



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)

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 15, 2021 — 10 AM SUMMER WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN #37

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

HYMN #406 (sing 3x; on back pg)

"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"

HOLY GROUND

HYMN #408

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Diane Flaherty

Leader: I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me.

People: **Incline your ear to me and hear my prayers and supplications.**

Leader: Show me your unfailing loving-kindness; protect me beneath the shadow of your wings.

People: **For though the wicked surround me and have closed their hearts to pity, you are my rock and my redeemer.**

Leader: Together let us worship our God in spirit, in truth, and in joy!

* HYMN #645 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
To God all praise and glory!



* Indicates where to please rise in body or spirit.

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful children. We have not lived by your law; we have remained silent in the face of evil; we have not spoken the truth or pursued the ways of peace. You offer your holy wisdom to us, but we have rejected your gift and failed to walk in the ways of the righteous. Forgive us our sin, O God. Lead us to sincere repentance through Jesus Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!

HYMN #770 (*vs. 1, 3, 4; remain seated*)

WELCOME TABLE

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table; I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table; I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome; here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome; here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Esther 2:5-10, 16-23

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Now there was a Jew in the citadel of Susa whose name was Mordecai son of Jair son of Shimei son of Kish, a Benjaminite. 6 Kish had been carried away from Jerusalem among the captives carried away with King Jeconiah of Judah, whom King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had carried away. 7 Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is Esther, his cousin, for she had neither father nor mother; the girl was fair and beautiful, and when her father and her mother died, Mordecai adopted her as his own daughter. 8 So when the king's order and his edict were proclaimed, and when many young women were gathered in the citadel of Susa in custody of Hegai, Esther also was taken into the king's palace and put in custody of Hegai, who had charge of the women. 9 The girl pleased him and won his favor, and he quickly provided her with her cosmetic treatments and her portion of food, and with seven chosen maids from the king's palace, and advanced her and her maids to the best place in the harem. 10 Esther did not reveal her people or kindred, for Mordecai had charged her not to tell.

When Esther was taken to King Ahasuerus in his royal palace in the tenth month, which is the month of Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign, 17 the king loved Esther more than all the other women; of all the virgins she won his favor and devotion, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti. 18 Then the king gave a great banquet to all his officials and ministers—"Esther's banquet." He also granted a holiday to the provinces, and gave gifts with royal liberality.

19 When the virgins were being gathered together, Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate. 20 Now Esther had not revealed her kindred or her people, as Mordecai had charged her; for Esther obeyed Mordecai just as when she was brought up by him. 21 In those days, while Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, Bigthan and Teresh, two of the king's eunuchs, who guarded the threshold, became angry and conspired to assassinate King Ahasuerus. 22 But the matter came to the knowledge of Mordecai, and he told it to Queen Esther, and Esther told the king in the name of Mordecai. 23 When the affair was investigated and found to be so, both the men were hanged on the gallows. It was recorded in the book of the annals in the presence of the king.

* *Indicates where to please rise in body or spirit.*

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Schoenewolf

* HYMN #750

“Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil”

GOODNESS IS STRONGER

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.
Victory is ours; victory is ours through God who loves us.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-12

The Rev. Dr. Bush

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SERMON

“A Tale of Three Banquets – Esther part 2”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Kathryn Ophardt

OFFERING INVITATION

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 if you would like to make a contribution, or leave your donation in the collection box in the Courtyard.

ANTHEM

“Praise His Holy Name!”

Keith Hampton

* DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Kathryn Ophardt

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

The Lord be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

Lift up your hearts.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

We lift them up to the Lord.

* *Indicates where to please rise in body or spirit.*

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor
nuestro Dios.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

People: **Es justo dar gracias y
alabanzas a Dios.**

**It is right to give God
thanks and praise.**

Leader: Loving God, with joyful hearts we offer ourselves and our gifts to you. They are found in tithes, offerings, and pledges. They are found in prayers and acts of devotion. They are found in moments of kindness and speaking up for justice. Bless them all by your grace that they be used for the glory of your realm. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

* **CLOSING HYMN #100** (*vs. 1, 2, 3*)

"My Soul Cries Out"

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain: **My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.**

**Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (*Refrain*)**

**From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (*Refrain*)**

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Kathryn Ophardt
Diane Flaherty

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
ELPC Summer Choir

A/V: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

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

YouTube

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

and archived at www.ELPC.church

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contribution, please visit:
www.ELPC.church/donate
or put your donation in the donation
box in the Courtyard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

ELPC's Mask Policy (effective 08.06.21)

We seek to be a place of radical hospitality for all of God's people. 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.

