenewolf Melia Chandler Paige McKenzie
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore <i>Organist/ Music Director</i> Michael Warren <i>Journey Music Director</i> Adrianna Cleveland, <i>Cantor/ Soloist</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines

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