



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)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 18, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Arioso” by Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

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*)

Adrianna Cleveland

Leader: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying “I know you by name, and you have found favor with me.”

People: **Lord, you have promised us, saying “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”**

Leader: Lord, you have reminded us, saying “I do not regard you with partiality, but will deal with each of you according to your need.”

People: **Lord, you humble us and call us to right relationships with you and one another. We worship and praise you this day for all your many gifts to us. Alleluia!**

ACOLYTE PROCESSION VIDEO

* HYMN #772 (*vs. 1, 2, 4*)

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed.

The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God’s own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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!

** Indicates where to please rise in spirit.*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:20-25

Kathryn Ophardt, seminary intern

When your children ask you in time to come, “What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?” then you shall say to your children, “We were Pharaoh’s slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors.

Then the Lord commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right.”

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #52

“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!**

**“Thus saith the Lord,” bold Moses said, “Let my people go!
If not, I’ll smite your first-born dead. Let my people go!”** (*Refrain*)

**No more shall they in bondage toil: let my people go!
Let them come out with Egypt’s spoil: let my people go!** (*Refrain*)

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

GREETINGS FROM JO HAAS, LOUISVILLE, KY**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 6:5-9

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. Render service with enthusiasm, as to the Lord and not to men and women, knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free.

And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Master in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

SERMON

“Redeeming Language”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #379 (*vs. 1, 3, 5*)

“We Shall Overcome”

WE SHALL OVERCOME

We shall overcome; we shall overcome; we shall overcome someday.

Refrain: **O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!**

We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace; we shall live in peace someday. (*Refrain*)

God will see us through; God will see us through; God will see us through today. (*Refrain*)

STEWARDSHIP VIDEO

DEE FLAHERTY

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #853

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

SIYAHAMBA

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching,

We are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing...

We are singing...

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Tune" by Andrew Carter

Dr. Moore, *organ*



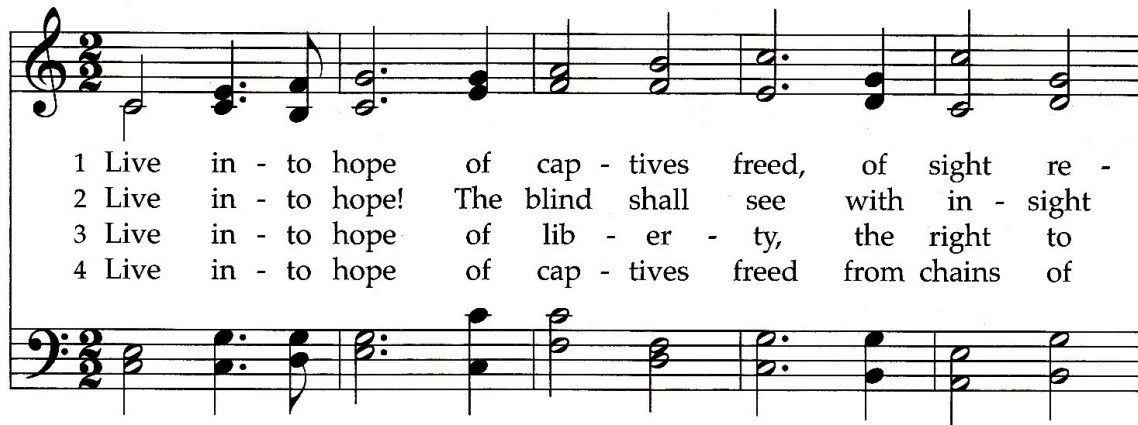
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching:	The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists:	The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy, The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf The Rev. BJ Woodworth, Jo Haas
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore, <i>Organist/Music Director</i> Adrianna Cleveland, <i>Cantor</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict, Wayne Gaines

