



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
July 5, 2020



## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 5, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING

**Prelude**    *"Great is the Lord"*

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

#### **Call to Worship**

Listen.

I have a story to tell -

A story of a God who longed for justice.

A story of a God who pushed back the waters to make dry land.

A story of a God who would not take "no" for an answer when it came to the safety of God's own.

For God's people were suffering.

God's people were crying out.

God's people were shackled and bound by oppression.

So God said to Moses, "Speak."

"Let my people Go."

And Moses spoke -

Over and over again.

Moses stood up for justice,

But over and over again, Pharaoh said no.

Power said no.

The path to justice is never easy, is it?

The path to change is never a straight line, is it?

So like Rosa, who sat on the bus, and Martin who had a dream,

Moses kept trying.

God kept speaking.

Moses kept listening.

Hope kept breathing.

And when power tried to unravel justice,

The people kept dreaming.

God longed for justice.

God *still* longs for justice.

So let us worship God -

For human injustice will never be strong enough to unravel God's dream that all might be free,  
 And all might know love.  
 Let us worship holy God.

**Hymn #52** *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*

1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo - ple go;  
 2 "Thus saith the Lord," bold Mo - ses said, "Let my peo - ple go!  
 3 "No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo - ple go!  
 4 O let us all from bond - age flee; let my peo - ple go!

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo - ple go!  
 If not, I'll smite your first - born dead. Let my peo - ple go!"  
 Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo - ple go!"  
 And let us all in Christ be free: let my peo - ple go!

*Refrain*

Go down, (go down,) Mo - ses, (Mo - ses,) way down in E - gypt's

land; tell old Pha - raoh: let my peo - ple go!

**Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

*God you have asked us to be like Moses -  
Standing up for your people, standing up to justice.  
But too often we are like Pharaoh -  
Holding onto power, or holding onto privilege.*

*God, you ask us to be like Aaron -  
Who stood by his brother to unravel systems of oppression.  
But too often we align with Pharaoh -  
Saying "no" to change and unraveling your vision for justice and peace.*

*Forgive us for all the ways we stand on the wrong side of history.  
Forgive us for the harm we do to your planet,  
and for the harm we do to your children.*

*Help us be like Moses.  
Forgive us when we're like Pharaoh.  
Amen.*

## **Silent Confession**

## **Declaration of God's Grace**

## **Passing of the Peace**

*Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."*

## **Graduation Liturgy**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

## **Children's Message**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Exodus 5:1-2; 7:8-23

**Sermon** "Unraveled: Pharaoh Hardens His Heart"

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Hymn** *Pharaoh Was a Brutal Tyrant*

## A Hymn Inspired by Exodus 7:8-23

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: JEFFERSON

Meter: 8.7.8.7 D

Music: Alexander Johnson's Tennessee Harmony, 1818

Voice

1. Pha-raoh was a bru-tal ty-rant, caught up in his  
2. Mo-ses joined his bro-ther, Aa-ron, to de-li-ver  
3. Pha-raoh laughed at God's com-mand-ment, he re-fused to  
4. We have Pha-raohs all a-round us; may-be we are  
thirst-y greed. Long the Is-rael-ites had suff-ered  
God's de-mand. They were sent to guide God's peo-ple,  
let them go. When he stood out by the banks, he  
like him, too. May we heed God's call to kind-ness,  
so they cried out to be freed. Pha-raoh wor-shipped  
bring them to the pro-mised land. When God called for  
saw the ri-ver's blood-y flow. Though he could have  
may we see God's grace en-sue. God will turn God's  
high pro-duct-ion, look-ing for the bot-tom line.  
Phar-aoh's act-ion, he ob-ject-ed from the start.  
stopped the ter-ror, end-ing Eg-ypt's hor-rid pain,  
sure at-tent-ion to the place where there's de-spair.  
All his sub-jects did his bid-ding, kneel-ing down be-fore his shrine.  
Pha-raoh failed to fol-low just-ice, call-ous-ing his hard-ened heart.  
Pha-raoh chose to wel-come vio-lence, all to save his wretch-ed reign.  
Let us join in God's sal-va-tion for all peo-ple ev'-ry-where.

### Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

*Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.*

### Communion


*Please have bread and juice, or some other type of liquid, prepared so that we can partake of communion together.*

**Hymn #765**


*May the God of Hope Go With Us*

# May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / *Canto de esperanza*



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en*



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
*cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -*



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
*nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.*



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;  
*O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.*



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.  
*Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.*

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984  
MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

ARGENTINA  
11.11.11 with refrain

## Charge & Benediction

### Postlude "Holy Bible, Book Divine"

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Communion: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill

Liturgists: Lucas Stroble, Sam O'Neill

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Tech Guru: Heather Myer

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