

## 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

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

### CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 91

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**People: will say to the Lord, ‘My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.’**

Leader: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

**People: he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,

**All: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday. Let us worship God!**

### \*HYMN OF ADORATION

*Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!
3. You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

### \*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.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Lily Ann Stallings (11:15 am)

## **BAPTISMAL HYMN**

*Baptized In Water*

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King; heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We try to master your creation but cannot grasp your great design. We want to share the throne of glory but cannot bear the cross of grief. Forgive us, God of grace. Save us from ourselves and give us the humility to trust in you alone, as we now silently acknowledge our shortcomings and transgressions to you...

## **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 #518**

*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.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **OFFICER'S PRAYER**

LeeAnn Harris

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Unison Reading:** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

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Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor

and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,

and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**Scripture Focus:** Mark 10:17-31

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As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall

not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.” ’ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## **SERMON**

“Possessing and Being Possessed”

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

## **\*HYMN OF DEDICATION**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down, your head upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.” I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

## **\*CHARGE**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **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 among us. If you would like for us to connect with you, please leave your contact information in the Friendship Pad when it is passed.

## **INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?**

*Contact Susie Glenn (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.*

## **DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

Lily Ann Stallings, daughter of Bryce and Sarah Stallings, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Elder John Asman will give the baptismal prayer.

March 22, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Mark 14:12-26

"Strengthened by Supper"

**A WORD ABOUT CORONAVIRUS —Prevention!** Please read Brad's letter that went out to all members via email this past Thursday. It outlines the steps we should take to encourage Coronavirus prevention, while still functioning as the body of Christ. If you missed the email, you can access it via Quick Links on our website. Please read the E-news each week for the latest updates.

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

**EPW BIBLE STUDY ON HEBREWS** led by Rev. Lynn Grandsire and Marsha Moseley has been postponed until the fall.

**MS & HS YOUTH:** Youth Groups tonight (5-6:30) Middle School will start with games in the Gym and dinner in Thompson Hall. Pick up in the CLC lot. High School will meet at the CLC (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) See texts from Laura Long with updates on youth activities.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** will rehearse tonight (5-6 pm) but will not have dinner. Email Fredna Lee with questions at [flee@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:flee@eastminsterpres.org). Parents, please see email from Croskeys on 3/12 with updates on Children's activities.

**WE@EPC MEALS WILL CONTINUE FOR NOW WITH FEWER SEATS PER TABLE.**

March 17 Menu: Adults - Corned beef, cabbage & carrots, parsley potatoes & rye bread, Children - Hotdog, French fries, carrots with Ranch & oranges. \$25 family cap. Call 256-1654 or visit Quick Links to make your reservations.

**WE@EPC CLASSES UPDATE:** Contact is Janice Blair (ext. 168) **“GOSPEL OF MARK: BETHSAIDA TO JERICHO”** - Dr. Douglass Key will lead us through the last nine chapters of Mark’s gospel, meeting in the sanctuary with the option to livestream from home. Visit [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) and click on the “LIVE WORSHIP FEED” teal button; the class begins at 6:15 pm and anyone who is interested may participate.

**“TECHNOLOGY & FAMILIES”** is meeting in Thompson Hall to allow for adequate space between attendees. This class is designed to help families find healthy balances in a techno world. Rev. Brian Marsh will lead the class. **DEMENTIA DIALOGUES** led by Rev. Lynn Grandsire has been postponed until the fall.

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS LOOK FOR EMAILS FROM CAROLINE BENNETT** with options for larger meeting rooms and how-tos for groups who want to meet virtually short-term.

**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.

**THE MARCH 23 WILL FOR HOPE EVENT, DINNER AND PROGRAM WITH ROSS SZABO,** has been postponed to a future date in the name of caution as Ross will be traveling from the West Coast. Please look for a SAVE THE DATE announcement.

**MARCH 24 PEP LUNCHEON HAS BEEN POSTPONED.** Please stay tuned as we make future plans this spring.

**THE FLOWER GUILD IS ACCEPTING MEMORIALS & HONORARIA** for Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary. Email Julie McDaniel ([jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:jmcdaniel@eastminsterpres.org)) with the wording for each dedication, and send your check to the church office, made out to EPC (\$20 each). The deadline is Monday, March 30.