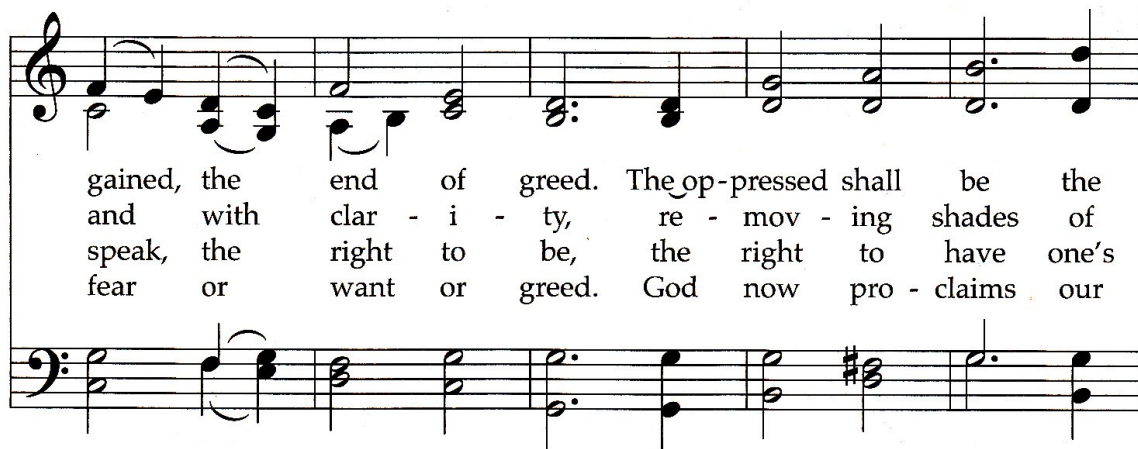


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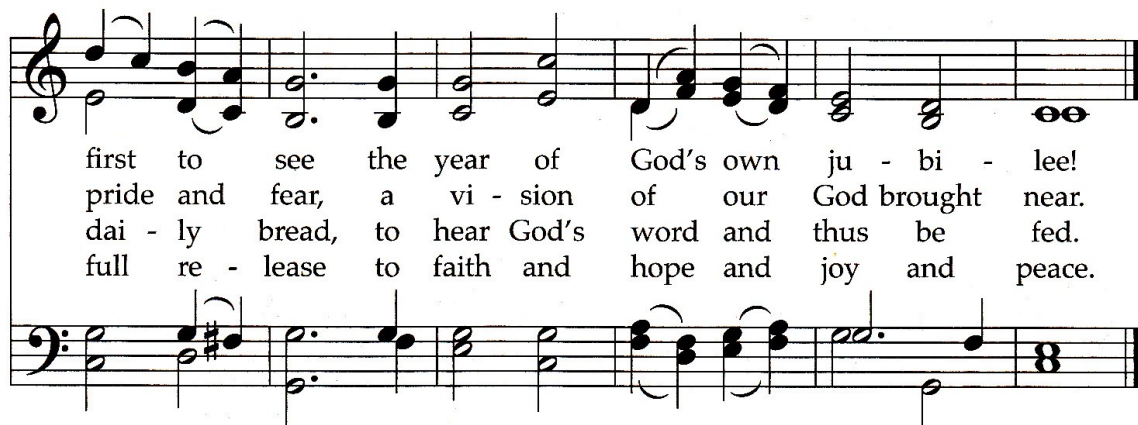
LIVE INTO HOPE (vs. 1, 2, 4)



1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of



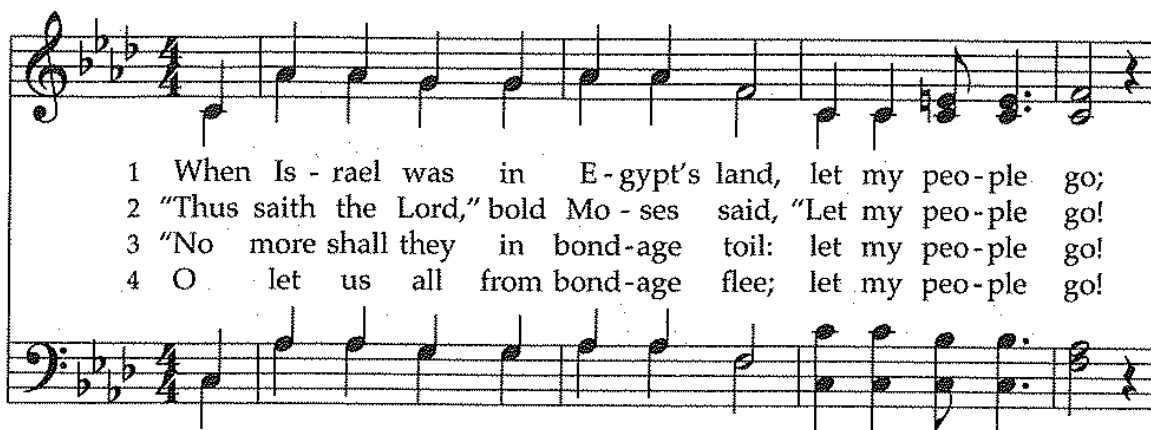
gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
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 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our



