



# 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 16, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

"Prelude in D-flat Major, Op. 19, No. 1"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
John Knowles Paine

### 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

Lydia Delp

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 1)*

Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

Leader: Happy are those who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, but instead have meditated on God's teaching day and night.

People: **They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing good fruit in due season. Everything they do shall prosper.**

Leader: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

People: **Let us find our delight in the law of the Lord, in heeding the call of Christ, and worshiping in Spirit and in truth this day and always. Praise God!**

### HYMN #839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!

O what a foretaste of glory divine!

Heir of salvation, purchase of God,

Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain:* This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *(Refrain)*

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *(Refrain)*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!**

**¡Alabado sea Dios!**

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Praise God!**

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**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 17:6-11

Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**HYMN #775**

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

WALK WITH ME

**I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

The Rev. Dr. Bush

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.

So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

**SERMON**

“Plus One”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

**OFFERING INVITATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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**HYMN #727** (*vs. 1, 3, 4, 6*)

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

**BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**POSTLUDE**

“Postlude in C Major”

Dr. Moore, *organ*

Arthur Foote



**PARTICIPANTS  
IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo  
Lydia Delp

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Todd Farwell, *Cantor*  
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *Cantor*

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Wayne Gaines  
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# I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

The two equal phrases in each line suggest that this African American spiritual shares some characteristics of work or field songs that were used to coordinate the efforts of slaves involved in tasks (road clearing, ditch digging, etc.) that needed combined rhythmic strokes.

# BLESSED ASSURANCE, JESUS IS MINE!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

## Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

#### KOREAN

- 1 예수를 내가 주로 믿어  
성령과 피로써 거듭나니  
이세상에서 내 영혼이  
하늘의 영광 누리도다
- 후렴 이것이 나의 간증이요  
이것이 나의 찬송일세  
나사는 동안 끊임없이  
예수 내 구주 찬송하리
- 2 온전히 주께 맡긴 내 영  
온전한 기쁨을 누리면서  
자비와 사랑 속삭이는  
하늘의 천사 보리로다 후렴
- 3 예수께 맡긴 나의 영혼  
주안에 복되고 평안하니  
세상도 없고 나도 없고  
사랑의 주만 보이도다 후렴



# WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT (vs. 1, 3, 4, 6)

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

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THE SERVANT SONG

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