March 18, 2018 • 11 am Sanctuary Worship
Gifts of Women Sunday / Fifth Sunday in Lent

Time of Preparation
“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.”
— Malala Yousafzai, I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban

Ministry of Music
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
“I Love to Tell the Story” arr. Emma Lou Diemer
“O Waly Waly” arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome & Church News
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* 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
Sharla Yates and Quinn Seif
Leader: Come, like Sister Miriam, leading the Hebrew people out of bondage with tambourines and dance!
People: We come to our God with praise.
Leader: Come, like Sister Martha, running through the dark with courage, proclaiming that Jesus is God!
People: We come to our God with our doubt and our faith.
Leader: Come, like Sister Sojourner, declaring the intrinsic value of all people and striving for equality and justice.
People: We come to our God with our words and our deeds, declaring, too, that we all are created in God’s image.
Leader: Come, like Sister Malala, advocates for children and their nurture, ambassadors for education for girls and boys alike.
People: We come to our God with hope and courage, praying that our witness too might bring justice for all.
Leader: Come, sisters and brothers, as you are, and join in the worship of the One who unites all women, all men, all children.
ALL: Here we are! We raise our voices in unity and celebration! Praise to the one who unites us all!

* Processional Hymn #772 “Live Into Hope”

Distinguished American composer Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927) is a graduate of the Yale and Eastman Schools of Music. She is a professor emeritus of the University of California, Santa Barbara. I Love to Tell the Story is #462 in Glory to God and O Waly Waly is found three times at #202, 302, and 847.

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CALL TO CONFESSION  

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  

Mothering God, we thank you that you have given us a spirit of power and love, yet we confess that we are often filled with a spirit of fear, and instead of having your peace within us there is anxiety and turmoil. Forgive us for our lack of trust, and help us to be more aware of your presence with us.  

(Women’s World Day of Prayer, International Executive Committee, in Women of Prayer)

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #661 (please remain seated; vs. 1 and chorus twice)  

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”  

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  

Chorus: I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free, 

For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. (repeat)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS  

Leader: Jesus Christ has set us free: from our sins, from our brokenness and even from death. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.  

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

OLD TESTAMENT READING  

Psalm 25  

Lora Bethea

LITANY FOR PEACE  

Celebrating Malala Yousafzai  

The Rev. Dr. Bush  

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN  

Children of any age are welcome to come to the steps of the chancel for Moments with our Children. Those who have completed first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.

* HYMN #161 “Woman in the Night”  

NEW DISCIPLES

GOSPEL LESSON  

Matthew 15:21-28  

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON  

“Pathway to Peace: Refusing to be Silenced” The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER  

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Lord’s Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.

MINUTE FOR MISSION  

Presbyterian Women  

Sherry Anderson

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
OFFERING INVITATION
Sherry Anderson

We know that money does not buy love. We know that money does not purchase peace. No matter how much money we save, or give, or spend, there will still be voices who cry out in need. What can we offer, in addition to money, that can take these voices of pain and transform them into shouts of joy? We must give more of ourselves than our pocketbooks allow. We must give of our humility, our hearts, our humanity. As you give your monetary gifts this morning, consider how you can give of yourself to the lives of others.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Create in Me, O God, A Pure Heart”
Johannes Brahms
sung in German and English

Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION
OLD HUNDREDTH

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

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION
The Rev. Callahan
Dawn Morgenstern

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes. The Lord be with you.
People: Y también contigo. And also with you.
Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones. Lift up your hearts.
People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor. We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Demos gracias al Señor. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: God of all things, we give our gifts as a token of what is important to us, and an acknowledgement of what you have given to us. May our tithes and offerings today be just one opportunity for us to enact your mercy and justice. Guide us always into the path of awareness, that we might recognize that what this world needs is more compassion, more justice… more of each of us loving one another in your name.

