

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

*He Giveth More Grace
Hiding in Thee*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 55

Leader: Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!
People: **Fear and trembling come upon me, and horror overwhelms me.**
Leader: But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.
People: **Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and God hears my voice.**
All: **He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage.**

*HYMN OF ADORATION #353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

1. **My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**
2. **When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**
3. **His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**
4. **When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*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

Kelsey Todd Mattox

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.

UNISON PRAYER

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools closed remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

And during this time when we may not be able to physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

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.

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

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.

OFFERTORY

By Your Side

TENTH AVENUE NORTH

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.

***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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: 95:1-7

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Scripture Focus: Mark 14:26-42

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Prayer in Troubled Times”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

***HYMN OF DEDICATION**

Have Thine Own Way Lord

ADELAIDE

- 1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me after thy will, While I am waiting, yielded and still.**
- 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in thy presence humbly I bow.**
- 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.**

***CHARGE and 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.

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

Kelsey Todd Mattox, daughter of Berry and Ginny Mattox, will receive the sacrament of baptism during the 11:15 am worship service. Deacon Gabriel DiBiase will give the baptismal prayer.

April 5, 2020

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week, please keep **The Cooperative Ministry** in your prayers. They provide emergency funding and tax assistance to those who find themselves in a difficult situation. Right now, they are in need of food for their emergency pantry and volunteers to help answer the phone. Reach out to Susie Glenn for more details (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

SUNDAYS@5 CLASSES UPDATE: “NOTHING MINOR ABOUT IT” - Go on a tour of the “Minor” Prophets, led by Dr. Douglass Key. Visit 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.

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 and click on the “LIVE WORSHIP FEED” teal button; the class begins at 6:15 pm and anyone who is interested may participate.

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 FLOWER GUILD IS ACCEPTING MEMORIALS & HONORARIA for Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary. Email Julie McDaniel (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.

MISSING WE@EPC MEALS? Eastminster will have a to-go dinner on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The costs are the same: \$3 per child (3-8), \$6 per adult (9+) with a \$25 family cap. Please register and pay ahead of time through the EPC website, so we know how many dinners to make. In an effort to decrease the spread of germs, we will not be accepting payment in person. If you are not able to pay via credit card online, please mail in your payment.

MENU Tuesday, March 31; Parmesan crusted tilapia, saffron rice, steamed broccolini, Caesar salad, and roll. Thursday, April 2: Pork tenderloin with mushroom Brie sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetable blend, tomato and cucumber salad, roll.