**TIME OF PREPARATION**

“There is no wholeness outside of our reciprocal humanity...You can’t understand most of the important things from a distance. You have to get close.”

— Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

“Andante with Variations in D”

**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**

Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!
Leader: This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!
People: Let everything that has breath praise God, our strength and our salvation.
Leader: Praise God for mighty deeds and extravagant love. Praise God for loving care and answered prayer.
People: We will give thanks this day, for God is good. The steadfast love of God endures forever.
Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is, who was and who is to come.
People: We are witnesses to the God who acts and raised Christ from the dead. We are here to offer our worship and praise!
Leader: Let us joyfully worship Christ the risen Lord!

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN #238**

“Thine Is the Glory”

Judas Maccabeus

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
CALL TO CONFESSION
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The Rev. Schoenewolf

God of our ancestors, how easily we have made you a relic of the past. We act as if you are unreal or at least irrelevant. By our inattention, we reject you and the one whom you sent to teach us. We are ruled by fears rather than by faith, by hostility rather than by peace, by a sense of failure rather than feelings of accomplishment and victory. Forgive our misuse of the precious days you have entrusted to us. Help us to see the signs of your presence and to witness with joy to our savior and redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Friends, believe in the good news of the Gospel.
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
¡Alabén a Dios! Praise God!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #634 (sing 2x) In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful
“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”
In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful.
In the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 John 3:1-7 The Rev. Mark Adams

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
The Rev. Schoenewolf

Presentation of Child: Reagan Audrey Hoehn, daughter of Michael Hoehn and Arika Steele
Profession of Faith
Act of Baptizing

HYMN #669 “Let’s Sing unto the Lord” CANTEMOS AL SEÑOR


SERMON “Can I Get a Witness?” The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Bush
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.

OFFERING INVITATION The Rev. Dr. Bush
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
“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”
Ken Medema/ Jack Schrader

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!
Something’s gonna happen like the world has never known
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
A door’s gonna swing open, and the walls come tumbling down,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
You’re gonna know it when the Lord stretches out his hand,
And the people of the Lord get down to pray.
There’s gonna be a brand new song of victory in this land,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

*Doxology at the Presentation*


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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION*

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 nuestro Dios. 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:  For the breath of life, for eyes to see, for insight to believe, for courage to witness, we give thanks, gracious God. The signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering be used as a witness to your grace and peace. Grant your Spirit as a transforming power among us that inspires and enables our service.
People:  Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN (please see music insert)*

Ackley

“He Lives!”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

“Allegro, Chorale and Fugue in D Minor/D Major”
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. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. Mark Adams
Miriam Maldonado
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director
Gabriel T. D’Abruzzo, Music Associate
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolyte: Emmy Thompson
Beadle: Michele Bossers
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Fellowship Time
Please join us for our special Fellowship Time after the service in the downstairs Whitfield Lobby to learn more about how Café Justo coffee keeps families together and decreases the need for immigration from Café Justo founders and border missionaries Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado. We will be serving Café Justo coffee and selling pound bags of the coffee too! All are welcome!

♦ Worship Flowers
The flowers today are in loving memory of Gibson P. and Cathryn G. Buchanan and John G. and Charity P. Buchanan.

♦ Worship Next Sunday
8:45 am........Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall. April 22 — Kalyn Stevwing.
11 am........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service. April 22 — 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
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

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)
Today’s Journey service DOD is Beth Minnigh. The Sanctuary service DOD is Liz Gonda.

Stained Glass Tour
Join tour guide Steve Evrard today for an in-depth tour of the stained glass in our Sanctuary and Chapel. Please gather at the front of the Sanctuary following the 11 am worship service.

Learn About Café Justo
Do you know why ELPC serves only Café Justo fair trade PLUS coffee? Come to a special Fellowship Time after today’s Sanctuary worship in the Whitfield Lobby to learn more about how Café Justo keeps families together and decreases the need for immigration from Café Justo founders and border missionaries Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado. We will be serving Café Justo coffee and selling pound bags of the coffee too.

Rev. Dr. Robert Chesnut’s New Book On Sale
Copies of Meeting Jesus the Christ Again, The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Chesnut’s recently published book, will be on sale during Fellowship Time through April 22. This is in preparation for his visit and presentation during Adult Sunday School from 9:45-10:45 am on Sunday, April 29. Dr. Chesnut is ELPC’s pastor emeritus, having served ELPC from 1988–2002. The book costs $16. A preliminary discussion of the book will take place in the Seekers’ class next Sunday, April 22, under the leadership of retired seminary professor Dr. Ron Stone. All are welcome.

