



# *Sanctuary Worship*

**Sunday, June 6, 2021 - 11 am**



**East Liberty**  
**Presbyterian Church**

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# 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)*

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 6, 2021 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Hal Hopson

“Processional of Joy”

“O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde gross, BWV 622”

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The Bach chorale is played in memory of Dr. Don O. Franklin (1938-2021), Professor, Emeritus at Pitt and Bach scholar, who died this past week.*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

John and Whitney Solvay

Leader: With God, there is forgiveness.

People: **With God, there is steadfast love.**

Leader: With God, there is a promise of redemption given by the One who will never let us go.

People: **This is why we gather for worship and are fed at the Lord's table. This is our hope and our greatest joy. May God be praised!**

### \* HYMN #611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;

Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.

Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.

Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

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**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

Kathryn Ophardt

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**\* HYMN #36**

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

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**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.**

**For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,**

**Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.**

**In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,**

**In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,**

**Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 3:8-13, 20-21

The Rev. Dr. Bush

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

**SERMON**

"One Step Back, Two Steps Forward"

The Rev. Dr. Bush



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**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The creeds of the church reflect a particular stance within the living history of God's people. They are not to be barriers that separate us, but words that strengthen the life and witness of the whole community of believers.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*Ecumenical Apostles' Creed*)**

**OFFERING INVITATION & PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS**

Kathryn Ophardt

*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](http://www.ELPC.church/donate) if you would like to make a contribution, or leave your donation in the collection box in the Sanctuary.*



— THE LORD'S SUPPER —

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Rev. Woodworth

**HYMN #525 (*remain seated*)**

**"Let Us Break Bread Together"**

**LET US BREAK BREAD**

**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*)**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush, The Rev. Schoenewolf

**SHARING THE BREAD & CUP**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

For the gift of this meal and the sustenance it provides, we thank you, God. For the steps you take toward us and the loving mercy you extend each and every day, we thank you, Lord Christ. For the grace that calms our troubled souls and inspires us to live faithfully now and always, we thank you, Holy Spirit. Accept our prayer this day in Christ's name. Amen.

\* **HYMN #819**

"Be Still, My Soul"

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Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide, who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.  
Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake to guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.  
Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

\* **BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

**POSTLUDE**

"Rigaudon"

Dr. Moore, *organ*  
André Campra



## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preaching:** The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

**Liturgists:** The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
Kathryn Ophardt  
John and Whitney Solvay

**Musicians:** Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
Todd Farwell, *Cantor*  
Robin Schneider, *Cantor*

**Communion  
Presenters:** Josh and Polly Mattila

**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 also being livestreamed on:

### Facebook

[www.facebook.com/EastLibertyPresbyterian](http://www.facebook.com/EastLibertyPresbyterian)

### YouTube

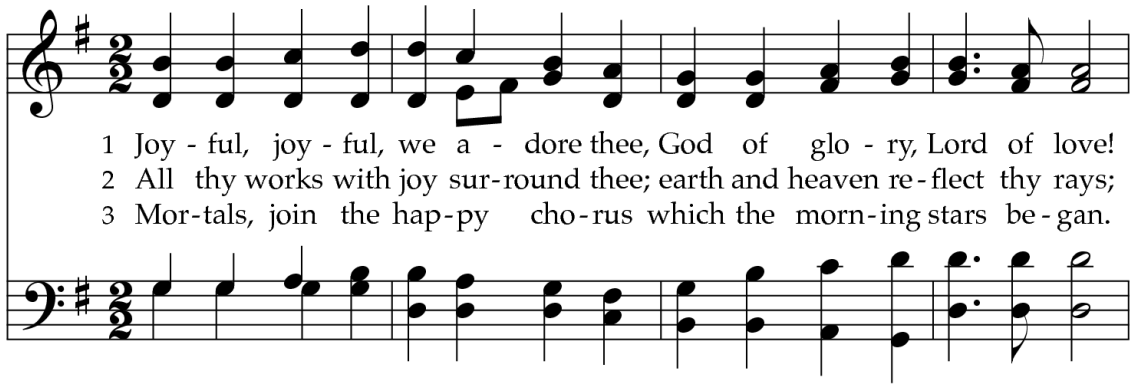
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and archived at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)

