



# East Liberty Presbyterian Church

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11 am Worship Service  
Sunday, February 7, 2021





# 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)*

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 7, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

“Adagio from Symphonie III, Op. 28”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Louis Vierne

### 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.**

### CANDLE LIGHTING

Jason and Julie Karns

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason and Julie Karns

Leader: Praise God! It is good to sing praises to God, who is gracious, righteous and ever-loving.  
People: **Lift our hearts and voices to the Lord! Cry out as people of faith until earth and heaven itself ring with the harmonies of God’s liberty, truth and justice.**  
Leader: Come, worship together as people who have known sorrow and joy, death and life, hunger and plenty. For we shall fear no evil; our God is ever by our side. Alleluia! Amen.

### HYMN #339

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

LIFT EVERY VOICE

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on, till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died.  
Yet, with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by thy might led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
Shadowed beneath thy hand may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.



**PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 23

Kathryn Ophardt

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN #801** (*vs. 1, 3, 5*)

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

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**The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; he makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,  
For thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me,  
And in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

Sara Hackett

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Little David, Play on Your Harp”

David Jennings-Smith, *soloist*  
arr. Harry T. Burleigh**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 90:1-6, 12

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, “Turn back, you mortals.” For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

**SERMON**

“Mortality, Yet More”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION****OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER**

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

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— THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

David Jennings-Smith

Gracious God, we thank you for hosting us once more at your communion table. May we, who have shared Christ's body, live his risen life. May we, who drink his cup, bring life to others. May we, whom the Spirit enlivens, give light to the world. Fill us with your steadfast hope, until all who mourn are comforted, all your children are free, and the whole earth may sing forth your praise. Amen.

HYMN #525

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

HOUSTON

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain:* When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us drink wine together on our knees. (*Refrain*)

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees. (*Refrain*)

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Final from Symphonie III, Op. 28"

Dr. Moore, *organ*  
Louis Vierne

## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Sara Hackett  
David Jennings-Smith  
Jason and Julie Karns  
Kathryn Ophardt

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Adrianna Cleveland, *Cantor*  
David Jennings-Smith, *Cantor/Soloist*

A/V: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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# THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD (vs. 1, 3, 5)

1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie  
 2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,  
 4 My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;  
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,  
 in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.  
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.  
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.  
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

## KOREAN

- 1 주나의목자되시니부족함없도다  
푸른풀밭호숫가로날인도하시네
- 2 내영혼소생시키며그이름위하여  
늘의로운길걸도록날인도하시네
- 3 나어둠골짜지나도두려움없겠네  
주막대기와지팡이날안위하시네
- 4 주나의원수앞에서내상을베푸사  
머리에기름부으니내잔이넘치네
- 5 선함과인자하심이내평생따르리  
여호와전에영원히나거하리로다

## SPANISH

- 1 Es el Señor mi buen pastor y nada faltará;  
por verdes prados con amor Él me conducirá.
- 2 Al lado de aguas de quietud haráme reposar;  
por sendas justas y de paz su mano me guiará.
- 3 Y cuando en valle de dolor o muerte deba andar,  
no sentiré ningún temor, pues Él me guardará.
- 4 Es sabio y fiel mi buen pastor, jamás me dejará;  
con su cayado, mi Señor, aliento me dará.
- 5 Hasta el final me seguirán misericordia y bien;  
y de mi Padre en el hogar por siempre moraré.

This paraphrase of Psalm 23 comes from the so-called Scottish Psalter of 1650, actually produced by the Westminster Assembly and intended for use by all Presbyterians in the British Isles, in place of the Sternhold and Hopkins "Old Version" of the Church of England.

TEXT: Scottish Psalter, 1650; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001;

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# LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

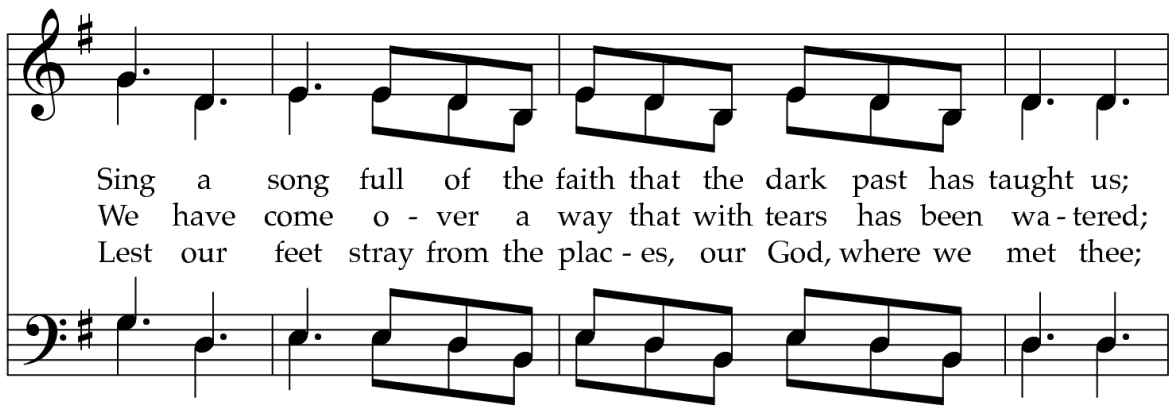
1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had  
tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

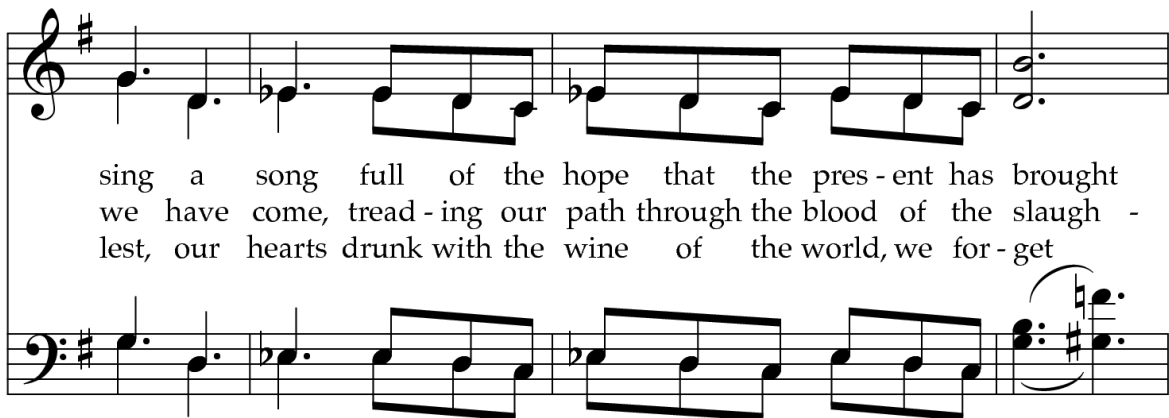
ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening  
died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?  
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er



gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.



# LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

## Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.