



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)

BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 10, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
“Prelude for the Introit of Epiphany”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
arr. Wayne L. Wold
Maurice Duruflé

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ACOLYTE PROCESSION VIDEO

Racheal Ammon

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive reading*)

Kathryn Ophardt

Leader: Glory to God who made us.
People: ¡Gloria a Dios!
Leader: Glory to God who accompanies us.
People: ¡Gloria a Dios!
Leader: Glory to God who gives us voice.
People: ¡Gloria a Dios!
Leader: Glory to God who calls us to use our voice to love and worship and to seek justice on behalf of our neighbor.
People: ¡Gloria a Dios!
Leader: Glory to God! Amen.

HYMN #10 (*vs. 1, 2, 4*)

“Sing Glory to the Name of God”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia!

Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The name of God is full of might: resounding thunder, flashing light. Alleluia, alleluia!

The wilderness cannot contain the echoes of the great refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bryan and Heather Lawrence

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Bryan and Heather Lawrence

Leader: Friends, hear this assurance of God's pardon. The words spoken over Jesus at his baptism have been spoken over us as well: You are my beloved child and with you I am well pleased. Believe the good news of the gospel:

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

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 29

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor. The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 17:22-25, 28

Dr. Moore

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

HYMN #850 (*vs. 1, 2*)

"In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

In a deep, unbounded darkness, long before the first light shone,
You, O God, beyond all merit worked a wonder faith makes known:

In your mercy, in your mercy, you embraced us as your own, evermore and evermore.

Though our world is ever-changing, you are constant, firm, and sure,

Faithful to your covenant promise. Trusting you, we live, secure:

Singing praises, singing praises, long as heart and breath endure, evermore and evermore.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1:1-5

The Rev. Dr. Bush

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

SERMON

"New Beginnings: Order Out of Chaos"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

VIDEO PRESENTATION

"Hallelujah Chorus"

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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HYMN #24 (vs. 1, 3, 4)

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

HOLY MANNA

God, who stretched the spangled heavens infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
We, your children in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our race;
Known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space;
Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"In Dir ist Freude, BWV 615"
(*In You is Gladness*)