We are encouraged by increasing rates of vaccination in our area, but there are still many members of our community who cannot be vaccinated (due to age and/or compromised immune system).

- ◆ During this recent period of increased Covid-19 cases in Allegheny County, we are requiring masks to be worn while on church property regardless of vaccination status.
- ◆ We will continue our practice of allowing vaccinated preachers/singers/liturgists to not be masked while leading worship services, whether inside or outside.

Thank you for your full observance of these updated policies.

LGBTQ Ministry's Spiritual Gathering

Today at 11:30 am

You are invited to the next spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at 11:30 am as we share food and fellowship at the church. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome. Contact Wil Forrest for more info and/or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

Café Justo Sales Resume

Second Sunday of each month

We're excited to announce that Café Justo will resume sales on the second Sunday of each month. Coffee is \$10 per bag for Robusta, Arabica, 50/50 Arabica/Robusta blend, Decaf Arabica. All varieties are typically available in ground and whole bean. If you are unable to pick up your coffee in person, please contact Ryan Booher (rabooherco@gmail.com) to make alternate arrangements.

Taizé Services in Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 7 pm

Our weekly Taizé prayer service will gather in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays at 7 pm. In-person attendance is welcome, and no pre-registration is necessary.



Garden Stewards Needed

Day and time at your convenience!

We are seeking volunteer *Garden Stewards* to weed independently in the ELPC gardens. Once you sign up online at signupgenius.com/go/9040849ACAD29A0FE3-garden, Megan will contact you. You can come as little or as often as you'd like. Even 30 minutes helps! Contact Megan with any questions (MeganL@coh.net).

Soul Food Summer Classes Conclude

Sunday, Aug 22 at 8:45 am

Join us as we conclude our discussion of *In My Grandmother's House: Black Women, Faith, and the Stories We Inherit* by Yolanda Pierce. We will discuss chapter 12 on Sunday, Aug 22 on Zoom at 8:45 am. For info, contact the Rev. Joe Hajdu (hajdu625@comcast.net).

Summer Kids' Ministry

Sunday, Aug 22 at 2:30 pm

Join for our final summer event. We will explore the theme of Sanctuary as a gift we give to our neighbors. Register online at [ELPC.church](https://www.ELPC.church).

Teen Volunteers Needed

It's not too late to volunteer for the Summer Kids Ministry event on Sunday, Aug 22. After the event, teen volunteers will go swimming at Highland Park until 6 pm. Sign up online or by emailing Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Visit our website for more info at www.ELPC.church

Young Adult Ministry

Friday, Aug 20: Picklesburgh Party, 6:30–8:30 pm

Picklesburgh—voted America's #1 Best Specialty Food Festival in America—is back! We will meet at a specified location downtown and then walk over to the festivities. We will walk through the festival, eat some pickles, and then enjoy a picnic, live music, and each other's company! Feel free to get dressed up, but let's all wear green for fun (and great photo ops). Taking the bus or carpooling is encouraged. Please sign up with Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net).

Saturday, Aug 28: Coal Tubin' in Johnstown, 9 am–7 pm

As summer winds down, let's venture out of Pittsburgh for some relaxing fun. YAMs will enjoy floating down The Stonycreek in inner tubes. We will leave around 9 am, float, eat dinner at a local favorite, and then return to Pittsburgh around 7 pm. The cost is \$15/person (\$20 if you'd like an upgraded inner tube). Scholarships are available. Please bring money for dinner.

Get Ready for Rally Day

Plan to join us on Rally Day Sunday, Sept 12, as we begin a new program year at ELPC. We will resume our two Sunday services, as well as Church School classes for persons of all ages. Club one sixteen will begin later that week, Spiritual Life's meditation and prayer offerings will resume, and our Mission Ministry will launch a robust offering of programming.

As we plan for fall, we will be including both in-person and remote opportunities for learning, service, and fellowship—some of which will be happening concurrently, and some of which will be happening at different times. Registration forms will be available online by the end of August. One form can be completed to register for many of our programs at once!

As we head into a new season of shared ministry together, we will carefully be adapting our traditional protocols to create a safe and inclusive environment. Please check our website for updated information on ELPC's mask policy and safe use guidelines.



