LEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 16, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Prelude

Michael Warren, Vocals
“This Is The Day”
Traditional
Michael Painter, piano
“Land of Rest”
arr. John Carter

Opening Words

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Sharing God’s Peace

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: Come, gather together in spirit as a family of Christ’s people.
People: Surely God is in this place; right here and now we are open to the presence of the Lord.
Leader: God’s grace comes as a free gift, strengthening us in times of need, sustaining us through seasons of hardship.
People: We see in Christ our teacher, example and savior, just as we sense that the Holy Spirit is our inspiration and never-failing guide.
Leader: So come together and let us worship our loving God!

Acolyte Procession Video

Ella Willson

* Hymn #373

“O Day of Peace”
Jerusalem

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
Guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release,
Till by God’s grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Call to Confession

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Prayer of Confession

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

* Indicates where to please rise in spirit.
ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

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

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

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

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #442 (ps. 2, 3) “Just As I Am” WOODWORTH

Just as I am, though tossed about with many—a conflict, many—a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 1:8-20 Tucker and Libby Ferda

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,
“When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?” The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SOLO

David Jennings-Smith, soloist

“Hear, Oh Lord, My Bitter Cry”
Antonín Dvořák

text: Psalm 61:1, 3, 4 and 63:1, 4–5

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 1:22 – 2:10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister
said to Pharaoh's daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh's daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

**Seren**

“Moses + 1: Midwives to History”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**Hymn #52 (Ps. 1, 4)**

“When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

GO DOWN MOSES

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;
Oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!

*Refrain:* Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land;
Tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!

O let us all from bondage flee; let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free: let my people go! (*Refrain*)

**Prayer of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer**

The Revs. David and Nancy Phillips

**Offering Invitation**

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**Interview with The Rev. BJ Woodworth, Director of Spiritual Life Ministries & Taizé Prayer**

**Offering Prayer**

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

**Hymn #65**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

**Blessing & Benediction**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**Postlude**

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Michael Painter, *piano*

arr. Stan Pethel
O DAY OF PEACE

1 Oh day of peace that dimly shines through all our
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and
love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate
fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God’s
grace our warring world shall see Christ’s promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the
fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly
graze, a little child shall lead them all. Then enemies
shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of
peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on peace was created to offer non-nationalistic words for a popular British tune. The first stanza depicts pax, a mode of peace focused on ending conflict, and the second (based on Isaiah 11:6–9) describes shalom, the condition of living in harmony and mutual good will.
JUST AS I AM (vs. 2, 3)

1 Just as I am, without one plea but that thy
blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
come to thee,
in, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

2 Just as I am, though tossed about with man-y-a
conflict, man-y-a doubt, fight-ings and fears with-
in, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt wel-come,
par-don, cleanse, re-lieve; be-cause thy prom ise
come to thee,
in, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro-ken
ev-ery bar-rier down; now to be thine, yea,
thine a-lone,

SPANISH
1 Tal como soy de pecador,
sin más confianza que tu amor;
a tu llamada vengo a ti,
¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!

KOREAN
1 큰 죄에 빠진 날 위해
주보다 행혼려주시고
또 나를 오-라하시니-
주께로 거-저맙니다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.
1 When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;
2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said, "Let my people go!
3 No more shall they in bondage toil: let my people go!
4 O let us all from bondage flee; let my people go!

oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go!
If not, I'll smite your first-born dead. Let my people go!
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil: let my people go!
And let us all in Christ be free; let my people go!

Refrain

Go down, (go down,) Moses, (Moses,) way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh: let my people go!

Nothing in Hebrew Scripture resonated more deeply with the experience of African Americans in North America than Israel's slavery in Egypt. In this spiritual's recurring line, "Let my people go," past and present became one, as they still do for all who are oppressed.
GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, safe on Canaan's side. Songs of prais-es, songs of prais-es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more. be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield. I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.
Worship Services

Journey Worship Service
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Sundays • 11 am
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Prayer Times

Pastors Randy, Heather, and Patrice are offering brief Prayer Services with scripture readings, responsive prayer, and interactive dialogue.

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meeting ID 133 652 461

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Participants in Today’s Service

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Tucker and Libby Ferda
The Revs. David and Nancy Phillips
Musicians: Michael Painter, Pianist
Michael Warren
Journey Music Director
David Jennings-Smith, Cantor/Soloist
A/V: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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