

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

Were You There When He Rose Up from the Grave Arr. for the Haven Quartet by Steve Ragsdale
Josh and Sarah Evanovich

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Spirit has been poured upon all flesh.

People: That Spirit rests upon us like flames of fire.

Leader: That we may be light in the world's darkness.

People: Refreshing us in love and renewing us in strength.

All Let us worship God in joy!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit John Rutter

All join to sing refrain:

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I pray; Oh, ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lynn Grandsire

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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 TIME OF OFFERING

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.

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 AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: John 20:19-23

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Scripture Focus: Psalm 104:24-34; 35b

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Planet’s Proclamation

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #295

Go to the World!

SINE NOMINE

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia, Alleluia.
2. Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace. Go seek God’s presence in each time and space. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*CHARGE and BENEDECTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDECTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Lee Turner

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

All Hail the Power

arr. J. Evanovich

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.

June 7, 2020

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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 THOSE WHO DONATED BLOOD YESTERDAY! Blood banks are constantly in need of donations, but even more with today’s pandemic. You truly helped to “give the gift of life.” Special thanks to the CLC Ministry Team and Emmet Hough, CLC Director

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PEANUT BUTTER DONATIONS. This is our second successful drive for Harvest Hope this spring as we help fight hunger in our community. We will report total pounds donated in Thursday’s E-News.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week, please keep Puerto Rico in your prayers. We had planned to have a group of college and young adults serving there this past week (May 23-30), but unfortunately, the trip was not possible due to island-wide quarantine. Please pray for those we would be serving with as they navigate these times, and pray that we are able to meet them one day! If you would like to help out, reach out to Susie Glenn for more details (sglenn@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 \$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, June 2: Panko Chicken, Yellow Rice, Sweet Potato Casserole, Marinated Green Beans & Rolls
Thursday, June 4: Beef Taco Salad Bowl

THE PEACE SERVICE IS USUALLY THE SECOND SUNDAY of every other month (June 14). We will let you know when we can again safely gather in prayer before God and join in The Lord’s Supper. Should you need to speak with someone on our Congregational Care ministry team, please contact Sarah Beasley (sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org).

JUNE PRAYER CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7. Please visit our website homepage at www.eastminsterpres.org. You will see the prayer card under Quick Links. Please pray for those listed in your quiet time. Contact Sarah Beasley (sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org) to add a member to our list.

DIG INTO THE NEW TESTAMENT THIS SUMMER! If your Small Group or Sunday school class is interested in this study, contact Rev. Brian Marsh (bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org) for a 14-week reading plan and other helpful resources. Make the most of this different summer and dig into the Bible as a group!

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.

ACCESS EASTMINSTER’S VIRTUAL CALENDAR ON THE HOMEPAGE. You will see online activities for mind, body, and soul for all ages. 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.

VBS 2020 INFORMATION IS ON QUICK LINKS! The new proposed dates are July 27-30 (Rising 4K—Rising 6th-graders). Parents, see weekly emails from Croskeys for latest updates on EPC Children’s Ministry and other virtual resources.

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