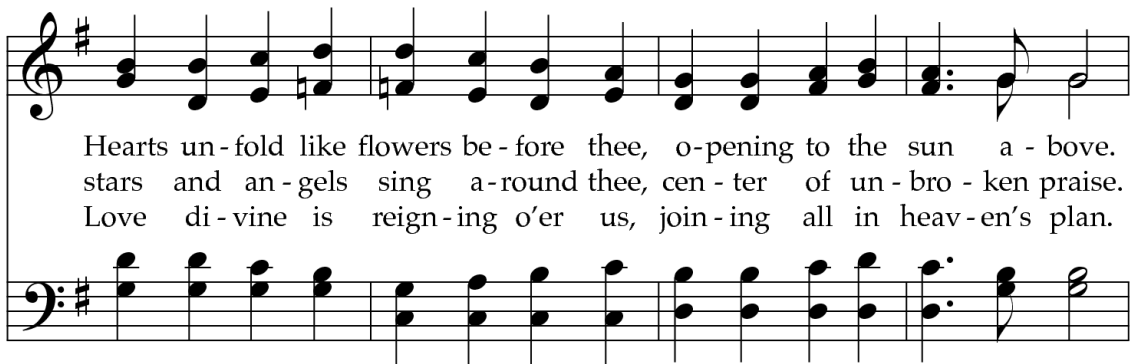
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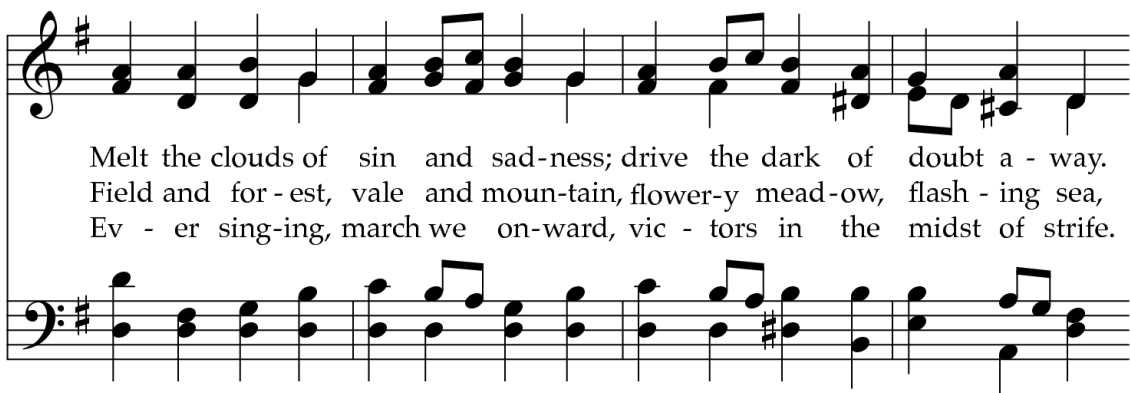
## JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE



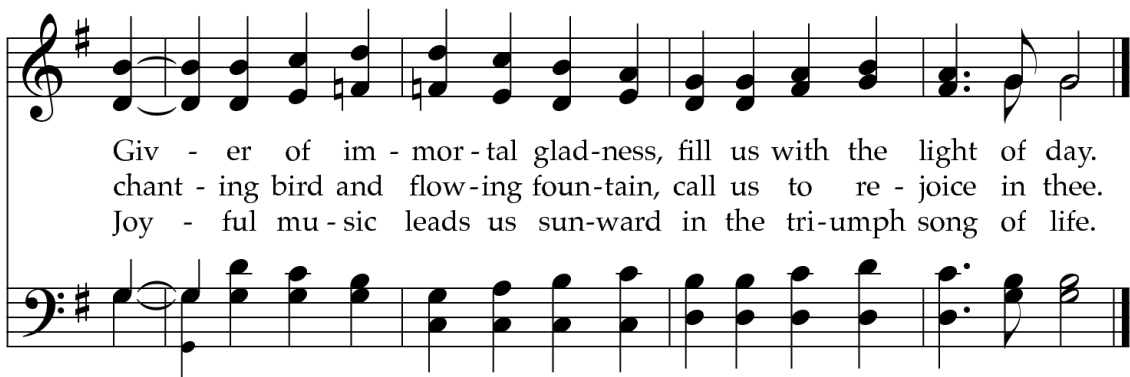
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;  
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pen-ing to the sun a-bove.  
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