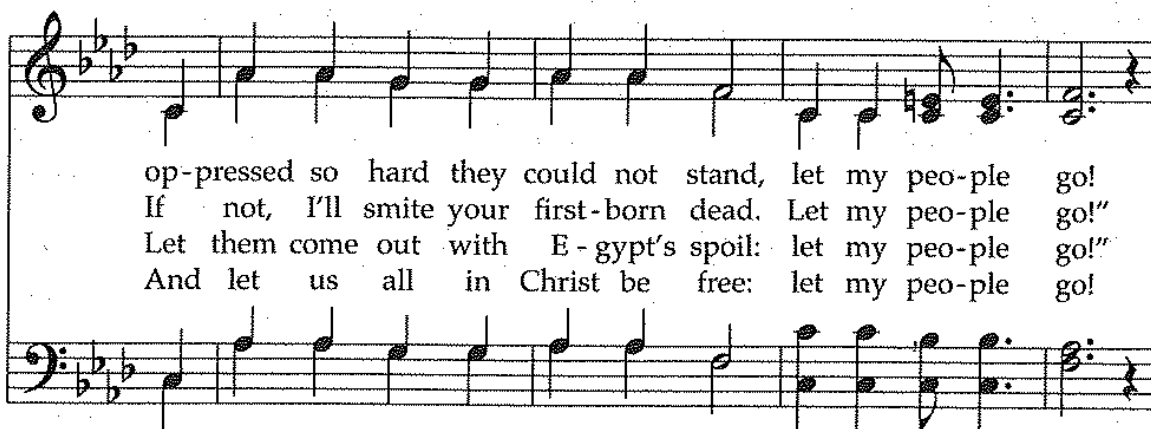
first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16-20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

WHEN ISRAEL WAS IN EGYPT'S LAND

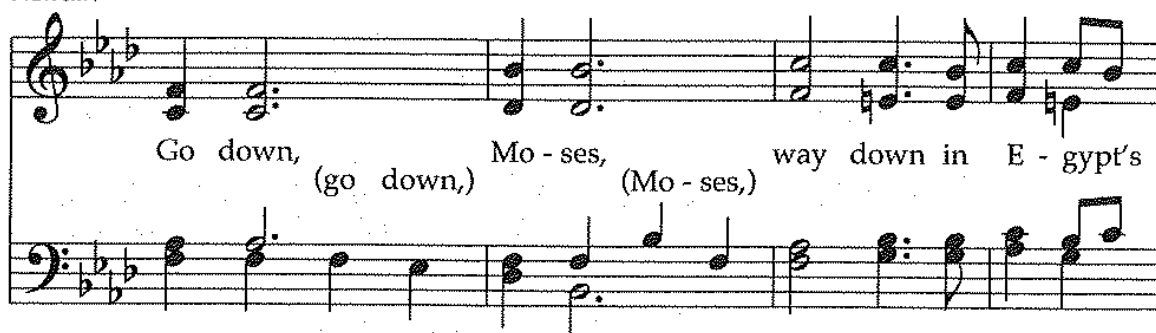


1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!
 3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!
 4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!



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.

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha -

light of God. nyen' kwen - khos'. We are march - ing in the light of God;
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos',

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha-nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

TEXT: South African; English trans. Gracia Grindal, 1984

MUSIC: South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984

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SIYAHAMBA
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We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

We are march - ing
Si - ya - ham - ba

We are march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing, march-ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

we are march - ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing...

We are praying...

We are singing...

WE SHALL OVERCOME (1, 3, 5)



1 We shall o - ver - come; we shall o - ver - come;
 2 We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
 3 We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
 4 We are not a - fraid; we are not a - fraid;
 5 God will see us through; God will see us through;



we shall o - ver - come some - day.
 we'll walk hand in hand some - day.
 we shall live in peace some - day.
 we are not a - fraid to - day.
 God will see us through to - day.

Refrain



O, deep in my heart I do be -



lieve we shall o - ver - come some - day!

Though now associated primarily with the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-20th century, this spiritual most likely dates from the days of the slave trade; and similarities with the tune SICILIAN MARINERS (see no. 546) suggest that it might have been a work song aboard slave ships.

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. William Farley Smith, 1986

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