**JANUARY 20, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP**

**FREEDOM RISING SUNDAY**

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**TIME OF PREPARATION**

“Yes, Jesus, I want to be on your right side or your left side, not for any selfish reason. I want to be on your right or your best side, not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition, but I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth and in commitment to others, so we can make of this old world a new world. Amen.”

— Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Diego De La Fuente Duran, organ

“Prelude in C Minor, BWV 549”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

“Prelude in C”

David Johnson

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.

Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.

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**WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS**

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Young Children’s Ministry

Cami Teacoach

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**SHARING GOD’S PEACE**

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi

Leader: We are the Body of Christ – let us gather to worship the Living God.

People: We are the Body of Christ – let us see the world and one another through the loving eyes of Christ!

Leader: We are the Body of Christ – let the Holy Spirit use our gifts in service of justice for all of God’s people!

People: We are the Body of Christ – made in God’s image, united across differences, uniquely gifted, collectively called. May we praise our God in Spirit and Truth, bearing witness to God’s gracious love poured out for us in Christ Jesus, who makes us one.

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**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #339**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

**LIFT EVERY VOICE**

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* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

God of justice and love, you made all of humanity in your image and claimed us as your own, yet we have failed to acknowledge our oneness in you. We are your Body, united in Christ, yet we build walls between ourselves and those who are different from us. We cling to your love for us, but then we turn and embrace systems that foster inequality. We give thanks for all you have done for us, but then we hide behind our privilege and fail to acknowledge the rampant discrimination that still plagues our hearts and world. Forgive us, we pray.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart that the barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, and that, with our divisions healed, we might live in justice and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #729**

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

**ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? No one but Jesus. And scripture assures us that Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world, through him, might be saved. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. ¡Alaben a Dios!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise God!

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Psalm 36:5-10

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Kira Mukogosi

**MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Children of any age are welcome to come forward 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 #345**

“In an Age of Twisted Values”

CHURCH UNITED

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 5:1-15

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

**SERMON**

“Hopes, Dreams, and Actions”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

The Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe

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.

**VIDEO PRESENTATION**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Freedom Rising

The Rev. Dr. Monroe

**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**

“I Dream a World”  Dave Brubeck/Langston Hughes

I dream a world where (all) no other (one) will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth and peace its paths adorn.
I dream a world where all will know sweet freedom’s way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where black or white, whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth and every (one) is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head and joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all (humankind) of such I dream, my world!

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

Lord God, you are a redeeming God. It is not your desire that any of your children should suffer. You hear their cries and you come from heaven to save. As we gather to remember your saving purposes for all who are oppressed, give us minds, hearts and wills to hear your word to us, and then to live it. We pray this in the name of Christ the Savior. Amen.

(Eunice T. McGarrahan,
*A Study of the Belhar Confession and its Accompanying Letter* (Louisville: Office of Theology and Worship, p. 6))

**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: Generous God, you have blessed us that we might be a blessing. Receive the gifts that we offer today and anoint them, that all we offer might be used to your glory. And as we offer our gifts in support of Freedom Rising, we pray that your Spirit will unite us as one Body, dedicated to the fight against racism and the nurture of our African American brothers so that all of your children may know your hope, your justice and your love. In Christ’s Name we pray.
People: Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #359 (repeated as led by the choir)  “Freedom Is Coming”

* CHARGE & Benedicition  

THE REV. SCHOENEWOLF

**POSTLUDE**

“Fugue in C Minor, BWV 549”  Johann Sebastian Bach
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 110B.

♭ Participants In Today’s Service

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe
Barbara Griffin
Kira Mukogosi
Cami Teacoach
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
Music Director
Diego De La Fuente Duran, Organist
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolyte: Mabel Buben
Beadle: Laura Ristau
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♭ Fellowship Time

Please join us for our Fellowship Time after worship in the ground floor Whitfield Lobby. All are welcome!

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x118).

♭ 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 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.
Jan 27 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am.........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
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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 February 10 and 17 from 12:30-2 pm in the 3rd floor Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more information (GloriaK@coh.net).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
In response to a request from Pittsburgh Presbytery, the 222nd General Assembly (2016) voted to "take specific action, not just in word, but also in deed, to address and improve the worsening plight of the African American male".

Since 2016, The Freedom Rising Steering Team of Pittsburgh Presbytery has been discerning what the ministry of Freedom Rising would be in Allegheny Country. In December of 2017 the team adopted the following statement: The Freedom Rising Initiative in Pittsburgh Presbytery is unapologetically Jesus focused in its mission and ministry to uplift African American Males, focusing on the areas of evangelism & discipleship, justice & reconciliation, and servant leader formation.