Climate Ribbon Project
ELPC’s Justice Committee invites you to celebrate Earth Day by participating in The Climate Ribbon Project—an arts ritual to affirm our solidarity as we unite to fight against climate chaos. Today and next Sunday, April 22, ribbons will be available in the Highland Ave Lobby for you to write about what you love most in the environment and want to keep safe. The ribbons will be collected and used in a processional during Sanctuary worship on Earth Day Sunday, April 22. Then, the ribbons will be on display during Fellowship Time, where you can read them and choose one or two to take with you as a visual reminder of our shared responsibility to care for our common home.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Gina Anderson’s son Rohun,
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,
Nancy Fultz, Jan Herzer’s friend Leslie, Morris Jordan,
Heather Lawrence’s sister Christine, Lee Lewand,
Joel Minnigh’s brother Wendell,
Gail Noden, Jack Phillips, Jan Pressman and her family,
Betty Rieley’s son and Laura Ristau’s brother Tom,
Carol Schaef’s brother-in-law Allen,
Erin Starzynski’s mother Judy, Cami Teacoach’s father Bill.

Condolences to Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan on the passing of her husband, Rev. Al Valentine.

Condolences to Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy on her aunt’s passing.

Condolences to Libby Parker and family on the passing of her husband’s cousin and his wife.

Condolences to Pam Walaski on her mother’s passing.

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**Committee Meetings This Week**

Justice .................................................. Today, 12:30 pm (Rm 227)
Art Task Force ............................... Monday, 5:30 pm (Trustees’ Mtg Rm)
Youth & Young Adult ....................... Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 224)
Session ............................................. Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Parlor)
Anti-Racism Planning ...................... Thursday, 5:30 pm (Rm 250)

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**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.

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**YAMs @ Art All Night — April 28**

Young adults from ELPC and friends are invited go as a group to enjoy the annual Pittsburgh cultural event Art All Night on Saturday, April 28 (leaving ELPC at 8:30 pm). See www.artallnight.org/wp for details. Please contact Wil Forrest if you plan to attend (Wil@coh.net).

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**Facing Systemic Racism — April 28**

ELPC’s Mission Board will be presenting a series of events titled Facing Systemic Racism. To tackle racism in our society, we need to acknowledge the systems in our society that create institutional racism and racial privilege. Please join us for our first program on Saturday, April 28 from 6–8 pm as we explore our topic *What is Systemic Racism?* We will be led Laura Mariko Cheifetz, deputy director of systems and sustainability at the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum. We will share a potluck dinner together at 5:30 pm. Bring a side or dessert to share. More details are on the info tables.

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**Is it Time to Kill Capital Punishment? — April 19**

The public is invited to a free panel discussion featuring exoneree Joe D’Ambrosio who spent 22 years on death row for a murder he did not commit and Fr. Neil Kookoothe, pastor of St. Clarence Church in Olmstead, Ohio who helped to prove Mr. D’Ambrosio’s innocence. On Thursday, April 19 from 7-9 pm at Roland’s Grill (1904 Penn Ave) join America’s Foundation and PADP to learn more; Q&A follows. Advance registration is requested at www.Eventbritehttps://bit.ly/2GilBzl.

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**Dementia Workshop - April 19**

Forbes Hospital in Monroeville is sponsoring a free *Dementia Workshop* on Thursday, April 19 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Continuing education credits are available. To register, please call 412.858.7447.

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**Family Dance Party — April 21**

The Kelly Strayhorn Theater (5941 Penn Ave, 15206) celebrates spring with a family-friendly afternoon of dancing led by DJ Selecta from 11 am-2 pm on Saturday, April 21. Enjoy high-energy performances, and take part in hands-on activities hosted by community partners. Please visit www.kelly-strayhorn.org for more info.

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**E-Waste Recycling Event — April 21**

Calvary Church (315 Shady Ave, 15206) will host another *E-Waste Recycling Event* from 10 am-1 pm on Saturday, April 21. Many items (desktops, cell phones, small Freon appliances) can be recycled at no cost; some items for a $10 fee. For a detailed list of accepted items, please visit www.calvarypgh.org.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

April 22 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) — “The Status of Jerusalem” led by Tina Whitehead
Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin
Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) — “Meeting Jesus the Christ Again book discussion” led by Dr. Ron Stone
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, Steve Evrard, Michelle Bard, Shirley Fair

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor — Find rooms, teachers and curriculum at www.ELPC.church