



# 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)*

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

“Allegro, Chorale and Fugue in D Minor/D Major” Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

*Due to technical difficulties last Sunday, the prelude is being offered again in its entirety this morning.*

### 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: You have been called to the banquet.

People: **Loving God, we thank you for your care and hospitality.**

Leader: You have been summoned to gather in a community of justice, peace and love.

People: **Gracious God, we thank you for this fellowship that both reconciles and renews.**

Leader: From the streets and byways of life, God invites us all.

People: **Through this time of worship, may we praise God, honor Christ, and be guided by the Holy Spirit in the ways of faith for this day and all our days to come.**

### ACOLYTE PROCESSION VIDEO

#### \* HYMN #667 (*vs. 1, 2, 3*)

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer

To Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?

My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky

From depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

### INTRODUCTION OF MISSION MONTH

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!  
¡Alaben a Dios!**

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

**REFLECTION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY**

Kelli Booher

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Dr. Moore

Let me sing for my beloved, my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;

righteousness, but heard a cry!

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**HYMN #503** (*vs. 1 and 3*) "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

O QUANTA QUALIA

**Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted your friends;**

**Yours is the strength that sustains dedication; ours, a commitment we know never ends.**

**When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed and our courage restored,**

**May we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 22:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests."

SERMON

“A Troubling Banquet”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #544 (*sing 3x*)

“Bless the Lord”

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

GREETINGS FROM MISSION CO-WORKER CHENOA STOCK

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Becky Gloninger

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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HYMN #37

“Let All Things Now Living”

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God’s banners are o’er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:  
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise,  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving; to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Tuba Tune”

Dr. Moore, *organ*  
C.S. Lang



**Thank you for joining us  
for worship today!**

**As excited as we are to see  
YOU, we ask that you please  
wait a few weeks before  
signing up to attend worship  
so others may have the  
opportunity to do so.**

**Thank you!  
Stay safe!  
God bless you!**

# WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES (vs. 1, 2, 3)

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

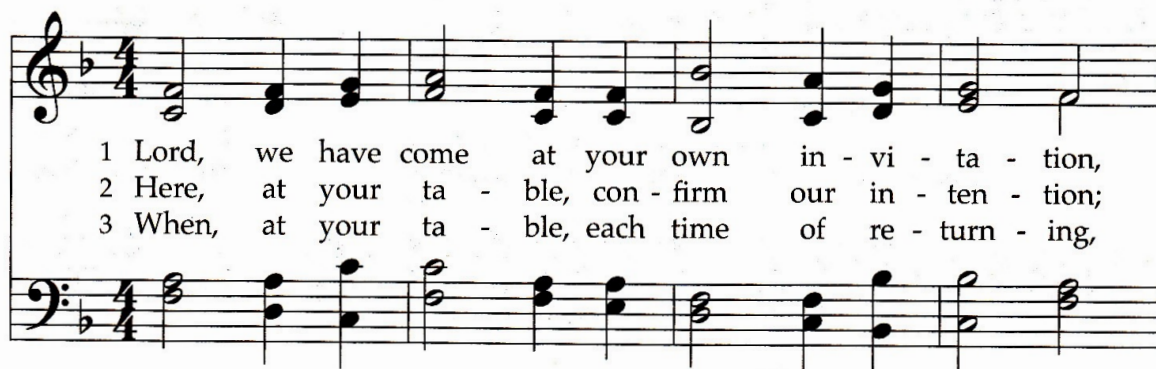
cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

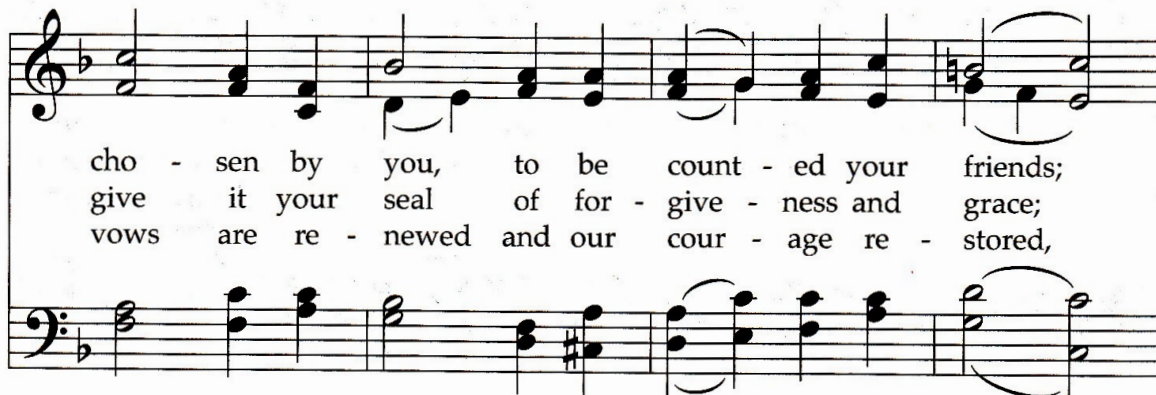
pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

This is not just a hymn, though this excerpt from an English translation of an early 19th-century German text may not convey how thoroughly the original deals with different kinds of time throughout the day. The tune was composed as a setting for this English text.

