FEBRUARY 2, 2020 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

TIME OF PREPARATION
“Maybe the sermon on the mount is all about Jesus’ seemingly lavish blessing of the world around him especially that which society doesn’t seem to have much time for, people in pain, people who work for peace instead of profit, people who exercise mercy instead of vengeance. So maybe Jesus is actually just blessing people, especially the people who never seem to receive blessings otherwise.”
— Nadia Bolz-Weber

MINISTRY OF MUSIC
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

“Adagio from Symphonie III, Op. 28”
Louis Vierne

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.

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* 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
The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes

Leader: We gather to worship a living God, that we might learn from God’s Word and be made new.
People: We trust that God’s Word has the power to transform our lives, and even our world.
Leader: The word of the prophet reminds us that we are to do justice, to love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.
People: And so with hope we pray for the strength, courage and faith to do just that, that God’s Word might come alive for us and through us, and bring peace.
Leader: Let us worship God!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #749
“Come! Live in the Light!”

WE ARE CALLED
Samantha Coggins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #729
“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”
Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:

People: “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
Leader: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People: Blessed are those who mourn,
Leader: For they will be comforted.

People: Blessed are the meek,
Leader: For they will inherit the earth.

People: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
Leader: For they will be filled.

People: Blessed are the merciful,
Leader: For they will receive mercy.

People: Blessed are the pure in heart,
Leader: For they will see God.

People: Blessed are the peacemakers,
Leader: For they will be called children of God.

People: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
Leader: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

People: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Leader: Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Moments with our Children
Cheltenham 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.

Special Music
“Beatitudes”
Sweet Honey and the Rock

Sermon
“How We Hear Things”
The Rev. Schoenewolf

* Affirmation of Faith (Confession of Belhar 10:1 and 10.5)
We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God’s life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

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.

Holy God, fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

Harlem Renaissance poet Langston Hughes was born on February 1, 1902. Hughes was originally from Joplin, Missouri, but made his career in New York City. He was also a social activist, playwright, columnist and novelist.

I Dream a World
by Langston Hughes

I dream a world where man, no other man 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 man is free. Where wretchedness will hang its head, and joy, like a pearl, attends the needs of all mankind. Of such I dream, my world!
OFFERTORY ANTHEM  “The Beatitudes”  Robert W. Lehman

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called child of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607  Old Hundredth

The communion bread is being presented by Brent and Kathy Glass-House.


— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE  The Rev. Callahan

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  The Rev. Schoenewolf, Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER  The Rev. Callahan, The Rev. Schoenewolf

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, and/or the laying on of hands.

COMMUNION HYMN #731  Repton

“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”  The Rev. Callahan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, God, that you have blessed us with an abundance of gifts for the flourishing of your world. We thank you for nourishing us by this bread and this cup. We pray that our lives and our labor may reveal your love as we seek to share your promised reign with all of creation. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #765  Argentina

“May the God of Hope Go with Us”  The Rev. Schoenewolf

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  “Final from Symphonic III, Op. 28”  Louis Vierne

Composer and organist Robert Lehman is a native of Pittsburgh and earned his bachelor degree from Carnegie Mellon University. His compositions are heard from choirs and ensembles around the globe, including the River City Brass Band, with whom he has also recorded.

Blessed God, I yearn to see your vision of justice, love and peace made real for me this day. Open my eyes to the way of love that I may see your brilliant light shining into the hidden places of my heart and the darkened corners of the world. Amen.

On this date in history: New Amsterdam, now New York City, was incorporated (1653); the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed, ending the Mexican War and extending the boundaries of the United States to the Pacific Ocean (1848); journalist Samuel Clemens used the moniker Mark Twain for the first time (1863); and poets James Joyce and Ayn Rand were born (1882 and 1905, respectively).
As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, 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.

♦ Participants In Today’s Service
Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Tony Richardson-Eckes
Samantha Coggins
Sara Hackett
David Jennings-Smith
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/Music Director
Michael Painter, Organ Accompanist
ELPC Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Mabel Buben
Beadles: Liz Hopkins and Aura S. Jirau Arroyo
Crucifer: Nick Genger-Boeldt
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!

