

## 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

*I'd Rather Have Jesus*

Fran Sullivan and Josh Evanovich

George Beverly Shea/arr. Faye Lopez

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
**People: I will tell of all of your wonderful deeds.**  
Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;  
**People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**  
**All: Let us worship the Lord, our God!**

## \*HYMN OF ADORATION #238

*Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

1. **Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death has won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay. Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.**
2. **Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.**
3. **No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.**

## PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

## RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #254

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

1. **That Easter day with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.**
3. **From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield; O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.**

## \*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.**

### **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,” “The Lord be with you,” 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 “2021 General Fund” and follow prompts.
4. Give by texting 18035909901, type “give” and hit send. You will be sent a link to give.

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

**Unison Reading:** Hosea 14:1-3

**Scripture Focus:** Hosea 14:4-9

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

### **SERMON:**

"Trading Idols for the Ideal"

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION #769**

*For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

1. **For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,  
Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**
5. **For everyone born, a place at the table, to leave without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,  
Refrain: and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!**

### **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**

## COMMUNION HYMN #525

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

LET US BREAK BREAD

1. Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
2. Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
3. Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

## \*HYMN OF DEDICATION #526

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

LINSTEAD

1. **Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!**
2. **Christ is able to make us one; at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!**
3. **Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere! Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

## \*CHARGE and BENEDECTION

## \*RESPONSE TO THE BENEDECTION #832

*Here On Jesus Christ I Will Stand*

KWAKE YESU NASIMAMA

**Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life. Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.**

## 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 Rev. Brian Marsh ([bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:bmarsh@eastminsterpres.org) or 256-1654 x164) 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 9, 2021

Youth Sunday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**TODAY IS COMMUNION SUNDAY.** Join us for the Lord's Supper either in-person or virtually.

**PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR WELCOME CENTERS** and online via Quick Links the first Sunday of each month. Please take one with you today, or download so you can keep fellow members and friends of members in prayer this month. To add a name to the prayer list, contact Sarah Beasley at [sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:sbeasley@eastminsterpres.org).

**SUNDAY PM YOUTH GROUP IS TONIGHT (5-6:30 PM)** for Middle and High School. MS will meet in the Courtyard for games and fellowship. High School will play Identity Crisis. Meet in the Youth Room (CLC 3rd Floor). Look for updates from Bethany and Nick via text.

**TUES/THURS TO-GO MEALS MENUS FOR THIS WEEK.** Please RSVP via Quick Links at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) each Tuesday/Thursday by noon.

May 4: Spaghetti, Fried Eggplant, Mediterranean Salad, Garlic Bread

May 6: Chicken Fajitas(2), Spanish Rice, Mexican Corn, Texas Caviar, Chips

**WEDNESDAY SOAP DISCUSSIONS HAVE RESUMED.** Join us as we journey through the book of Hosea. (See footer of the Daily Devotional for readings.) S.O.A.P. discussions are on Wednesdays, led by Dr. Douglass Key, at noon and 7pm. Email [now@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:now@eastminsterpres.org) to sign up for one of these discussion groups, indicating which time you want.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 9, IS YOUTH SUNDAY INCLUDING BACCALAUREATE.** Seventeen high school seniors will preach at three services: 9 am Sanctuary, 11:15 am Sanctuary (RSVP on website) and 11:15 am on the Field. We will recognize our high school seniors at each service. Don't miss it!

**EPW JOINT CIRCLE MEETING IS MONDAY, MAY 10 AT 10:30 AM.** Circles 1 & 3 meet the second Monday of the month in the Sanctuary or via Live Feed for fellowship, prayer and a brief lesson led by one of our members.

**EPC BLOOD DRIVE IS THURSDAY, MAY 13, FROM 1 TO 6 PM IN THE CLC.** Give the gift of life. Sign up via Quick Links. Just put in EPC's zip code, 29204—Passcode is "Eastminster" Donors will receive a coupon for a meal from Regina's drive-thru. (Just make sure to RSVP Tues/Thurs by noon.) Questions about the blood drive? Contact Emmet Hough at [ehough@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:ehough@eastminsterpres.org).

**WE WILL HAVE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** on Sunday, May 16 at the conclusion of the 11:15 worship service on the Field.

**REGISTER FOR COMPASS MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MISSION OP.** Visit Quick Links to sign up. Middle School (Rising 6th-8th graders) dates are June 16-19. High School (Rising 9th—college freshmen) dates are July 26-31. Look for emails from Bethany and Nick. Registration closes on May 23rd.

**BRIDES AND BABIES ROOM (S-97) IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR USE.** Located near the Choir Room in the sanctuary basement, Brides & Babies has been set apart for parents who may need to change or feed their baby during worship. Changing tables, glider rocking chairs, a privacy screen, and live-streaming of the worship service are available in this room.

**REGISTER FOR VBS, AUGUST 2—5 (RISING 4K—RISING 6TH).** We will enjoy fun, crafts, music, games & more from 9AM to noon Mon-Thurs. Volunteers are especially needed this year! Call Croskeys at ext. 142, to help.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.