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Johann Sebastian Bach



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching:	The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists:	The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf Bryan and Heather Lawrence Dr. Edward Alan Moore Kathryn Ophardt
Musicians:	Dr. Edward Alan Moore, <i>Organist/</i> <i>Music Director</i> Adrianna Cleveland, <i>Cantor</i> David Jennings-Smith, <i>Cantor</i>
A/V:	Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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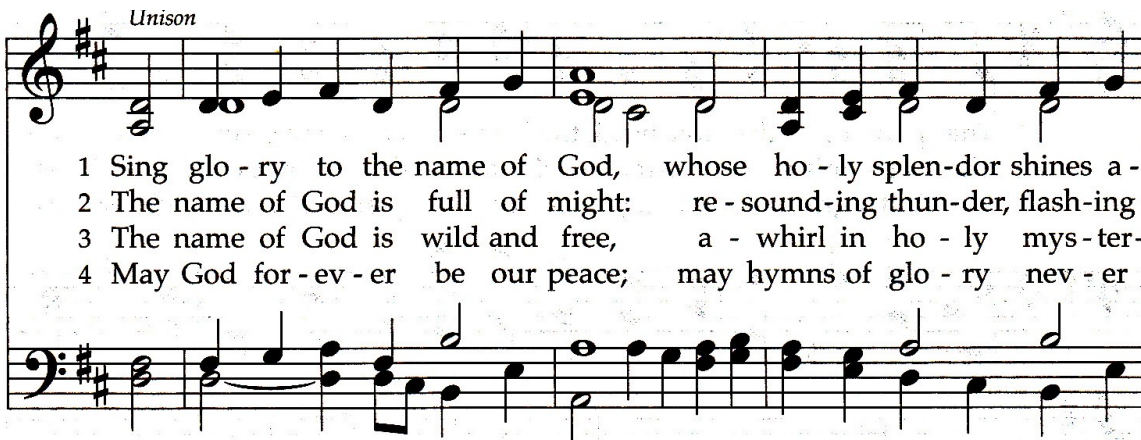
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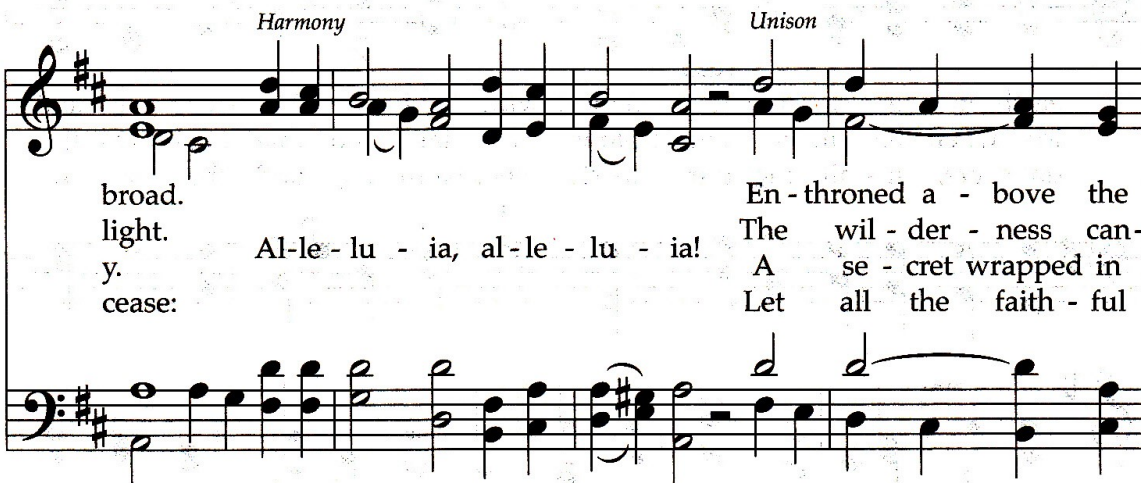
SING GLORY TO THE NAME OF GOD (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Unison



1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

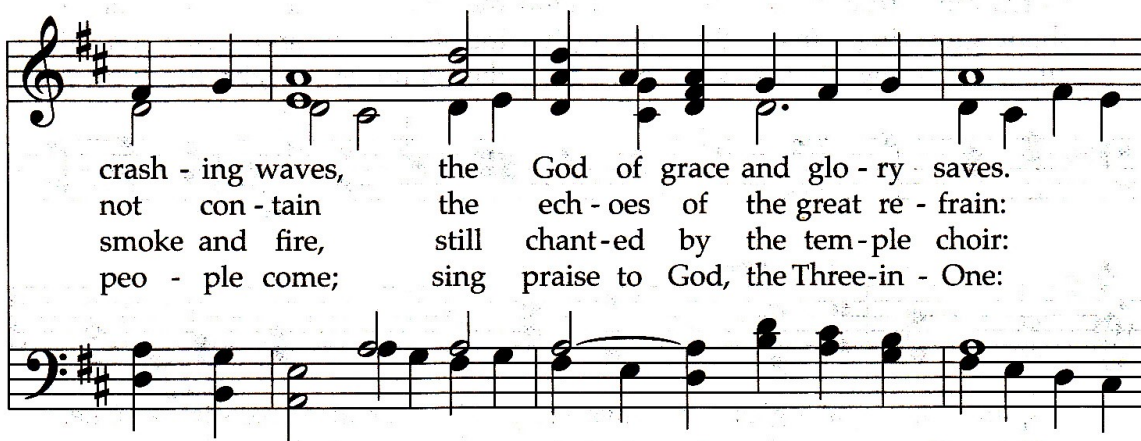
Harmony *Unison*



broad.
light.
y.
cease:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

En - throned a - bove the
The wil - der - ness can -
A se - cret wrapped in
Let all the faith - ful



crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

This sweeping paraphrase of Psalm 29 conveys a sense of the Jewish reverence for the sheer power of God's name, regarded as too holy for mortal tongues to pronounce. In keeping with its appointment for Trinity Sunday, the final stanza gives the psalm a Christian interpretation.