This fall, the Steering Team awarded three Freedom Rising Grants to partner agencies whose program objectives aligned with the mission and values of Freedom Rising.

- Foundation of Hope - Pilot Diversion Program
- Schenley Heights Development Corporation of Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church - Saving and Raising Our African American Boys
- Infinite Lifestyle Solutions - Saving our Sons & Daughters Drop In Center

On our website, www.freedomrisingpittsburgh.org, you can find the following:

- Further information about the Freedom Rising Ministries, including video interviews.
- Worship Resources, including suggested hymns and liturgy, to celebrate the ministry of Freedom Rising in your congregation.
- Prayer requests from the Freedom Rising ministries.
- Giving information regarding the different ways you can financially support the ministry of Freedom Rising.
TODAY AT ELPC

Today We Celebrate Freedom Rising Sunday
ELPC joins the Pittsburgh Presbytery in celebrating Freedom Rising Sunday this morning. Freedom Rising is the name of a ministry which originated in Pittsburgh, calling our denomination to work together to address the worsening plight of the African American male. We will receive a special offering that will go directly to this ministry. Please see today’s bulletin insert for more info.

Today’s Fellowship Time
Today’s Fellowship Time will be held in the ground floor Whitfield Lobby as some adjustments are being made to the Fellowship Room.

A representative from the All of Us research program will be available after worship at the Highland Ave entrance with additional info about this program.

The All of Us research program is a historic effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the U.S. to accelerate research and improve health. By taking into account individual differences in lifestyle, environment and biology, researchers will uncover paths toward delivering personalized medicine. If you would like to participate in this research program, please call 1.800.664.0480 to schedule an interview appointment, and receive a $25 gift card upon completion of your visit. More info is available at www.JoinAllofUsPA.org.

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering
All are invited to today’s monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry at 12:30 pm. Contact Wil Forrest for more info or to attend (Wil@coh.net).

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

Help Plan the Next Facing Systemic Racism Series — Jan 24
We are beginning to plan the 2019 Facing Systemic Racism series and welcome all input. The planning kick-off begins with an Open Meeting on Thursday Jan 24 from 6:30-8 pm in the Garth Overlook Rm. Please come and share your thoughts! Contact Pastor Patrice (patricefs@coh.net) or Becky Gloninger (rag15@verizon.net) for more info.

Test of Faith — Jan 26
Make plans now to join us on Saturday, Jan 26 from 9 am—4:30 pm as we explore a Test of Faith with ELPC member Kevin Seybold, Ph.D. We will be examining the interaction between science and theology using the video series Test of Faith as a starting point. We will explore our faith in relationship to many scientific disciplines including: cosmology; biology; neuroscience; and transhumanism/posthumanism. The Test of Faith material comes from the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, an academic research enterprise based at St. Edmund’s College in Cambridge, England. Dr. Seybold is a professor at Grove City College teaching in the areas of Physiological Psychology, Learning & Cognition, History & Systems, Research Methods, Sensation & Perception, Science & Religion, and Psychology of Religion. He is the author of many scholarly articles and two books: Explorations in Neuroscience, Psychology and Religion (Routledge Science and Religion Series) and Questions in the Psychology of Religion. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please let Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan know if you plan on attending (412.441.3800 x141).

Young Children’s Ministry Potluck — RSVP by Jan 27
Join us for a potluck dinner for families with children from birth-age 3 on Saturday, Feb 2 from 4:30-7 pm. This will be an informal time to get to know other families of young children at ELPC, share a meal, and talk about what ELPC offers (or could offer!) for young children and their families. We’ll gather in the Nursery Suite so that there is plenty for kids to play with, and will have activities planned for older siblings. ELPC will provide spaghetti, and families are asked to bring a side-dish or salad to share. (But if bringing a side dish is too difficult with everyone and everything else you are bringing, please just bring yourselves! We get it!) Please RSVP to Gloria by Sunday, Jan 27 (GloriaK@coh.net).

Next Sunday’s Prelude — Jan 27
Next Sunday, Jan 27, organist Diego De La Fuente Duran will be playing Cortège et Litanie by Marcel Dupré for the prelude. Composed for piano in 1921, Dupré later arranged it for organ solo and then organ and orchestra. Come early to hear this iconic composition. The prelude will begin at 10:53 am next Sunday.

