**March 20, 2016 — 11 am Sanctuary Worship**

**Palm and Passion Sunday**

**Time of Preparation**

“To be there before you, Lord, that’s all. To shut the eyes of my body, to shut the eyes of my soul, and be still and silent; to reveal myself to you who are there, revealed to me. To be there before you, the Eternal Presence. Here I am, before you, Lord.”

— Michael Quoist

**Ministry of Music**

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organist

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

J. Wayne Kerr

ELPC Ringers

“Morning Has Broken”

arr. Michael Bedford

**Welcome & Church News**

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

**Sharing God’s Peace**

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: Y también contigo. And also with you.

**Call to Worship**

Gene Harris

Leader: We give thanks to you, O God, for you are good; your steadfast love endures forever!

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give God thanks.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Let us offer our praise through song and prayer in this time of worship.

**Processional Hymns**

#197 (verses 1 and 3) “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

ELLACOMBE

#196 (verses 1, 2 and 3) “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**Call to Confession**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**Prayer of Confession & Intercession**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**Time of Silent Reflection**

**Assurance of God’s Forgiveness**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame. In your righteousness deliver me. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. (Psalm 31:1-2)

Ah, Holy Jesus is sung to the tune HERZLIEBSTER JESU, composed by Johann Crüger (1598-1662). Six of Crüger's tunes are included in our Glory to God hymnal: numbers 218, 407, 514, 643, 681, 830.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Luke 19:36-40
Psalm 31:9-16

Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain.

Refrain

In - to your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.

Marva Harris
setting by Robert Buckley Farlee
Dr. Moore, cantor

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Our Extended Session program is provided for infants and toddlers up to age 3 in the first floor Nursery and pre-school age through grade 1 in Room 151.

OFFERING INVITATION

We offer our gifts in response to God's love, and the grace of Jesus Christ, which we seek to make known through the ministries of this congregation.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Ah, Holy Jesus"
arr. John Ferguson

The text can be found at #218 in the Glory to God hymnal.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Leader: El Señor está con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.
Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.
People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.
Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.
People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.
Leader: Lord Jesus, we profess that the stone the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. You have erected a house of hope from the rubble of our lives. May these gifts and offerings continue to build upon your sure foundation, furthering your kingdom work in this world you have made and redeemed. In Christ's name we pray.

People: Amén.

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INTRODUCTION TO THEME
The Rev. Dr. Bush

PASSION SUNDAY READINGS (remain seated for hymns)

READING 1
The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #216
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”
St. Christopher

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me; and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess: the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

READING 2
Luke 22:54-65
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

HYMN #214
“You Are My Refuge” (verses 1 and 2)
MORNING SONG

You are my refuge, faithful God; you shelter me from shame.

I put my spirit in your hands and call upon your name.

Deliver me from hidden snares, from sorrow, pain and strife.

When troubles seem to smother me, take heed, and save my life!

READING 3
The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #209
“My Song is Love Unknown” (verses 1, 2 and 3)
LOVE UNKNOWN

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from heaven’s throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not its Savior know. But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we stew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas to our King. Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

READING 4
Luke 23:44-56
The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #209
“My Song is Love Unknown” (verses 4 and 5)
LOVE UNKNOWN

Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay. Yet steadfast he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

* CHARGE & BENEEDICTION
The Rev. Dr. Bush

There is no organ postlude this morning.
The service ends with the Charge & Benediction.
You are invited to leave the sanctuary in quiet reflection.
Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Gene and Marva Harris
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Acolytes: Evyn and Sloane Dowd
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Ian Bush
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome!

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x18).

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to purchase flowers for our Sanctuary worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please call Norma (412.441.3800 x11). The cost is $100 a Sunday.

♦ WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY

Please see a complete listing of our Holy Week worship services in today’s bulletin announcements.

8:45 am...............Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall. March 27 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am.............Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir. Special music prior to the service begins at 10:45 am. March 27 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the Moments with the Children during the 11 am Sanctuary service, a children’s ministry is offered with songs, Bible or mission stories, prayer, sharing and creative activities. A simple snack is served.

