On this day, O Christ, nudge me awake with glimpses of goodness, small acts of kindness, and persistent beauty emerging from places long desolate. Patient God, guide me through these waning days of Lent. Keep me alert to your presence and on watch for your promised new creation. Amen.

“A state of temperance, sobriety and justice without devotion is a cold, lifeless, insipid condition of virtue, and is rather to be considered more philosophy than religion.”
— Joseph Addison

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
“Jesus, Lead Thou On (Seelenbräutigam)” arr. Paul Manz
“Jesu, Meine Freude, BWV 610” Johann Sebastian Bach

Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.
Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation.

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

 Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The peace of Christ be with you.
 People: Y también contigo. And also with you.

Cecilia and Samuele Novelli

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
People: Our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.
Leader: We rejoiced, saying “The Lord has done great things for us.”
People: May those who go out weeping, come home with joy. For the Lord is our light and our salvation, whom we love and shall ever praise.
Leader: As God’s beloved children, let us give praise to God.

* Processional Hymn #628

JE LOUERAI L’ÉTERNEL

“Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord”

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Gracious God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Trusting in our own righteousness, we have been critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Fill us with a renewed devotion and love, grounded in Christ Jesus our Lord, who makes all things new. Amen.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die – there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!

(Ruth 1:16-17)

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
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!

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #630 (vs. 1 and 3 only; remain seated)
“Fairest Lord Jesus”

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING
Song of Solomon 2:1-7, 3:2-5

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN
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 #201
“A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”

GOSPEL LESSON
John 12:1-8 The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON
“Faith + Devotion” The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

OFFERING INVITATION
The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
“Jesus, Priceless Treasure” arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

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Jesus, Meine Freude is a German hymn written by Johann Franck (1618-1677) in 1650 and set to a melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662). Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) used the melody as the basis for his motet of the same name and an organ prelude in his collection Orgelbüchlein, heard during the prelude this morning. The offertory anthem is Bach’s harmonization of the melody for the motet.
**DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION**

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is strong as death, passion fierce as the grave...

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If one offered for love all the wealth of their house, it would be utterly scorned.

(Song of Solomon 8:6-7)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all creatures here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

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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: By her gift, Mary prepared for the day of Jesus’ burial out of loving devotion. By our gifts, may we do our part to prepare the world for the good news of Christ’s resurrection and his gospel of love, justice and peace for all people. To you, O Christ, be all glory and praise.
People: Amen.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN #137**

“He Came Down”

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Little Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 559”

Our worship concludes with the postlude. For the benefit of those who wish to listen to the postlude, please refrain from visiting with your neighbors until you have left the sanctuary, or until the postlude has concluded.
As part of ELPC’s mission to extend radical hospitality to all of our brothers and sisters, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. 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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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

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Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
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Enrico Novelli and Caterina Rosano
Cecilia and Samuele Novelli
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Erich Stein
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome to attend.

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

You are also invited to help provide flowers for our Easter services on April 21, or to make a monetary donation to the EECM Food Pantry. Forms are available around the church.

♦ 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. April 14 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am...........Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. April 14 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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 110B.

♦ 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 (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. Available 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 Fellowship 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 TODAY and next Sunday in the Music Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please see Dr. Randy Bush immediately after the service if you would like to attend today’s class.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
Church Events and Announcements
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Joseph Adiaye, Diana Bloss, John Buckley,
Carla Depperman’s friend Dorothy,
Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law Andrea,
Nancy Harlan’s co-worker,
Jan Herzer’s friend Jake, Liz Hopkins’ mother Margery,
Morris Jordan, Nancy Lesher, Lee Lewand,
Clay and Kathy McQueen,
Emily Mohn-Slate’s mother-in-law Karena, Ashley Parker,
Jan Pressman’s friend Nate, Cassandra Sawtelle’s son Elias,
Heather Schoenewolf’s uncle Jim and friend Tony,
Tim Sergi’s sister Kimberly, and Pat Valone.

Condolences to the family of Jack Burley on his passing.
His funeral service will be on Wednesday at 3 pm in the Sanctuary.
Condolences to Gloria Knopp on her mother’s passing.
Congratulations to Tucker & Libby Ferda on the birth of Junia Bel.

Heretics, Doubters and Other Saints — April 14
Because what we believe has everything to do with how we pray, the Spiritual Life Committee welcomes you to the discussion group Heretics, Doubters and Other Saints following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 14. A light lunch will be provided.

Middle School Mission Trip Meeting — April 14
Youth in grades 6–8 who are interested in attending Mission Possible at Crestfield Camp from July 7-12 are asked to attend an informational meeting following worship on Sunday, April 14. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net). Parents are invited also.

Tower Tour — April 14
Join us for a Tower Tour next Sunday. The climb requires a bit of stamina; comfortable shoes and pants are suggested. The tour is not recommended for small children.

Rescheduled: Justice Committee Meeting — April 14
The Justice Committee meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 pm. (No meeting today.) For more info, contact Carol (carolchonoska@gmail.com).

Child Abuse Prevention Event — April 10
Please join PA Blue Ribbon Champions for Safe Kids on Wednesday, April 10 at 8 am at the City County Bldg (414 Grant St) to plant blue flags (representing the number of PA children who were victims of abuse and neglect), followed by a continental breakfast and awards ceremony featuring guest speakers and musical performances by local students. Show your support by wearing blue to this event. Visit www.pablueribbonchampion.org for info.

Workshop: Black Child Play as Necessity — April 11
Youth Undoing Institutional Racism (YUIR) Pittsburgh will present the workshop Mission Impossible: Black Child Play as Necessity and Resistance at ELPC from 6-9 pm on Thursday, April 11. This informative and interactive workshop will focus on childhood, institutionalized racism and the transformational benefits of play. For more info or to RSVP, please email ari.brazier@gmail.com.

YAM Event — April 14
Young adults are invited to Sanctuary’s Pub Talk series, which explores faith, art, culture, politics and justice. We will gather at ELPC at 6:15 pm on Sunday, April 14 to drive to Full Pint Wild Side Pub (5310 Butler St, Lawrenceville) to hear this month’s speaker, Leann Younger. Please contact Kelli Booher for more info (kellib@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x114).

New Officer Ordination & Installation — April 14
As part of our Palm Sunday 11 am service next Sunday, the incoming class of deacons and elders will be ordained and installed. Eco-palms will also be distributed.

Environmental Book Club — April 25
The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to a discussion of The Uninhabitable Earth, Life After Warming by David Wallace Wells. We will discuss the first half of the book on Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm, and will meet on May 16 to discuss the second half. For more info, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Adult Sunday School Classes
April 14 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “Bullying: The Roles of Bystanders” led by JoAnn and Carol Chonoska
Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Presbyterian Church Foreign Policy and President Trump” led by ELPC Elder Ron Stone
Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of selections from Spiritual Ecology—The Cry of the Earth led by Michele Bossers, Pam Napier-Barnes, and Judy Roberts