THE FINAL IN A SEVEN YEAR SERIES MAY 15-17, 2020

CENTER FOR ACTION AND CONTEMPLATIONS CONSPIRE CONFERENCE

September 24-26, 2021

A VIRTUAL SIMULCAST EVENT AT ELPC

Me / Us / the World Living Inside God's Great Story

Over the weekend of September 24–26, the Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join us in person at ELPC, for a virtual simulcast of the Center for Action and Contemplation's CONSPIRE Conference, *Me/Us/the World: Living Inside God's Great Story*.

In this time of great unknowing, how do we expand our sense of self to include love, healing, and forgiveness—not just for ourselves and those like us, but for the entire world? Join spiritual seekers across the world for an interactive, global gathering to experience God's love, grace, and compassion. Presenters include James Finley, Barbara Holmes, Jacqui Lewis, Brian McLaren, Richard Rohr, and Mirabai Starr.

- Participate in contemplative sats led by Fr. Richard Rohr each morning.
- Connect with other participants around the globe and at ELPC.
- Deepen your experience with presentations, workshops, and book talks.

Learn about opportunities to nourish your path of transformation and live into new ways of thinking and being.

Please join us in-person for free at ELPC! Pastor BJ will stream the conference in the McKelvy Room. You are welcome to join us for any or all of the conference. Please indicate the day(s) you will attend. Lunch will be provided each day.

Our schedule is as follows:

- Friday, September 24 | 10 am–6 pm
- Saturday, September 25 | 10 am–6 pm
- Sunday, September 26 | 12:30 pm–6 pm

Please fill out the registration form by Sunday, September 19 at www.ELPC.church.

Learn more at cac.org/conspire-2021.

Visit our website for more info at www.ELPC.church

#37—LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

G D G Am D

till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

G C G D G

as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

#408—THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you



know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the



sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

#645—SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

(vs. 1, 2, 4)

→ 1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 → 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 → 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

mur-mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo-ry!
cho-sen band:
take your part:

#770—I'M GONNA EAT AT THE WELCOME TABLE

(vs. 1, 3, 4)

→ 1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 → 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 → 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

TEXT: African American spiritual, alt.

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Carl Diton, 1980, alt.
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WELCOME TABLE
 Irregular

#750—GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death.

Vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is ours
Oh, vic - tory is ours; vic - tory is

through God who loves us. us.
ours through God who loves us. us.

Recognizing that this text arose from the years of apartheid in South Africa adds depth and resonance to its already confident language. Yet these words can also be read as a summary of Christ's death and resurrection, the true basis of our hope that good will triumph over evil.

TEXT: Desmond Tutu, c. 1994

MUSIC: John L. Bell, 1996

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GOODNESS IS STRONGER

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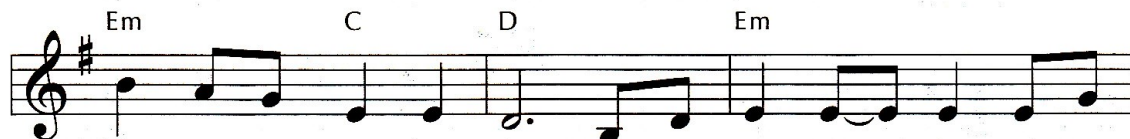
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#100—MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT

(vs. 1, 2, 3)



→ 1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 → 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 → 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer-or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

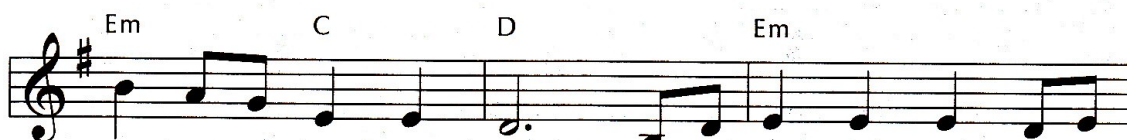


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

#406—WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND

(sing 3x)

G D A D G D Em
 We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
 D G F#m F#m7 B7
 and I know that there are an - gels all a -
 E Gm D A7 D G
 round; let us praise Je - sus
 D Em F#m7 G D G
 now; we are stand - ing in his
 D Em7 D G D
 pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

The phrase "holy ground" resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen's sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:12-17) or Hebrews 12:22.