♦ 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 $175 a Sunday.

♦ Sunday Worship
8:45 am......Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
Feb 9 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

11 am......Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
Feb 9 — The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy preaching.

Extended Session
After the Moments with our 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 NAMETAG that your child wears 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.

♦ Weeklyday Worship
Labyrinth Prayer Walk
A 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.
Mondays, 9 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 also:

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 Sundays, Feb 9 and 16 from 9:45-10:45 am to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x116) for info.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.
Church Events and Announcements
February 2, 2020 • 4th Sunday after Epiphany

TODAY AT ELPC

Letter Writing on Reduction of Air Pollution
All are invited to stop by the Fellowship Room to sign a letter urging the Allegheny County Health Department to strengthen emission standards to reduce daily air pollution and to use more effective methods to notify the public of bad air events harmful to children and seniors.

Thinking About Consciousness
Join the Spiritual Life Committee in the 2nd floor Parlor after worship today for Thinking about Consciousness. Are the “mind” and the “brain” separate? Do we really have free will or are all of our behaviors the result of a pattern of brain function? Is consciousness separate from the brain? Let’s ponder these topics and more! Lunch will be provided.

Club 116 Meals Needed
We would be so grateful for you to share your time and talents with our youth. It can be a one-time sign up (or more if you want) on one Wednesday evening for a meal that feeds about 40-50. Stay and serve it to the youth, or drop it off if you are busy that evening. Whatever works for you! Pick up a sample menu for ideas in the hallway by the information screen today. For more details, please contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)
Every Sunday, a DOD (Deacon-on-Duty) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our worship services.
The Journey service DOD is Dana Carl.
The Sanctuary service DOD is Trish Buben.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study — Feb 3 and 4
Join PW for their Bible study titled Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Commandments on Monday, Feb 3 at 7pm, and Tuesday, Feb 4 at 10:15am. Monday’s group will be facilitated by Amy Stabingas and meet in the Trustees Room. Tuesday’s group will be led by Sandy Brake in the 2nd floor Parlor, and is followed by a potluck lunch.

Mission Ministry Opportunity — Feb 4
Please join us on Tuesday, Feb 4 when ELPC is providing dinner for the Open Hand Ministries (OHM) Circles community gathering of families. Donations of salads, side dishes, desserts, plus people to help serve the meal are needed. Contact Frank Bauerle (fbaulerle52@gmail.com, 817.705.6856); Henry Petrilli (hlp615@gmail.com); or Doris Dick (dadick629@gmail.com) for more info.

BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR FAITH FAMILY
Sundays, Feb 9 and 16
Attend an Inquirers’ Class on Sundays, Feb 9 and 16 from 9:45-10:45 am to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Kate Carlson to register (KateC@coh.net).

Conversation on Race & Faith — Feb 7
Young adults are invited to attend the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary’s 6th annual Community Conversation on Race & Faith on Friday, Feb 7 from 6:30-9:30 pm. Conversation will be primed by viewing the documentary Backs Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story, which explores the extraordinary life and legacy of one of the most important religious figures of the 20th century. The event is free, but you will need to register at www.pts.edu. Contact Kelli Booher for info (KelliB@coh.net).

Church Tours — Feb 9 and 23
On Sunday, Feb 9, descend into the bowels of our Cathedral and explore some of its least seen areas. Then on Sunday, Feb 23, get an in-depth tour of our church’s stained glass windows that tell the story of many Biblical stories.

Black History Month Luncheon — Feb 9
Enjoy the fellowship of a soul food luncheon celebrating Black History Month immediately after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Feb 9 in the Social Hall. Hosted by the Mission Board. All are invited!

Dedication of Balaka Room Plaque — Feb 9
We will unveil a commemorative plaque in the Balaka Room on Sunday, Feb 9 memorializing the 25th anniversary of our partnership with Balaka CCAP in Malawi.