People: Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #761
“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”
Beecher

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION
The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE “Sing Out Earth and Skies”
Mary Beth Bennett
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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♦ Particpants In Today’s Service

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Sherry Anderson
Lora Bethea, Sara Hackett
Dawn Morgenstern
Lenore Williams
Sharla Yates and Quinn Seif

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Emmy Thompson
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Kiara Rockymore
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Fellowship Time

Please join us for our Fellowship Time after the service in the downstairs Whitfield Lobby. Whether you come for a cup of coffee and to meet some new people, or to take part in the frequent post-service events, you are welcome to take the stairs or elevator down to the Ground Floor and join us! During the remaining weeks of the renovation work, our Fellowship Time will be in the Whitfield Lobby, but we’ll hopefully return back to the first floor by late April.

♦ 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 x111). The cost is $150 a Sunday.

♦ Worship on Palm Sunday

8:45 am........Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall. March 25 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy.

11 am........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service. March 25 — 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.

* Pre-school 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

The Prayer Room will re-open after the first floor renovations are completed. The Sanctuary and Chapel are available for prayer (barring a scheduled event).

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 Whitfield Lobby. 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 22 and 29 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

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
ELPC will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering today and next Sunday. Please see today’s bulletin insert for more info.

Explore “Kirtan”
Ashley O’Hara will lead us as we explore Kirtan, a form of devotion found in the Bhakti tradition of Hinduism. Bhakti Yoga is all about love, service, and surrender to the Divine. Kirtan is mantra meditation that gets you out of your analytical mind and into your heart and the present moment. Experience it today after the 11 am worship service in the Harambe Room (near South Highland Ave entrance). Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)
Today’s Journey service DOD is Tucker Ferda. The Sanctuary service DOD is Henry Petrilli.

PW Registration Table
Presbyterian Women invite you to be their guests at the World Mission Initiative Conference: All God’s Children at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary beginning at 7 pm on Friday, April 13, and 9 am on Saturday, April 14. All women of ELPC are also invited to an overnight retreat at Crestfield Camp from Friday to Saturday, April 6-7. Pick up info or sign-up for these events in the Whitfield Lobby during today’s Fellowship Time.

Purchase an Easter Plant Today!
We invite you to purchase in honor or memory of someone a tulip, hydrangea or daffodil plant that will be used at our Easter worship services. Donation forms are available on the information tables around the church.

Church Events and Announcements
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Young Adult Ministry’s Fishy Road Trip — March 24
Young adults are invited to hit the road together and see the amazing Pymatuning Spillway where ducks walk on fish. Then we just might go out for a yummy fish sandwich. Please see Wil Forrest to get your seat in the van on Saturday, March 24 (leave ELPC at 3 pm; return evening).

“March For Our Lives” with Justice Committee — March 24
There will be marches and vigils across the U.S. on Saturday, March 24 in support of stricter gun control laws. As part of our public witness to justice and peaceful reconciliation, ELPC’s Justice Committee is organizing a group to represent our own faith community in the Pittsburgh March (Noon at the City County Building). If interested, please call, text or email Michele Bossers (412.303.9243; michele2285@gmail.com).

March for Our Lives: PGH to DC — March 24
Hope Academy has chartered a tour bus to join the national March for Our Lives day of action to end gun violence on Saturday, March 24. Leaving from ELPC around 5 am and returning at midnight, 45 high school students and 15 chaperones (college students or parents/guardians) are invited to join them. For more info or to register, visit www.ELPC.church or contact Linda Addlespurger (HopeAcademyArts@gmail.com). This trip is generously supported by The Sherman Evans Fund at The Pittsburgh Foundation.

Tour the Tower, See the View — March 25
Join tour guide Tim VanFleet to climb the heights of our church’s central tower following the 11 am service on Sunday, March 25. Gather at the Highland Ave entrance following worship. Please wear pants and shoes. The tour will take 45–60 minutes and is not ideal for small children.

