

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

O Worship the King

arr. Gary Lanier

Fran Sullivan, piano & Mariah Tighe, flute

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Worship resource by Carol Penner)

Leader: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

People: The road between fear and hope, the road between despair and resurrection.

Leader: Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

All: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.

*HYMN OF ADORATION

Come, People of the Risen King

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- 1. Come people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise, Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace! From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in – Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!**
- 2. Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night. Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight; For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease, But follow us through all our days with a certain hope of peace –Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice, O Church of Christ, rejoice!**

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PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #469

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND RESURRECTION GREETINGS

During this time you are encouraged to extend the hand of Christ by texting “The peace of Christ be with you,” “Resurrection hope to you and yours,” or another brief greeting to 3-4 people, Eastminster members or beyond.

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 AND TIME OF OFFERING

Stay With Us

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world’s true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

based on Luke 24:29

To respond to God’s grace by participating in God’s work through Eastminster, use one of the following options:

1. Mail contributions to: EPC, 3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29204.
2. To set up recurring gifts, register on the members’ portal at <https://members.eastminsterpres.org> then follow prompts for giving.
3. One time gifts: Go to our webpage at <https://eastminsterpres.org/contribute> and select “2020 General Fund” and follow prompts.
4. Give by texting 18035909901, type "give" and hit send. You will be sent a link to give.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Meeting the Master Along the Way”

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

1. **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.**

3. 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.

***CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You

May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face; may the rain fall softly on your field; and until we meet again, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

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.

May 3, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

“O God, Our Refuge”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION DURING THIS TIME — Please read the E-news each week for the latest news from EPC. Also, to receive the Daily Devotional, a brief devotional written by various EPC members, simply email blewis@eastminsterpres.org and type “add me to DD list.”

THANK YOU TO THE MUSICIANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Fran Sullivan, Mariah Tighe, Augie Gil, Isaiah Hogue, Alexa Ford, Sims Tillirson, Alicia Renney, Hannah Lea, Macie Eighmey, Kate Tesla, Rusty Sox, Tyler Eighmey, Roddey Smith, David Nagelkirk, and Josh Evanovich

TODAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY. Please drop off your peanut butter donations in the bins under the CLC portico through next Friday, May 1. Harvest Hope is in great need of resources right now, so your contributions will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting our community through this church-wide drive. Contact Susie Glenn with questions (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

EASTMINSTERPRES.ORG RESOURCES: VISIT OUR NEW HUMOR CHANNEL!

Simply click on the Quick Link in the lower right corner to find videos, memes, etc., all in the name

of good clean fun. Have a funny to share? Contact Susie Glenn (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org) to submit a little humor.

MORE EASTMINSTERPRES.ORG RESOURCES: Click on Virtual Resources to find new Fitness videos as well as channels for: Bible Study; Calming & Coping; Children's Chapels; Devotionals and Story Time for Children.

MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES are happening all week on various days/times and a great way to reconnect - Please text Laura Long (803) 530.6731 to get on a distribution list!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SEE GROUP ME TEXT FROM LAURA LONG and send us a short video. Just include your name, high school and future plans, if known. We also need three photos at varying ages of our seniors. Contact Janice Blair (jblair@eastminsterpres.org) with questions

SUNDAYS@5 CLASS TONIGHT! "NOTHING MINOR ABOUT IT." This tour of the "Minor" Prophets (six remaining) is led by Dr. Douglass Key. Join via LIVE FEED today at 5 pm to learn about Nahum.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week, please keep Transitions in your prayers. Transitions helps those who are experiencing homelessness by providing a place to stay as well as employment opportunities. Transitions is one of the Columbia shelters that is taking new clients during this time. If you would like to help out, reach out to Susie Glenn for more details (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

ACCESS EASTMINSTER'S VIRTUAL CALENDAR ON THE HOMEPAGE. You will see online activities for mind, body, and soul for all ages. If you miss a day, you can access previous recordings via the VIRTUAL RESOURCES button. Let us know what you'd like to see more of, or if you have a suggestion for something new. Contact Janice Blair at jblair@eastminsterpres.org.

MISSING WE@EPC MEALS? Eastminster has to-go dinners on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Pick up a meal for a neighbor. The costs are the same: \$3 per child (0-8), \$6 per adult (9+) with a \$25 family cap. *You must register through the EPC website's Quick Links by noon on Tues/Thurs. In an effort to decrease the spread of germs, we will not be accepting payment in person. If you are not able to pay online via PayPal, please mail in your payment.*

Tuesday, April 28: Chicken Burrito, Spanish Rice, Fried Squash & Texas Caviar w/Chips

Thursday, April 30: Panko Baked Pork Cutlets, German Potato Salad & Red Cabbage w/Roll

VBS 2020 REGISTRATION IS OPEN! The dates are June 15-18 (Rising 1st—6th) and you can now register via Quick Links on the website.

SHARE PHOTOS OF YOUR VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION WITH EPC! Just send images to Blythe Lewis at blewis@eastminsterpres.org.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT SUMMER MISSION TRIPS, please contact Susie Glenn at sglenn@eastminsterpres.org.