TIME OF PREPARATION

“O God, make us willing to do thy will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ. Amen”

– Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., prayer spoken at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL (1958)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

“Les Rameaux (The Palms)” Jean-Baptiste Faure

Join all and sing his name declare, Let every voice resound with acclamation,

Hosanna! Praised be the Lord! Bless him, who cometh to bring us salvation!

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

ELPC Ringers

arr: Bill Ingram

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 (from Mark 11)

Mark and Barbara DeWitt

Leader: Hear once more the story of this day. When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, he said to two of his disciples, “Go into the village ahead of you. There you will find a colt that has never been ridden; unite it and bring it.” They went away and found a colt just as he said.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut. They shouted, “Hosanna! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest!” Then Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

People: With the crowds of old, we too raise up the cry “Hosanna in the highest!”

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

#197 (vs. 1 and 3)  “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”  ELLACOMBE
#196 (vs. 1 and 2)  “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”  VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

HANDBELL ANTHEM  “Triumphal March”  Michael Bedford

CALL TO CONFESSION  The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION  The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #792 (please remain seated; refrain only; sing 3x)  “There Is A Balm in Gilead”  BALSAM IN GILEAD

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS  The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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!”

LITANY FOR PEACE  Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING  Mark and Barbara DeWitt

Psalm 31:1-5, 14-16

Leader:  In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
People:  Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.
Leader:  Be my strong rock, a fortress to keep me safe, for you are my rock and
my refuge; for your name’s sake lead me and guide me.
People:  Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you
are my tower of strength.
Leader:  Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O
faithful God.
People:  As for me, I have said, “You are my God. I have ever trusted in you,
O Lord.”
Leader:  My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and
from those who persecute me.
People:  Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving-kindness save me.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN  The Rev. Schoenewolf

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 #216  “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”  ST. CHRISTOPHER
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

Text in Glory to God hymnal #218

The congregation will join in singing the fifth and final verse as directed.

*Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay you,*
*I do adore you, and will ever pray you,*
*Think on your pity and your love unswerving,*
*Not my deserving.*

**Introduction to Passion Sunday Theme**

“Nine Hours on One Fateful Day”

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Samuel Barber’s (1910-1981) *Adagio for Strings* is based on the second movement of his String Quartet, Op. 11. He completed the arrangement in 1936 and it was first performed in 1938. The organ arrangement was published in 1949 with Barber’s support. In 1967 Barber arranged the piece for chorus, setting the Latin text of the *Agnus Dei* (*Lamb of God*).

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**Passion Sunday Readings**

**Reading 1**

Mark 15:1-15

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**Hymn #209 (vs. 1, 2, 3)**

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Love Unknown

**Reading 2**

Mark 15:16-32

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

**Hymn #209 (vs. 4, 5)**

“My Song is Love Unknown”

Love Unknown

**Reading 3**

Mark 15:33-47

The Rev. Dr. Bush

* Benediction

There is no Postlude today. Our service ends with the Benediction.

**Prayer for Holy Week:**

God of salvation, our Lord entered his passion to raise us to life. In this holiest of weeks, help us to walk the way of the cross, that we may be raised in a resurrection like Christ’s and dwell forever in you, Eternal God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustaining Spirit, Mother of us all. Amen.
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. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Mark and Barbara DeWitt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Oliver Stephany
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

The flowers today are in loving memory of Mrs. Anna Barbara Negley Brick, Miss Georgina G. Negley, Miss Alice Negley and Miss Sarah J. M. Negley.

♦ 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. April 1 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf.

11 am..........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service. April 1 — 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

Tour the Tower, See the View
Join tour guide Tim VanFleet to climb the heights of our church’s central tower today. Gather at the Highland Ave entrance following the 11 am Sanctuary service. The tour will take 45–60 minutes and is not ideal for small children.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering today.

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)
Today’s Journey service DOD is Doug Cooper. The Sanctuary service DOD is Kathy Kiewra.

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 (April 13-14). All women of ELPC are also invited to an overnight retreat at Crestfield Camp (April 6-7). Sign-up for these events in the Whitfield Lobby during today’s Fellowship Time.

DG2! Volunteers Today
A permission slip is required for the 4th-12th graders who are volunteering with DG2! at the African Healing Garden in Larimer. Please meet in the Harambe Room after worship.

The Chapel Market
The Chapel Market is now accepting donations of new and/or gently used spring and summer clothing for women, children and men. There isn’t a high demand for men’s dress clothes, so please limit men’s donations to basic clothing. The Chapel Market is also in need of volunteers the first Thursday evening monthly. To volunteer, contact Linda and Harold Deiss (deisshl@consolidated.net).

No Spiritual Life Offerings During Holy Week
Qi Gong, Mindfulness Meditation and the Science, Religion and Spirituality discussion group will not gather during Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, March 29). Qi Gong and Mindfulness Meditation will resume the following Thursday, April 5, and the Science, Religion and Spirituality discussion group will meet on April 26.