CHATHAM BAROQUE TO PERFORM
Saturday, Feb 15 • 8 pm
ELPC’s Cathedral Concerts series continues on Saturday, Feb 15 at 8 pm with a performance by Chatham Baroque in the Chapel. Purchase tickets at www.ChathamBaroque.org. Some complimentary tickets are available to ELPC members. Contact Dr. Edward Alan Moore for details.
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Randy and Beth Bush, Kristine Conley,
David Carl’s friend’s son Morgan,
Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law,
Dave and Bobby Egelston’s friend Gary and his family,
Lee Lewand, Alexandra Lynn,
Polly McQueen’s brother Clay,
Joel and Beth Minnigh’s nephew Stephen,
Molinaro/Karaczun friends Jacob and Jo,
Carolyn Russ’ friend Norman,
Tiffany Sudan’s friend David,
Chenoa Stock Claire’s sister Eva, and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to Peta Harrigan Cole on her uncle’s passing.

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**Committee Meetings This Week**

Finance ...................................................... Today, 12:00 pm (Highland Rm)
Property.......................................................... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)

**Doing Good Together (DG2!) — Feb 9**
Youth in grades 4-12 from ELPC and Rodef Shalom will gather to enjoy lunch and work on service projects together next Sunday, Feb 9 from Noon-3:30 pm. A permission slip and RSVP are required. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

**Retirement Reception for Gloria Knopp — Feb 16**
After more than 17 years of service and countless hours of administrative, logistical, and faithful ministry on behalf of ELPC, Gloria Knopp will be retiring as of Feb 28. A reception to honor Gloria and offer our thanks to her will be held after worship on Sunday, Feb 16.

**LGBTQ Ministry — Feb 16**
All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, Feb 16 at 12:30 pm when we will share lunch, fellowship and more. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are welcome. For info or to attend, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

**Congregational Meeting — Feb 23**
All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual Congregational Meeting in the Social Hall following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, Feb 23 to review reports and financial budgets. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers also will be voted on. Lunch will be provided.

**In the Refuge of One Another Retreat — Feb 28 to March 1**
All are invited to our In the Refuge of One Another meditation retreat from Friday-Sunday, Feb 28 to March 1, at the Kearsn Spirituality Center. The retreat will be led by Susan Spangler and is informed by the teachings of James Finley and Thomas Merton. Engage in meditative and contemplative practices and teachings that bring to life the complementary intersection of Christianity and Buddhism as faithful paths to God. The cost is $160. Registration forms are available at www.ELPC.church.

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**IN OUR COMMUNITY**

“The Long Journey” Conference — Feb 9
PA Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) will hold the conference The Long Journey — From Extracting the Past to Cultivating the Future at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on Sunday, Feb 9 from 1-5 pm. Colette Pichon Battle, the founder and executive director of Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy, will be the keynote speaker. To register, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net), or register at paipl.us/what-do-we-do/annual-meeting. ELPC is a member of PA IPL.

Public Meeting about the South Beatty Parking Lot — Feb 13
ELPC members are encouraged to attend the first public meeting about the South Beatty Development (the parking lot behind the Carnegie Library). The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb 13 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Rodman Street Baptist Church (6111 Rodman St, 15206). Refreshments will be served. Because this project will impact those parking to attend ELPC services and events, it is important that our members and friends attend so we can all understand and participate in the process.

The Rich Heritage of African Americans in the Presbyterian Church — Feb 22
The Pittsburgh Chapter of The National Black Presbyterian Caucus, The Metro-Urban Institute of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and The Henry Highland Garnet Society will present The Rich Heritage of African Americans in the Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Feb 22 at 1pm at Bethesda Presbyterian Church (7220 Bennett St, 15208). A $10 registration fee goes to support the National Black Presbyterian Caucus, Pittsburgh Chapter. Register online at www.pts.edu/richheritage.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES**

Feb 9 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “Come Follow Me” presented by Tim Engelhardt

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Daniel 6:10–28; Psalm 7; Hebrew 10:26–39; Acts 9:17–31 facilitated by Lora Betha and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Getting Through Grief But Not Getting Over It” led by The Rev. Terri Pennybaker

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of Just This by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Vivienne Selia, David Carl, and Michelle Yamada

Parenting Circle (Harambe Rm) — Share experiences, resources, prayer and scripture to nurture our parent/child relationships