In an effort to best know and care for your child, we ask that all families fill out a green Extended Session “Ticket” and that your child bring it with him/ her to Extended Session every week.
* Young Children’s Ministry for infants and toddlers (up to age 3) — First Floor Nursery. Every Sunday.
* Preschool age children (through grade 1) — Room 151.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 7 am to 1 pm
Wednesdays, 9 am to 9 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room

(Room 135, in Highland Ave hallway)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC. Open everyday

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to:

Stay after today’s service for our Fellowship Time in the McKelvy Room. Identify yourself as a newcomer, and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have about ELPC.

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the Reaching Out, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Attend an Inquirers’ Class on April 3 and 10 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22) for more information.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
TODAY AT ELPC

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Today the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received. Please see today’s bulletin insert for details about this collection. Thank you for your generosity!

Free Blood Pressure Screenings
Free blood pressure screenings are available after today’s 11 am service in the 1st floor Library. All are welcome!

LGBTQ Ministry Gathering
The LGBTQ Ministry spiritual gathering is today after the 11 am worship service. To learn more about this gathering or the LGBTQ Ministry, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

ELPC Shuttle Pilots Today and Next Sunday
To assist members and visitors with parking, we will be piloting a shuttle service from the parking lot on Beatty St between Eva and Penn directly to the church’s Highland Ave entrance for 30 minutes both before and after today’s 11 am service and on Easter Sunday (March 27). See Henk Bossers to get more info and/or to sign up.

Order Your ELPC Tie Dyed T-shirt
This week is the last chance to order your colorful tie dyed ELPC t-shirts created by the LGBTQ Ministry. The shirts have the church name on the front and this message on the back: God created you. God loves you. Be yourself. Shirts are $10 and will be available in April. Contact Amy Bialek to order one (amyebialek@gmail.com).

Today’s Deacon-On-Duty (DOD)
Journey: Judy Roberts. Sanctuary: Katherine Hackney.

PW T-Shirt Pick-Up
Pick up (and pay) for your ordered PW t-shirts after both of today’s services. Please contact Kelli Booher with questions (kjbooher@gmail.com; 405.501.0711).

Last Chance to Order Easter Tulips!
We are able to honor 15 more donations of Easter tulips. Order forms are available on the informational tables.

Electronic Offerings
If you wish to make a donation to ELPC electronically, you can type in this address – bit.do/elpcdonate – and you’ll be directed to our secure church donation webpage.

Donations Requested: Microwave and Baby Changing Table
ELPC is in need of a large microwave and an additional baby changing table. If you have one of these items to donate, please contact Paul Martin (PaulM@coh.net).

Enneagram Discussion Group — March 22
The monthly Enneagram Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, March 22 from 7-8 pm. Please see the Spiritual Life bulletin board, or contact Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan for additional info (MaryLynn@coh.net).

YAM Event: Maundy Thursday Experience — March 24
The Young Adult Ministry is invited to make a night of it from dinner to worship back to devotional practice and prayer. Not sure what that means? Come find out on Maundy Thursday, March 24 from 6-9 pm in the 2nd floor Parlor. RSVP via the YAM Facebook page or directly to Wil Forrest (wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14).

PW Spring Retreat — April 1 to 2
Please see the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the Highland Ave hallway for brochures and registration forms for the PW Retreat Grace Alive with The Rev. Jane Esterline from April 1 to 2 at Camp Crestfield. For more info, see Kay Shissler, or contact her (412.681.2047; kshissler@juno.com).

Holy Week Services

Labyrinth Prayer Walk
March 21 to 25 │ 9 am-9 pm
March 26 │ 9 am-1 pm
Led by The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Taizé Stations of the Cross
March 23 │ 7 pm
Led by The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Maundy Thursday (communion)
March 24 │ 7 pm
Led by The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Good Friday
March 25 │ 12 Noon and 7 pm
Noon—led by The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
7 pm Tenebrae—led by The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Saturday Vigil (communion)
March 26 │ 7 pm
Led by The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Easter Sunday (communion)
March 27 │ 8:45 and 11 am
Journey—led by The Rev. Schoenewolf
Sanctuary—led by The Rev. Dr. Bush
Special music begins at 10:45 am.

