## 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)

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 7, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Choral Dorien"

"Jesus, Lead Thou On (Seelenbräutigam)"

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.

ACOLYTE CANDLE LIGHTING VIDEO

Dawn and Juliette Young

Kathryn Ophardt

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

Jehan Alain

arr. Paul Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

People: Although they have no words of language, the sound of their proclamation has gone out

into all lands and their message to the ends of the world.

Leader: For the teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the providence of God refreshes

and meets our every need.

People: Let the words of my mouth, the meditation of my heart, and our acts of worship today be

acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God.

**HYMN #31** (vs. 1-3)

"Let Us With a Gladsome Mind"

MONKLAND

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:

For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, filled the new-made world with light:

For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need:

For God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** 

Ephesians 4:1-7

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

#### TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

HOLY MANNA

HYMN #509 "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.

You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.

Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.

We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

#### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 16:1-8

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days."

So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

SERMON "Bread From Heaven" The Rev. Dr. Bush

#### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

#### **OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation. Please visit www.ELPC.church/donate if you would like to make a contribution.

HYMN #527 "Eat This Bread" BERTHIER

Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread; drink this cup; trust in me and you will not thirst.

### — THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Adrianna Cleveland

God of grace, in days past you refreshed a wandering people with water, manna and quail. Today you have renewed us at your table with the cup and bread of life. May this meal strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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** 

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Dr. Moore, organ
arr. Paul Manz

## LET US WITH A GLADSOME MIND (vs. 1-3)



These few stanzas are among the least florid of the two dozen that make up the rather flamboyant paraphrase of Psalm 136 written by the fifteen-year-old who would become one of the greatest English poets. It is set here to a sprightly tune with Moravian connections.

TEXT: John Milton, 1624, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. John Antes, c. 1790; harm. John B. Wilkes,1861

## ALL WHO HUNGER, GATHER GLADLY



The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

## EAT THIS BREAD



This text from the Taizé Community is based on John 6:35, which is paraphrased here in two styles. The more immediate first version maintains the second-person invitation spoken by Jesus, while the alternative version provides a more general statement in the third person.

## GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH



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.

# PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

The Rev. BJ Woodworth Adrianne Cleveland

Kathryn Ophardt

Dawn and Juliette Young

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/

Music Director

Adrianna Cleveland, *Cantor* David Jennings-Smith, *Cantor* 

A/V: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

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