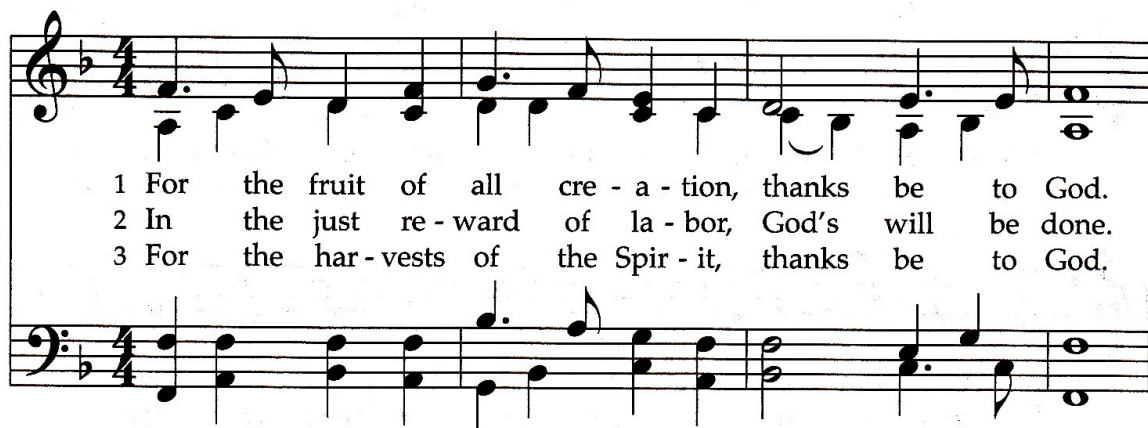
Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.  
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.  
Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

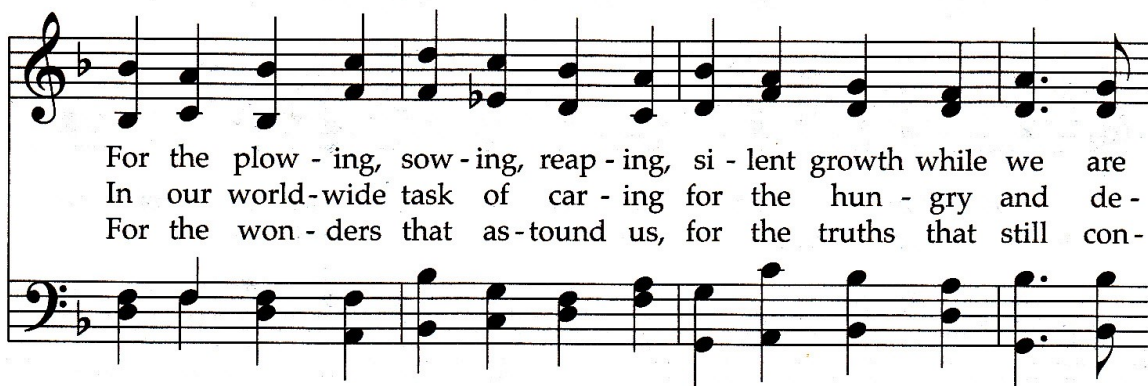
## FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION



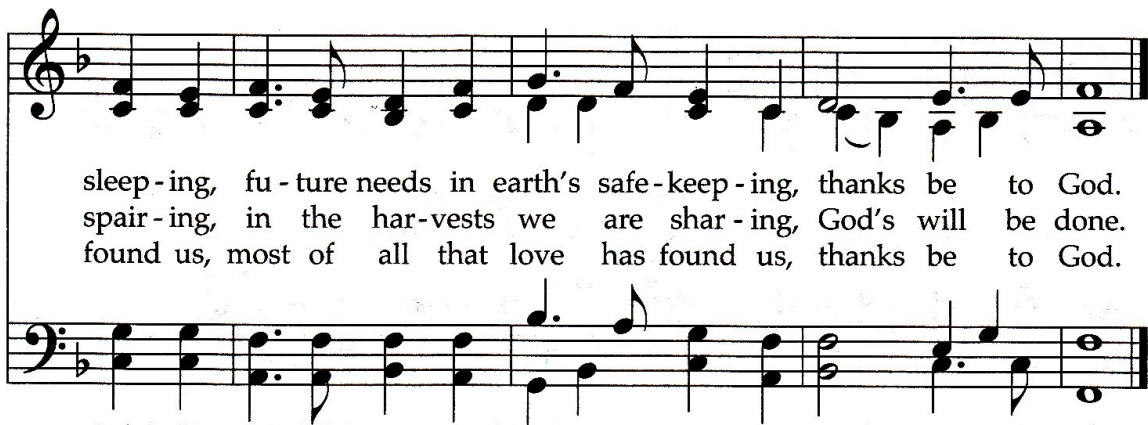
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

