

## MAY YOUR HOME AND HEART BE A SANCTUARY

In Christ's name we gather in homes in Columbia and beyond to worship God. This day we set our homes apart for Christian worship. As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

*“God is in His Holy temple,  
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

## PRELUDE

*It Is Well With My Soul with Moonlight Sonata*

Arr. Marilyn Hamm

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us be led by the Spirit,

**People: Even if the path to the promised land leads straight through the desert,**

Leader: Through hunger and doubt, through temptation and trials;

**People: Even if we are led where we would rather not go.**

Leader: Yet we will be led by the Spirit...

**All: And end our journey rejoicing in the Lord our God.**

## HYMN OF ADORATION #307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
3. Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.
4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

## \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

## THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our LORD; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, You call us to step out in faith, to place our lives in Your hands, and to wholeheartedly commit to following You. We confess that we find this difficult to do. It is not always easy to follow where You lead—to turn away from our own personal wants and desires, to let go of our safety nets and trust that You will provide for us in all things. Forgive us when we doubt, Lord; increase our faith and generosity of spirit, even in this time of confession...

## SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

## RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Lamb of God*

LAMB OF GOD

Your only son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

During this time you are encouraged to share the peace of Christ by texting, "The peace of Christ be with you" to three people, two Eastminster members and one other person God has put on your heart.

## OFFERTORY

*There Is a Savior*

Sandi Patti

Becky Loar, soprano

Participate in God's work through Eastminster:

Mail contributions to: EPC, 3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29204

Text contributions: Text 18035909901, type "give" and hit send. You will be sent a link to give.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Mark 1:12-15

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<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

"Strengthened by Supper"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## HYMN OF PREPARATION #525

*Let Us Break Bread Together (vs 1)*

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees) let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees) When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord

The Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto The Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

## HYMN OF DEDICATION #216

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST. CHRISTOPHER

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.
2. Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
3. I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

## CHARGE

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Arr. Phillip Keveren

## **WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER**

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this Lord's Day with us, and we hope that in a real and meaningful way you will sense God's presence, power and purpose during this time.

## **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**

*Contact Susie Glenn ([sglenn@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sglenn@eastminsterpres.org) or 256-1654 x123) to learn more and find out about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our on-going ministries.*

**March 29, 2020**

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A WORD ABOUT BEING THE CHURCH** —Please read Brad's letter in this past Thursday's E-news for update on how we're being the church in the age of coronavirus.

**WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER'S ONLINE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE.** Last week roughly 1100 viewers joined us virtually! Please share our website address with friends and family who may not be able to worship physically or virtually at their own churches.

**HOW SHOULD I GET MY PLEDGE TO THE CHURCH WHILE WE ARE** worshipping virtually? You may mail in your pledge, or drop it by the church business office; however, we encourage you to sign up for online giving to avoid having to physically handle currency and mail. Visit [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org). If questions about online giving, please contact Christy Rippy, church treasurer at [crippy@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:crippy@eastminsterpres.org) or at ext. 130.

**SUNDAYS@5 CLASSES UPDATE: "NOTHING MINOR ABOUT IT"** - Go on a tour of the "Minor" Prophets, led by Dr. Douglass Key. Livestream from home by visiting [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) and clicking on the "LIVE FEED" teal button; the class begins at 5 pm, and anyone who is interested may participate. Contact is Janice Blair (ext. 168)

**WE@EPC CLASSES UPDATE: "GOSPEL OF MARK: BETHSAIDA TO JERICHO"** - Dr. Douglass Key will lead us through the last nine chapters of Mark's gospel. Visit [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) and click on the "LIVE FEED" teal button; the class is Wednesdays at 6:15 pm, and anyone who is interested may participate. Contact is Janice Blair (ext. 168)

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS LOOK FOR EMAILS FROM CAROLINE BENNETT** for how-tos for groups who want to meet virtually short-term. If you have questions about your Small Group, contact Caroline Bennett at [cbennett@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:cbennett@eastminsterpres.org).

**TO RECEIVE TEXTS FROM EASTMINSTER, TEXT "EPCTEXT" TO 84576.** This is a way for you to be aware immediately of church closings or unforeseen changes to scheduled events.

**MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:** This week, please keep Harvest Hope in your prayers and mind as they seek to continue to provide food to those in need throughout the Midlands during this challenging time. Prayers, donations, and possibly even your time through volunteering are still needed to support our partner in ministry. Reach out to Susie Glenn for more details ([sglenn@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sglenn@eastminsterpres.org)).

**CHILDREN:** We will have Virtual Chapel for Pre-K Children on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Visit [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) and access the LIVE WORSHIP FEED Button to tune-in. Parents, Look for emails from Croskeys with helpful links for children. Drop-In Nursery questions should go to Croskeys Royall at [croyall@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:croyall@eastminsterpres.org).

**EASTMINSTER DAY SCHOOL** will follow the Richland 1 schedule.