Holy Week & Easter Services

Taizé Stations of the Cross
March 28 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Maundy Thursday (Communion)
March 29 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Good Friday
March 30 — 12 pm, led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
March 30 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Saturday Easter Vigil (Communion)
March 31 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

Easter Sunday (Communion)
April 1 — 8:45 am, led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
April 1 — 11:00 am, led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush
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As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

John Buckley’s mentee Prince,
Carol Chontos’ father David,
Valire Copeland’s friend McKinley, Gabe D’Abruzzo,
Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea,
Bobby and Dave Egelston’s friend Gary and Bobby’s mother Doris, Mike Hellman’s sister Renee,
Mary Ruth Johnson, Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand,
Gail Noden, Carol Schaef’s brother-in-law Allen,
Elin Starzynski’s mother Judy, and Cami Teacoach’s father Bill.

Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach……. Today, 12:15 pm (Highland Rm)
Officer Training……….. Today, 12:15 pm (Good Samaritan Rm)
Youth & Young Adult............. Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 224)
Peace....................................................... Thursday, 5:30 pm (Rm 250)

Palm Sunday — March 25
Next Sunday, March 25 is Palm Sunday. Eco-palms will be distributed at all worship services.

Join the “Watch Party” — April 3
ELPC co-sponsored the WQED programming regarding the LGBTQ community on Jan 25 and 29. You may have watched them when they aired, but you may also wish to join the “Watch Party” on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm in the Social Hall. We will enjoy popcorn and watch We’ll Meet Again: Coming Out, and then share in conversation. While anyone is welcome, folks from ELPC, Sixth Presbyterian Church and Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community are intentionally invited as we will be sharing a booth as “inclusive Presbyterian churches” this June at PrideFest. To learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (412.260.2554; wil@coh.net). Free to attend, and all are welcome!

Climate Realities Presentation — April 8
Former Vice President Al Gore has been rallying people to address climate change for more than a decade. In 2017, 1400 people were trained by Al Gore in Pittsburgh, and several ELPC members participated. As climate change wreaks more and more havoc around the world, the urgency to address it is growing bigger. What can we as individuals and as a community do? Join us for a Climate Realities Presentation and lunch on Sunday, April 8 from 12:15-2 pm. Contact the Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy for more info (PatriceFS@coh.net).

Healthy Blood Pressure for All — April 11
The Healthy Blood Pressure for All program hosted by the Membership & Outreach Committee will begin at 10 am on April 11. It will include techniques for you to take control of your cardiovascular health. The first 10 registrants will also take part in hands-on cooking classes. Contact Carla Coles (412.661.1363; erlcoles@aol.com).

In our

Community

Dr. Ed Moore Plays at a Compline Service — Today!
Dr. Ed Moore will be playing the prelude and opening hymn at the Compline Service at Heinz Memorial Chapel (South Bellefield Ave, beside the Cathedral of Learning, Oakland) today at 8 pm. More info about the service can be found at: http://pghcompline.com.

Empty Bowls Dinner — Today!
Rodef Shalom (4905 Fifth Ave) will host the Empty Bowls Dinner today to benefit the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Make Breakfast for EECM Residents
Volunteers provide breakfast for the residents of EECM each Sunday. However, the 5th Sunday of the month needs to be filled (April 29, July 29 and/or Dec 30)! If interested in helping provide and/or serve, contact Jan Herzer (412.231.3819). Help with one or all dates!

Movie Screening and Discussion — March 23
GenNow, Rainbow Covenant and Seminarians United for Racial Justice invite you to a special screening of the film Moonlight followed by a conversation at 7 pm on Friday, March 23 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (auditorium in Hicks Chapel).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
March 25 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) — “Psalms and Jesus” led by Carolyn Russ

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Mark 14:1–15:47, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) — “Christ and Culture in America Today” led by Pastor Randy Bush

Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm) — A discussion of The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, Michelle Yamada, and Judy Roberts

YAM (Rm 224) — Young adult-led discussions (topics of their choosing) facilitated by Wil Forrest

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor — Rooms, teachers and curriculum can be found at www.ELPC.church