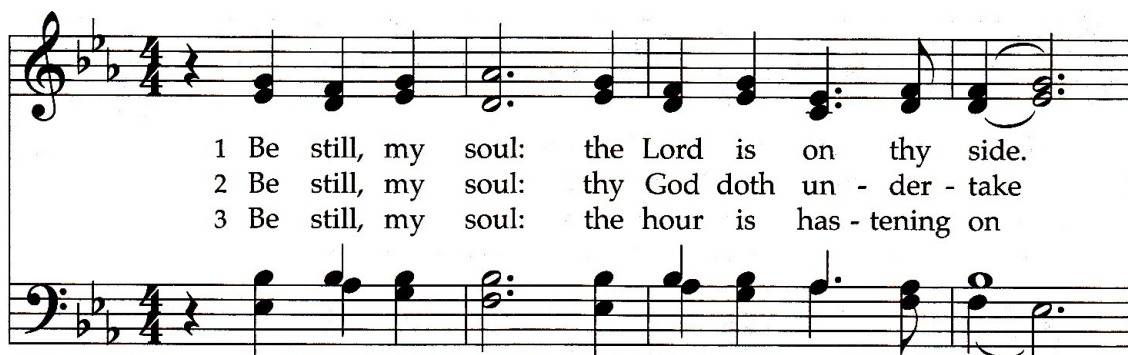


sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

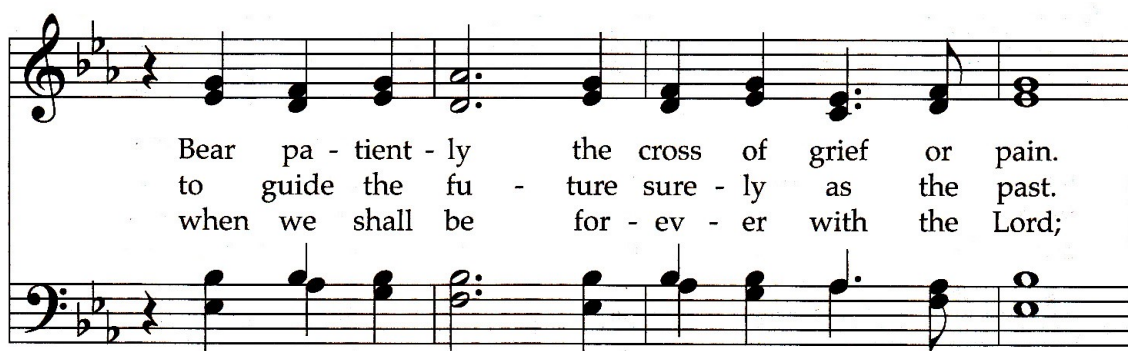
Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."



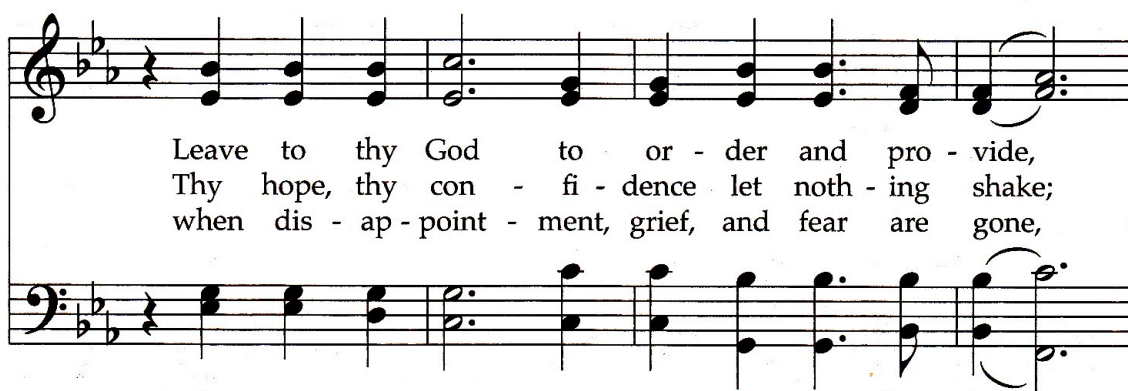
## BE STILL MY SOUL



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.



Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

# 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.

# WELCOME!

ELPC is very excited each of you is here so we can worship together!

If you need assistance during today's worship service, please see an usher.

They are:

**Carla Depperman**, Usher Captain  
**Andrea DeVries**  
**Eric Logan**  
**Kathy Logan**  
**Jan Herzer**

East Liberty Presbyterian Church (ELPC) seeks to be a place radical hospitality for all God's people. During this time of pandemic, the manner in which hospitality is lived out continues to change. While directives about mask-wearing vary from place to place, we seek to be a community where all people, especially the most vulnerable, can be safely welcomed. While we are encouraged by increasing rates of vaccination in our area, there are still many members of our community who cannot be vaccinated (due to age and or compromised immune system). As such, **we continue to require everyone over 2 years old (and without a prohibitive health condition) who enters ELPC or participates in ELPC sponsored programming to wear a mask, both indoors and outdoors, regardless of vaccination status.** We look forward to a time when these measures are not necessary. The Session and staff of ELPC will continue to monitor CDC, state and local public health guidelines, vaccination rates and availability, and rates of community transmission of the COVID-19 virus, and will adjust our policy accordingly.

