



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)

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“This Is The Day”

Michael Warren, *Vocals*
Traditional

“Land of Rest”

Michael Painter, *piano*
arr. John Carter

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: 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

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!****SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #442** (*vs. 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

"Hear, Oh Lord, My Bitter Cry"

David Jennings-Smith, *soloist*

Antonín Dvořák

text: Psalm 61:1, 3, 4 and 63:1, 4–5

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Exodus 1:22 – 2:10

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."

SERMON

"Moses + 1: Midwives to History"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #52 (*vs. 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

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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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 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of hate
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e - mies

fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease, till by God's
shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord; the hope of

grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's prom - ised reign of peace.
peace shall be ful - filled, 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.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1982

MUSIC: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1987

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JERUSALEM

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JUST AS I AM (vs. 2, 3)

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
thine a - lone,

SPANISH

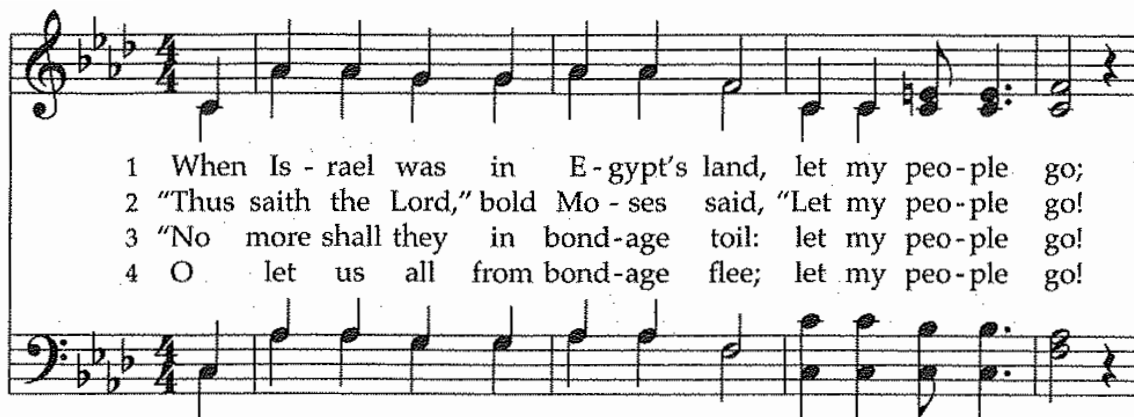
1 *Tal como soy de pecador,
sin más confianza que tu amor;
a tu llamada vengo a ti,
¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

KOREAN

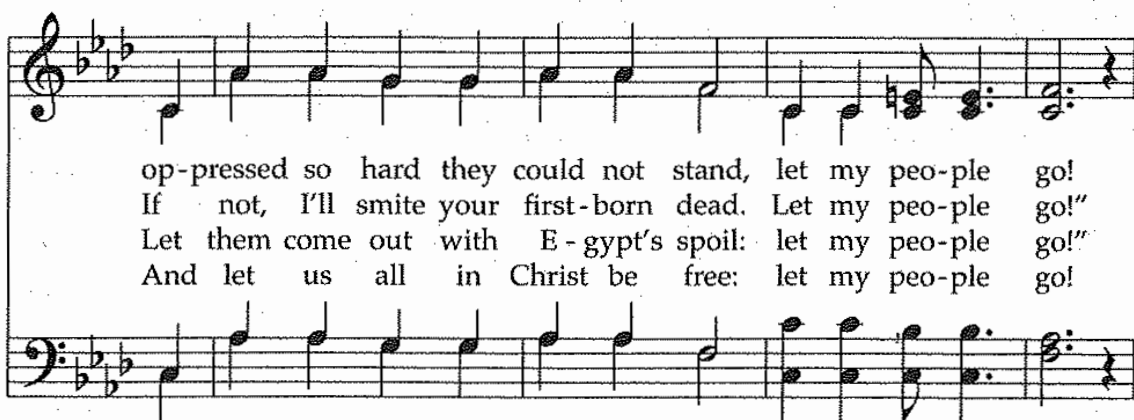
1 큰-죄에 빠-진 날 위해
주-보-혈 흘려주시고
또-나를 오-라 하시니-
주께로 거-저 갑니다

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.

WHEN ISRAEL WAS IN EGYPT'S LAND (vs. 1, 4)

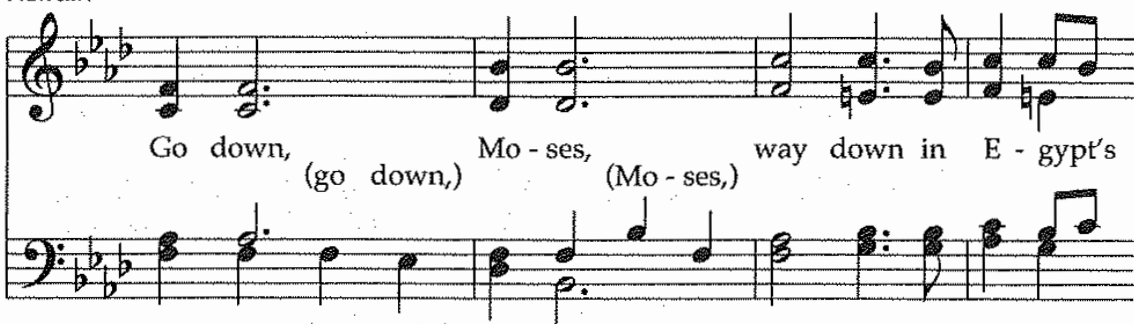


1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!
 3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!
 4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!



op-pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!
 If not, I'll smite your first-born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"
 Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"
 And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

Refrain



Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's



land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple 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 Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan'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 ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew scripture.

CHURCH LIFE CONTINUES

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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**

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meeting ID 133 652 461**

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, <i>Pianist</i> Michael Warren <i>Journey Music Director</i> David Jennings-Smith, <i>Cantor/Soloist</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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