



11 AM

**LIVESTREAM
WORSHIP**

April 11, 2021



**East Liberty
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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)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 11, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”
“Amazing Grace”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
arr. Gordon Young
arr. George Shearing

ACOLYTE CANDLE LIGHTING VIDEO

Poppy Seif

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 (*Psalm 22*)

Adrianna Cleveland

Leader: We worship in the Easter light,

People: **for the shadow of death is no match for God’s love.**

Leader: Let us join our voices with the disciple Thomas:

People: **“My Lord and my God!”**

Leader: Easter people, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

People: **Hallelujah! Let us worship God!**

HYMN #411 (*sing 3x*)

“God Is Here Today”

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

God is here today;

As certain as the air I breathe,

As certain as the morning sun that rises,

As certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jess Duvall

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jess Duvall

God of creation and resurrection; Savior by birth, death, and resurrection; Spirit of our rebirth into hope; we confess there are times when we take our hope in you for granted. Year after year, Easter is accepted and sometimes celebrated as a routine occurrence. We act as if you were not real or irrelevant. By our inattention and inaction, we reject you, the one whom you sent to teach us. We are ruled by fear rather than faith, by hostility rather than peace, by the sense of failure rather than the reality of accomplishment and victory. We forget that the first Easter is unique in human history; it is not a relic of the past. Forgive our indifference and the misuse of the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of your presence and to witness with joy to our Redeemer and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Jess Duvall

Leader: People of God, we are loved and freed from our sins by the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. New life is ours. Let us recount God's grace and mercy towards us and respond to the Holy Spirit with joy and thanksgiving. The steadfast love of God endures forever. Receive the good news of the Gospel.

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!**
¡Alabado sea Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #468

"In My Life"

LORD, BE GLORIFIED

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified. In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 133

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Kathryn Ophardt

SPECIAL MUSIC

Adrianna Cleveland, David Jennings-Smith

Michael Warren, *soloists*

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" arr. Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

"Believing the Unseen"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Adrianna Cleveland, David Jennings-Smith

Michael Warren, *soloists*

"Because He Lives"

William and Gloria Gaither

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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 #547

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

AR HYD Y NOS

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

AR HYD Y NOS

I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Mother, Comforter, Provider.
Go, my children, I will keep you and give you peace.

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in Classic Style"

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Gordon Young



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Adrianna Cleveland
Jess Duvall
Kathryn Ophardt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/
Music Director*
Adrianna Cleveland, *Cantor/Soloist*
David Jennings-Smith, *Cantor/Soloist*
Michael Warren, *Cantor/Soloist*
A/V: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines
Matt Stufft

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YouTube

<http://tiny.cc/elpc-youtube>

and archived at www.ELPC.church

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GOD IS HERE TODAY *(sing 3 times)*

Capo 2: (D) (A7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
 E B7 C#m E7 A

God is here to - day; as cer - tain
 Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el

(A7) (D) (D7) (G)
 B7 E E7 A

as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
 ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo

(A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm) (D/A)
 B7 E B/D# C#m E/B

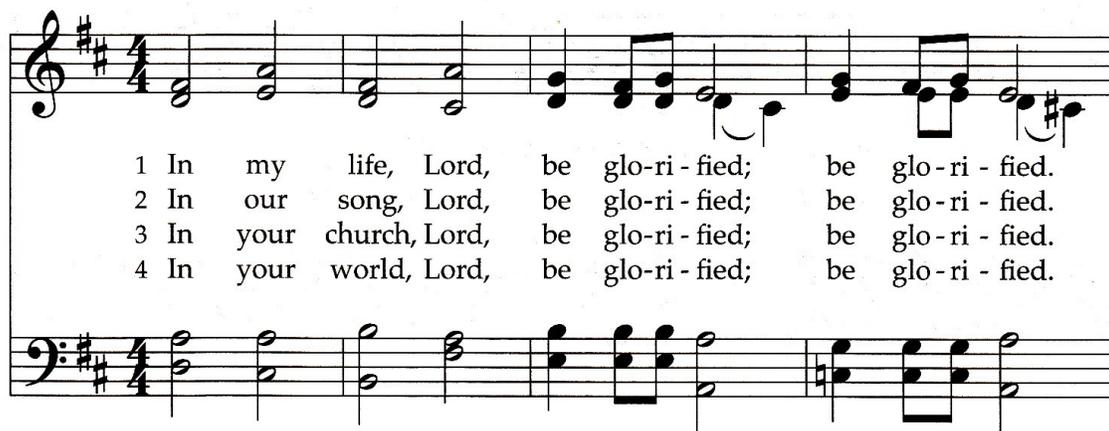
as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
 la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