PW Bible Study — April 3 and 9
Join Presbyterian Women on Tuesday, April 3 at 10 am and Monday, April 9 at 7 pm for their bible study In Community with the Household of Faith. Tuesday’s session will be followed by a potluck lunch; bring your own place setting. All are welcome!

Join the “Watch Party” — April 3
ELPC co-sponsored the WQED programming regarding the LGBTQ community on Jan 25 and 29. Join the Watch Party on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm in the Social Hall to view We’ll Meet Again: Coming Out, and then share in conversation. To learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (412.260.2554; wil@coh.net). Free to attend, all welcome!

First Friday @ Games with Friends — April 6
Spend a Friday night playing games with friends at the TRAIL young adult event First Friday @ Games on April 6 at 7 pm at Quaker Meeting House (4836 Ellsworth Ave, 15213). Bring a board game! Contact Wil (Wil@coh.net).

Youth Ministry: Mission Overnight — April 6 to 7
Youth in grades 8–12 who are interested in attending the Sr. High Mission Trip to West Virginia this summer are required to attend the Mission Overnight from April 6-7. We will gather Friday night at 7 pm to learn about mission. On Saturday, we will work with Open Hand Ministries and plan for our upcoming Mission Trip until 7 pm. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info or to register.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Carol Chontos’ father David, Gabe D’Abruzzo, Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea, Bobby and Dave Egelston’s friend Gary and Bobby’s mother Doris, Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy’s brother Christopher, Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand, Joel Minnigh’s brother Wendell, Gail Noden, Sandra Owen’s granddaughter Rachel, Carol Schaefer’s brother-in-law Allen, Erin Starzynski’s mother Judy, Cami Teacoach’s father Bill, Pat Valoon, and Pam Walaski’s mother.

No Committee Meetings during Holy Week

Workday with OHM — April 7
Volunteers of all ages and skills are welcome to rehab houses with Open Hand Ministries on Saturday, April 7 from 9 am-3 pm. For more info, please contact Henry Petrilli (HLP615@gmail.com) or Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com).

Climate Realities Presentation — April 8
Former Vice President Al Gore has been rallying people to address climate change for more than a decade. As climate change wreaks havoc around the world, the urgency to address climate change is growing bigger. What can we as individuals change to avoid catastrophic consequences? Join us for a Climate Realities Presentation and lunch on Sunday, April 8 from 12:15-2 pm. Contact the Pastor Patrice for info (PatriceFS@coh.net).

The Art of Song Cathedral Concert — April 8
Our Cathedral Concerts season will continue on Sunday, April 8 at 3 pm with a performance by singers from the ELPC Music Ministry. Celebrating the interaction of the visual arts with the vocal arts, our talented singers will take us on an international journey through art and song. A freewill offering will be received.

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

If you have something to share, visit the iSERVE/E website at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2, or contact Wil Forrest (wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

Your help is needed with:
♦ Being a member on Church Committees
♦ Volunteer at Vacation Church School
♦ Serve as a New Member Host
♦ Join the WeSERVE List

In Our Community

Rev. Dr. Randy Bush Preaches at St. James — March 30
Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will preach at the St. James AME church on Good Friday, March 30 as part of their 12-3 pm service remembering the Seven Last Words spoken by Jesus from the cross. He will preach in the final segment on the 7th word of Christ: It is finished.

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, Sept 30 and/or Dec 30)! If you are interested in helping provide food and/or serve, contact Jan Herzer (412.231.3819).

No Sunday School Classes
On Easter Sunday, April 1

Healthy Blood Pressure for All — April 11
The program Healthy Blood Pressure for All hosted by Membership & Outreach starts on Wednesday, April 11 at 10 am in the Good Samaritan Room. By taking better control of your blood pressure, many chronic diseases can be avoided. Registration ends April 4. Please contact Carla Coles (412.661.1363; crlcoles@aol.com) for info.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — April 14
All LGBTQ folks and allies are invited to be part of the LGBTQ Ministry. The next Spiritual Gathering will be on Saturday, April 14 at 1 pm. See Wil for details or to attend. All people are welcome!

Crises Unresolved — April 15
The ELPC Peace Committee is hosting the 6th Annual PDEC Forum on the problems of Sudan and South Sudan, featuring representatives from the U.S. State Dept Office of the Special Envoy, ENOUGH: The Project to End Genocide and Crimes against Humanity, Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur and the Alliance of Civil Society for Darfur. The event will be on Sunday, April 15 from 1:30-4:30 pm in the Music Room. A light luncheon will be prepared by members of the Sudanese community. RSVP by April 10 (jumphook@gmail.com; 412.892.8842).

Officer Ordination and Installation — April 22
During Sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 22, the incoming classes of ELPC elders and deacons will be ordained and installed to their new church roles.

Vacation Church School — Register Now!
Vacation Church School will be held June 25-29. Registration and volunteer forms are available online (www.ELPC.church) and on the 2nd floor Christian Ed table. Contact Gloria Knopp for info (GloriaK@coh.net).