Please Be Advised, We’re Streaming Worship
As part of ELPC’s mission to extend radical hospitality to all of our brothers and sisters, our full worship service will begin being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church, STARTING JAN 27. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.
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As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

- Linda Benedict, Carol Chontos’ father David, Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea, Brittny Krieger’s friends Maysa, Yana and Zayn, Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen, Paul Martin’s wife Danielle and friend Marty, Emily Mohn-Slate’s mother-in-law Karena, Nate and Sonya-Marie Morley’s friend Dar, Jon Nelson’s daughter’s friend Abby, Jane Sampson, Pat Valoon and Jerry Wzosek.

Our condolences to Liz Hopkins on her friend’s passing.
Our condolences to Deborah Marx on her friend’s passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

The church building will be closed until 7 pm tomorrow in observance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday.

PW Planning…………………………..Today, 12:15 pm (Trustees Rm)
Nominating…………………………..Today, 12:30 pm (Highland Rm)
Peace…………………………………….Thursday, 5:30 pm (2nd fl Library)

Church Tour — Jan 27
All are welcome to attend the Stained Glass tour following the 11 am worship service on Jan 27. Penn Hackney will lead the tour.

No Justice Committee Meeting — Jan 27
The Justice Committee will not meet on Jan 27 due to the training session for English Conversation. The meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, Feb 10 at 12:30 pm in Rm 211. We will review our goals and accomplishments from 2018 and set new goals for the coming year.

YAM Event: Stained Glass and Mosaic Class — Jan 27
Following the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Jan 27, young adults will join a church tour to learn about the stained glass windows in our church. Afterward, we’ll gather in the Maker’s Space to create glass mosaics with instruction by artist Debbie from Mosaic Glass Creations and Songbird Artistry. Contact Kelli Booher for more info (412.441.3800 x114).

Updating our Church Photo Directory — Feb 3, 10 and 17
Please contact Gloria Knopp (412.441.3800 x122; gloriak@coh.net) to schedule a time to have your photo taken by Diana Armstrong after the 11 am service on Sundays, Feb 3, 10, or 17 in the McKelvy Rm for the new Church Photo Directory. This is an in house project.

In Our Community

Single-Use Plastics (SUP) Challenge — Today!
The three-month What’s SUP? Challenge kicks off today at the Pittsburgh Friends Meeting House (Northside) from 1:30–5:30 pm. Review SUP facts, hear from the owner of an eco-products store, choose a personal challenge, form action teams of people pursuing similar goals, enjoy snacks and watch the documentary Bag It.

OHM Mission Opportunity — Workouts Begin Jan 22
Please contact Emily Rosenthal (EJR116@gmail.com) or Zoë Huelsman (zoehuelsman@gmail.com; 402.517.5080) if you are interested in running any part of the 2019 Pittsburgh Marathon to raise money to support Open Hand Ministry (OHM) programs.

This year OHM has an addition to their marathon team: Matt Mauciar of Trust the Plan Coaching will offer monthly group workouts, monthly seminars on topics related to running (like mobility and nutrition), and weekly workout plans available on your phone to follow between group workouts. The first seminar will be on Tuesday, Jan 22. Contact Zoë Huelsman (info above) for more info.

Town Hall Community Meeting — Jan 24
Councilman Rev. Ricky Burgess and the Village Collaborative of East Liberty invite you to a town hall community meeting on Thursday, Jan 24 at 6 pm at Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church (6111 Rodman St, 15206) to discuss Pittsburgh’s East Liberty investments.

“Walk On By” Artist Reception — Jan 25
Meet the local artists who contributed works in a variety of media expressing their understanding and concern for the homeless in our region at a Walk On By art show on Friday, Jan 25 from 3-4:30 pm at the Carnegie Library (East Liberty branch, 130 S Whitfield St, 15206). Light refreshments will be served. For more info, please email jay.poliziani@ncmin.org or srobison@homelessfund.org.

Sunday School Classes for All Ages
Jan 27 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — combined with Seekers
Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin
Seekers (McKelvy Rm) — “On Stormy Seas and Wilderness Wanderings: Noticing God’s Presence Through Life’s Storms and Deserts” led by Pastor Heather Schoenewolf
Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of selections from Meditations of the Heart by Howard Thurman, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu, Liz Gonda, and David Carl

Welcome Desk
Help Needed on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-8pm
Contact Jim DiGiorgio for more info (JimD@coh.net)