(G) (A7) (D)
 A B7 E

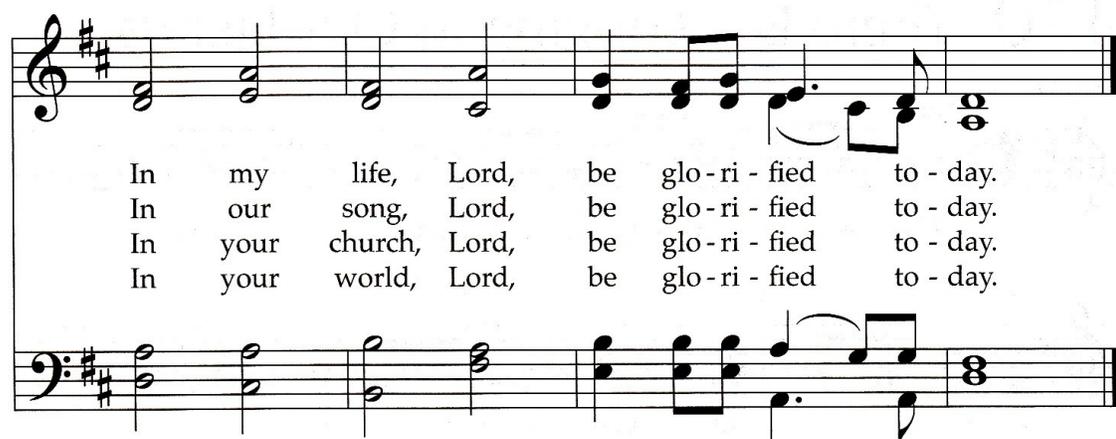
cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
 cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

Though it is popular throughout Latin America, the conditions of this song's creation have remained obscure. It was once thought to have originated in a Mexican jail but is now known to have been written by an Argentinian who has also lived in the United States and Colombia.

IN MY LIFE



1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied; be glo - ri - fied.



In my life, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In our song, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your church, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.
In your world, Lord, be glo-ri - fied to - day.

This praise song can be understood as a sung version of the first part of the answer to the first question of the Westminster Catechism: that a human being's "chief end is to glorify God." Numerous related Scriptures can be cited, including 1 Corinthians 6:20 and 10:31.

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LORD, BE GLORIFIED

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GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 glo - ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22-27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.



DONATION DRIVE-BY EVENT

Today from 1:30-3:30 pm

ELPC's Justice Committee members will be available in the South Highland Ave driveway to collect the following regular-size (not travel or super-size) donations for the Allegheny County Jail:

Shampoo

Body Wash

Soap

Toothpaste

Deodorant

Lotion

Jigsaw Puzzles

E A R T H D A Y E V E N T S **Sunday, April 25**

8:45 and 11 am

Worship Services

12:15 pm

Justice Committee's Environmental Team will host "The Impact of Community Gardens and Urban Farms in Restoring Our Earth, Our Health and Our Communities" on Zoom (Passcode #713012), led by representatives from Black Urban Gardeners, Garfield Community Farm, and Grow Pittsburgh