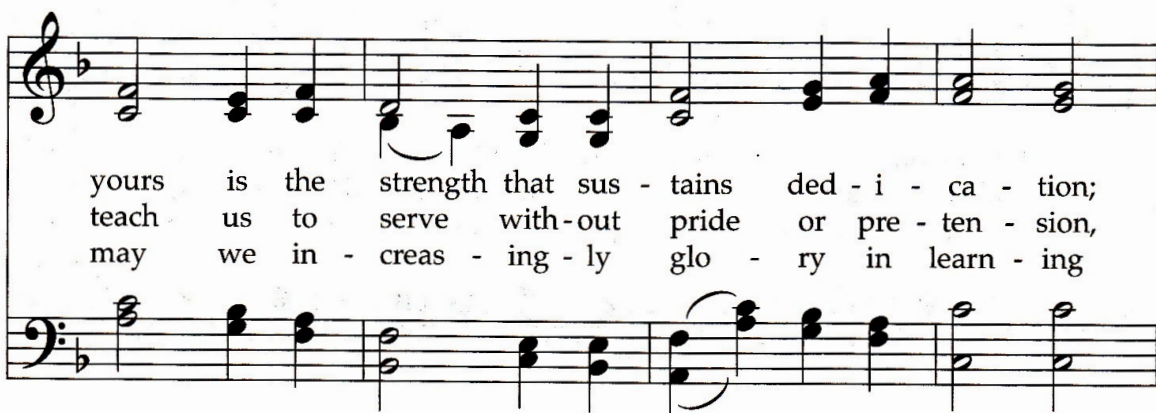
# LORD, WE HAVE COME AT YOUR OWN INVITATION (vs. 1, 3)



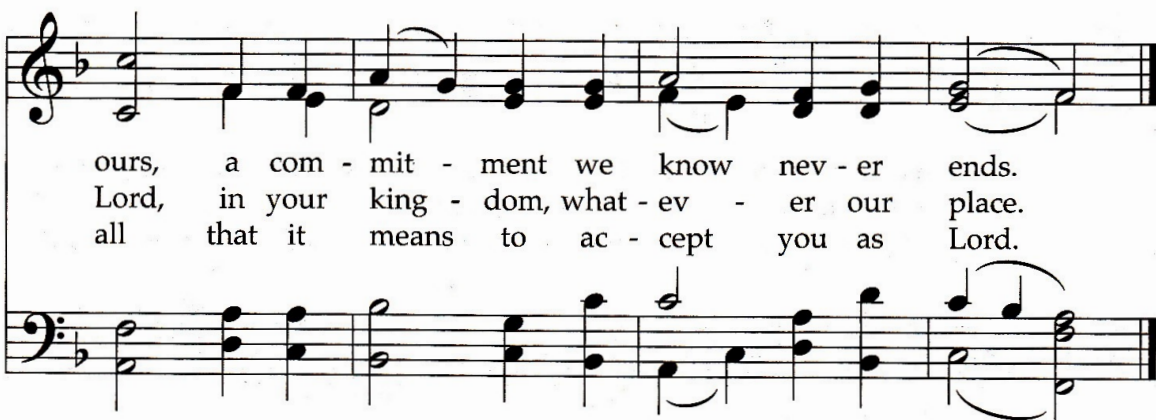
1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,  
 2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion;  
 3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,



cho - sen by you, to be count - ed your friends;  
 give it your seal of for - give - ness and grace;  
 vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored,



yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion;  
 teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,  
 may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing



ours, a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.  
 Lord, in your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.  
 all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.

St. Augustine spoke of eucharist as "the repeatable part of baptism," and this hymn reminds us that each time we share in the Lord's Supper we are renewing our baptismal vows. The text is set to a tune that dates to the transition between plainchant and modern tonalities.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1977, alt.

MUSIC: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; harm. La Feillée's *Méthode du plain-chant*, 1808

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O QUANTA QUALIA

11.10.11.10

(this tune in a higher key, 369)

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## BLESS THE LORD *(sing 3x)*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

System 1:  
Vocal: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.  
Piano: Accompaniment for the first system.

System 2:  
Vocal: Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.  
Piano: Accompaniment for the second system.

This refrain based on Psalm 103:1 is meant for repeated singing. To "bless God's holy name" (which could not be spoken by observant Jews) is a reminder to be grateful even for what we cannot comprehend, trusting that God's providence will show us "the path of life" (Psalm 16:11).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984

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BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)

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# LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing  
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and foun-tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban-ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

G D G Am D

till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

G C G D G

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

# CHURCH LIFE CONTINUES

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**Livestream  
& Zoom**  
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## Worship Services

**Sundays ▪ 8:45 am**

*Journey Worship Service*

**Livestream ▪ YouTube ▪ [zoom.us/join](https://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](http://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](https://zoom.us/join)**

**Call to join ▪ 929.205.6099**

meeting ID 293 707 645

**Thursdays ▪ 12-12:15 pm**

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**Call to join ▪ 929.205.6099**

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. Heather Schoenewolf The Rev. BJ Woodworth Kelli Booher Becky Gloninger Chenoa Stock
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore, <i>Organist/Music Director</i> Robin Schneider, <i>Cantor</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict Wayne Gaines

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