We will not have lilies at any of our worship services to respect those allergic to plant aromas.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Sue Bailey,
Linda Benedict’s parents Tom and Lois,
Carol Chontos (ELPC employee),
Dave and Bobby Egelson’s niece Tina,
Snap George’s niece Rhiannon, Cathie Hajdu,
Peta Harrigan Cole, Jan Herzer’s friend Bob,
Liz Hopkins’ daughter Wendy, Bill Johnson,
Pam Kimmel’s brother Paul,
Deborah Marx’s friends Monica and Chris,
Eric McCarty’s friend, Cami Needle,
Janet Pollard’s brother Calvin,
Vivienne Sela’s friend Pam, Matt Stuflit’s mother,
Pat Valoon and her friend Kristen, and Sel Whitaker.

Our condolences to Jan Herzer on her mother’s passing.

Our condolences to Sharon Nicholson on her brother’s passing.

Our condolences to Mark Roth on his mother’s passing.

Congratulations to Abby and Christopher Jones on the birth of their son Walter.

Congratulations to Julie and Jason Karns on the birth of their son Marcus.

A Note of Thanks…Thank you for your prayers, cards and calls! — Peta Harrigan Cole

There are NO Committee Meetings This Week

Youth Event: The Faith We Live — April 3
Youth in grades 9–12 are invited to join us for The Faith We Live: You Don’t Have to be A Minister To Minister event on Sunday, April 3 from 12:30-3:15 pm. We will share lunch and travel to Shadyside Presbyterian Church to be encouraged to imagine our future vocations through our freedom to serve God in many amazing ways. RSVP and a permission slip are required. For questions, contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

World Mission Initiative Conference — April 8 to 9
PW invites you to be their guests at the World Mission Initiative Conference: Recalibrating the Church for the 21st Century from April 8 to 9 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. The keynote speaker is Alan Hirsch, the founding director of Forge Mission Training Network. Register at www.WorldMissionInitiative.org or pick up a registration form on the PW bulletin board. Your registration has been paid for; meals are included.

Donations to EECM
East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) is in need of donations: toothpaste, foot powder and deodorant. Their March food-of-the-month is instant mashed potatoes. Please leave your donations in the basket near the Hospitality Desk.

A Silent Retreat — April 8 to 10
Come away for a time of silence, peace, and restoration at A Silent Retreat from Friday, April 8 to Sunday, April 10 at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. If you have never experienced a silent retreat, give it a try! The Martina Spiritual Renewal Center is located 20 minutes from ELPC. Each retreatant will have a private room with shared bathroom. The cost is $150, which includes accommodations for two nights; dinner Friday night; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday; brunch on Sunday; and a spiritual direction appointment. Scholarship money is available. See the Spiritual Life bulletin board for more info and registration forms.

Maintaining a Healthy Brain — April 10
Join us on Sunday, April 10 after the 11 am service for a discussion on Maintaining a Healthy Brain in Room 234. We will learn how making minor changes to our daily routines—adding meaningful movement activities—can contribute to brain health and make a positive difference. Caterina Rosano, MD, MPH, will share information on the benefits of movement to maintaining brain health; and Jim Eng, PT, DPT, MS, GCS, will share information on what types of movement that are safe and can be easily done by everyone. Refreshments will be served.

ELPC Below Ground Tour — April 10
Join Regis Will following the Sanctuary worship service on Sunday, April 10 for ELPC Below Ground. Wonder at the huge furnaces that heat our building! See the blowers that feed air to the more than 7,000 organ pipes! Gather at the Highland Ave entrance for the 45-minute tour.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?
Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x14). Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2 to learn about other service opportunities.