*Thank you for your continued patience and partnership as we move ahead in these uncharted waters and continue to strive to be a faith community that is inclusive of all.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

### Contemplative Activism Retreat with Cole Arthur Riley Friday, June 11 to Saturday, June 12

We are excited to bring in Cole Arthur Riley to lead a retreat on Contemplative Activism over the weekend of June



11-12. Join us as we learn how to adopt spiritual practices that suspend between the contemplative and pursuit of justice. In our activism, spiritual contemplation can feel more like a precursor to the work of justice, instead of a core part of it. Together, we will explore the gift of a contemplative spirituality that is marked by liberating habits of storytelling, emotion, and embodiment.

The cost is **\$50** (scholarships are available). Please register online by **Friday, June 4** at <http://tiny.cc/contemplative-activism>. Like our previous online retreats, we will gather via Zoom at scheduled times. Cole will speak and guide us in prayer, a reflection, and an embodied activity during each of these sessions, as well as give suggestions and prompts for our own solitude and contemplation in between each session.



### French Feast – ENCORE

ELPC's *Cathedral Concerts* series will present *French Feast – ENCORE* on **Friday, June 11 at 7 pm**. The special online performance will feature music from the 2019 *Cathedral Concert* with The Brass Roots, organist Dr. Ed Moore, and conductor Dr. Stephen Gage. The concert will be broadcast on YouTube and Facebook.

### PW Summer Gathering

*June 15 from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm*

Presbyterian Women invites all women to gather on Zoom to spend an hour listening, sharing, and praying. Bring your lunch! For info, email [PW.ELPC@gmail.com](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).

### YAM Camping Trip

*June 25-27*

Join seasoned and first-time campers for fun and fellowship at Raccoon Creek State Park. Registration and a fee of \$20 is required (scholarships are available). Contact Kelli Booher ([KelliB@coh.net](mailto:KelliB@coh.net)) if interested.





## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

begins next Sunday, June 13

We begin our Summer Worship Schedule next week and will have one Sunday worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary.

Beginning June 27 (Youth Sunday), we will hold our summer worship service at 10 am in the Courtyard (weather permitting).

Visit [ELPC.church](http://ELPC.church) for updates on capacity limits for worship services.

### Summer Kids' Ministry beginning Sunday, June 27

Throughout summer, we will explore the theme of *Sanctuary—God is Always With Us* during monthly minisessions of Vacation Church School. On Sunday, June 27 from 2:30–5 pm, families with kids in preschool through grade 5 (completed) are invited to join us in Highland Park for worship, recreation, crafts, and prayer as we explore God's promises in the beautiful prayer of Psalm 23. Together, we will examine how God's promises come to life using images of things found in nature: sheep, green pastures, water, and shadows. Through fun and fellowship, we will remember the good news that God is with us always, wherever we are!

*Notes: Pre-registration is required. Kids will remain with their parent/caregiver throughout the event, and COVID protocols will be in place.*

Families and Teen & Adult Volunteers can register online.

**Continues on ... Wed, July 14 at ELPC  
and Sunday, Aug 22 at Highland Park**



**Sanctuary:**  
God is always with us

### Kiss the Ground Viewing and Discussion

What do climate stability, healthy eating, and beautiful landscapes have in common? They all depend on soil quality. Whether or not you've thought about what's underfoot, the documentary *Kiss the Ground* will give you a new appreciation for how critical it is to our health and well-being—and our planet's future.



Join the Environmental Team following the 10 am Sanctuary worship service on **Sunday, June 13** for an online viewing of *Kiss the Ground* (45 minutes), as well as a conversation moderated by Stefani Danes.

The film examines a revolutionary group of activists, scientists, farmers, and politicians who are leading a global movement of "Regenerative Agriculture." We'll see how dust bowls become Gardens of Eden, as well as other great examples of the ways we can balance our climate, replenish our vast water supplies, and feed the world.

Join us via Zoom at [tiny.cc/kiss-the-ground](https://tiny.cc/kiss-the-ground) or by calling 646.558.8656. Meeting ID 822 2738 0701; Passcode 558594.