





11 am Livestream Worship

Sunday, May 2, 2021

EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA



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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 OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

"Meditation on Brother James' Air"

Harold Darke

OPENING WORDSThe 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

Doug Booth and Susan Wadsworth-Booth

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd;
People: He lays down his life for his sheep.
Leader: Christ knows us and we belong to him;
People: He speaks and we listen for his voice.

Leader: Christ invites us to take in the living water, the bread of life, the cup of salvation.

People: Together let us worship and proclaim our Savior, Christ the Lord!

HYMN #722 (vs. 1, 3, 4) "Lord, Speak to

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

CANONBURY

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart. And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow In kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:11-18

Doug Booth and Susan Wadsworth-Booth

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

Kathryn Ophardt

May 2 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Simple Song (from Mass)"

Gail Novak Mosites Leonard Bernstein

OFFICER INSTALLATION/ORDINATION VIDEO

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 4:5-10, 15-21

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead."

So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. They said, "What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard." After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened.

SERMON "No Good Deed Goes ..." The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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HYMN #516 (vs. 1, 4)

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

KINGDOM

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, For the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward; In the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

— THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Bush

WORDS OF INSTITUTION The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #726 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

KELVINGROVE

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;

Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

"Carillon du Longpont"

Dr. Moore, *organ*Louis Vierne

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Kathryn Ophardt Doug Booth

Susan Wadsworth Booth

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/

Music Director

Gail Novak Mosites, Cantor/Soloist

Michael Painter, Cantor

A/V: Tim Benedict

Wayne Gaines Matt Stufft As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on:

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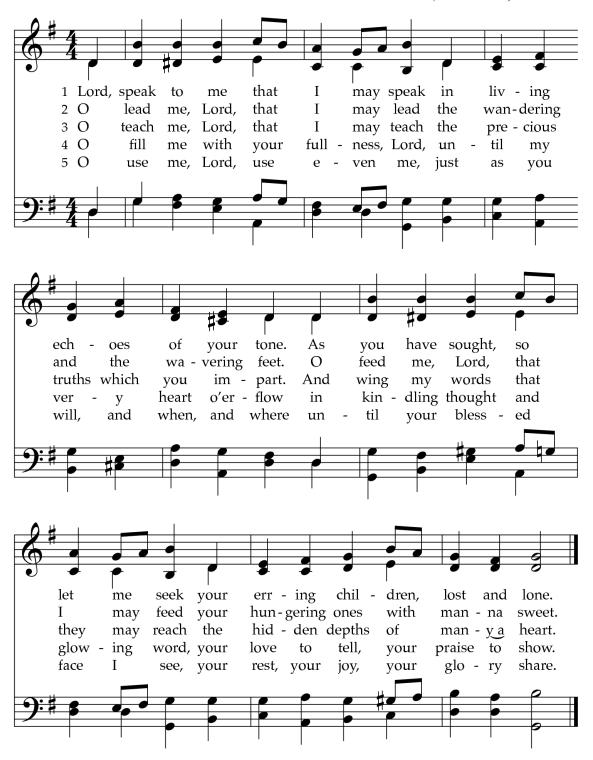
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LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK (vs. 1, 3, 4)



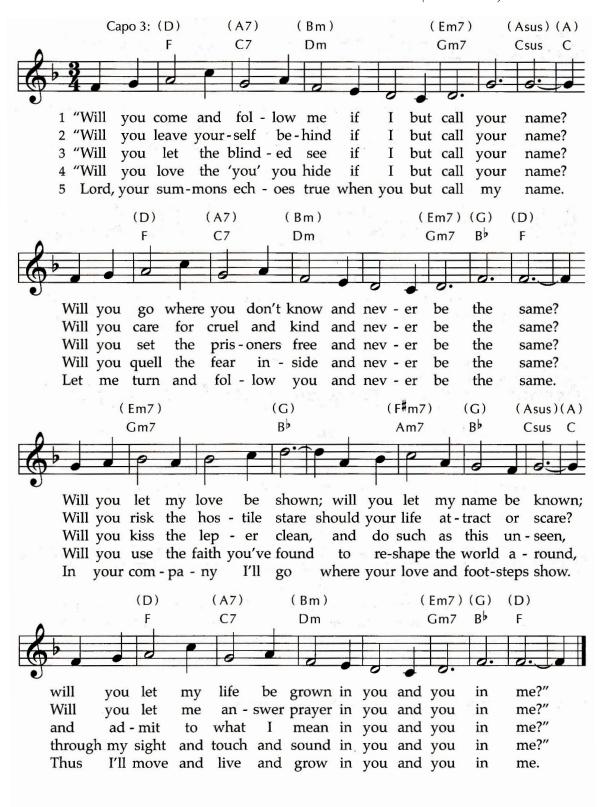
Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN (vs. 1, 4)



The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (vs. 1, 2, 5)



The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.





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