Harmony

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

This section is titled "Harmony" and consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. It provides a harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia," are written below the staves, aligned with the musical notes.

Unison

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

This section is titled "Unison" and also consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. It provides a harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes. The lyrics "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" are written below the staves, aligned with the musical notes.

GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS (*vs. 1, 3, 4*)

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi -
 2 Proud - ly rise our mod - ern cit - ies, state - ly
 3 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the
 4 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it

(Em7) Gm7 (G) B^b (Bm) Dm (A) C (Bm) Dm (A) C



nite in time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing
 build - ings row on row. Yet their win - dows, blank, un -
 child - hood of our race; known the ec - sta - sy of
 chal - lenge us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive

(G) B^b (F#m) Am (G) B^b (A) C (D) F



ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space,
 feel - ing, stare on can - yoned streets be - low,
 wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;
 pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

(D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (G) B^b (Em7) Gm7 (G) B^b (F#m7) Am7



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive
 where the lone - ly drift un - no - ticed in the cit - y's
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i -
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or

The crux of this text comes in the second stanza: if we dare to claim God-given abilities, we need also to show God-like compassion for the human needs that confront us daily. The earthy shape note tune provides a further reminder that we must not lose our heads in the clouds.

(G) (Em7) (A) (D) (Bm) (A)
 B \flat Gm7 C F Dm C

powers with you. Great Cre - a - tor, still cre -
 ebb and flow, lost to pur - pose and to
 mag - ined power, fac - ing us with life's de -
 well be - gun. Great Cre - a - tor, give us

(Em7) (F \sharp m) (G) (A) (D)
 Gm7 Am B \flat C F

at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 mean - ing, scarce - ly car - ing where they go.
 struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE SOCK COLLECTION

Observed each year on the third Monday in January as “a day on, not a day off,” MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer in their communities.

In observance of MLK Day, to fulfill the theme of “a day on, not a day off,” and to live into being a PC(USA) Matthew 25 Church, ELPC is hosting a

Drive-by Sock Collection Sunday, Jan 17 from 1–3:30 pm

Typically, people living in homelessness spend their days walking in their community—and we all know and appreciate that when your feet are cold, your entire body is cold. Socks are the most requested items of clothing from ministries and organizations that serve individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

Please purchase warm socks in sizes for men, women, and children to be donated to local shelters.

This ministry opportunity is sponsored by the ELPC Mission Board, Neighbors Committee, and the Board of Deacons. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net).



IN A DEEP, UNBOUNDED DARKNESS (vs. 1, 2)



1 In a deep, un-bound-ed dark-ness, long be-fore the first
 2 Though our world is ev-er-chang-ing, you are con-stant, firm,
 3 Joy trans-forms our lips to boast-ing on-ly in your match-
 4 God of Ha-gar, God of Sa-rah, God of no-mad A-



light shone, you, O God, be-yond all mer-it worked a
 and sure, faith-ful to your cov-enant prom-ise. Trust-ing
 less grace, send-ing Christ to dwell a-mong us, Word made
 bra-ham; God of Mir-yam, God of Mo-ses, Fi-ery



won-der faith makes known: in your mer-cy, in your
 you, we live, se-ure: sing-ing prais-es, sing-ing
 flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav-ior, Friend and
 Pil-lar, great I AM: lead us home-ward, lead us



mer-cy, you em-braced us as your own,
 prais-es, long as heart and breath en-dure,
 Sav-ior, in whose life we glimpse your face,
 home-ward, to the love-feast of the Lamb,



ev-er-more and ev-er-more.

Setting this translation of a Chinese hymn to Western plainsong enhances the universal context of the opening stanza. The familiar pattern of creation, covenant, and incarnation in the first three stanzas leads to a far-reaching final stanza that looks both backward and forward.