TIME OF REPARATION

"Dear God, I am so afraid to open my clenched fists! Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to? Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands? Please help me to gradually open my hands and to discover that I am not what I own, but what you want to give me."

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

“Prelude in C Minor, BWV 546” Johann Sebastian Bach

“Adoration” Florence Price

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

* 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 (Psalm 112)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Happy are those who fear the Lord, who take great delight in God’s commandments.

People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Leader: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

People: For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

Leader: Let us praise and worship God!

* PROCESIONAL HYMN #667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” Damon and Lora Bethea

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Damon and Lora Bethea

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome God, we are afraid to admit the many ways we have failed you. We are sinful people who forget to thank you and who delay consulting with you about the decisions we must make. We prefer the safety of familiar programs, even when they are ineffective. We cling to our routines, even when they cause us to lose sight of your purposes. We are people of unclean lips, dwelling among people who deny your presence and power. O God, we fall down before you, seeking forgiveness and restoration. Amen.
TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
Leader: Stand up, people of God. Our Creator reaches out to lift us up and deliver us from the troubles around us and the distress within. God touches our lips to cleanse us and take our sins away as far as East is from West. By the grace of God, Christ comes to us, reclaiming us, showing us a new way, and empowering us for effective service. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN #701 (please sing 3x) SANCTUARY
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Isaiah 58:1-9a The Rev. Terri Pennybaker

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
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.

SOLO “Give Me Jesus” African-American Spiritual arr. Marvin Mills

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Chorus:
Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. (Chorus)
Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day, give me Jesus. (Chorus)

SCRIPTURE LESSON
Matthew 5:13-20 The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON “You Are/I Am” The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.
OFFERTORY ANTHEM  
“My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord”  
arr. Moses Hogan

In the Lord. My soul’s been anchored in the Lord. Hallelujah.
Before I’d stay in hell one day, I’d sing and pray myself away.
Do you love him? God Almighty!
Are you anchored? O yes, I’m anchored.
My soul’s been anchored in the Lord.
Will you serve him? God Almighty!
Are you anchored? O yes, I’m anchored.
My soul’s been anchored in the Lord.
Hallelujah! Will you praise him? God almighty!
Are you anchored? O yes, I’m anchored.
My soul’s been anchored in the Lord.

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo
Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.
People: Y también contigo.
Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.
People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.
Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.
People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.
Leader: You flavor our actions, O God, and illumine our minds. May the fruits of our labors nourish others. May the wisdom you give us lead others to know the living Christ. May our lives be seasoned by service, and the light of our good works bring glory to your name. We have received an abundance of your grace and mercy. Accept our offerings as we go forth to serve others and you. In all that we accomplish let us be ever mindful to give you the glory and honor. Amen.

* RECESSINAL HYMN #767  “Together We Serve”  
SAN ANSELMO

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION
Postlude  “Fugue in C Minor, BWV 546”  
Johann Sebastian Bach
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.

Born on This Day:
Future US President William Henry Harrison was born in 1773, and his presidency was the shortest term in history at just 32 days in 1841; and Alice Walker, African-American poet and critically author of The Color Purple was born in 1944.

The Prelude and Fugue in C Minor is believed to have been composed at two separate times in Bach’s life. The fugue was probably composed during Bach’s years in Weimar (1708-1717) and later paired with the prelude, written in Leipzig around 1730. Together they create a powerful pair.

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Moses Hogan (1957-2003) was a well-known composer and arranger of choral music, especially his settings of spirituals. Having studied at the Oberlin Conservatory and Juilliard School, his life was cut short by a brain tumor at the age of 45.
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.

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♦ Participants In Today’s Service

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Liturgists: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Terri Pennybaker  
Damon and Lora Bethea  
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/  
Music Director  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Denise Sheffey-Powell, Soloist  
Acolyte: Youth  
Beadle: Michele Bossers  
Crucifer: Volunteer  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Fellowship Time

Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for our Black History Month luncheon. All are welcome to attend! ($5 suggested donation)

♦ Worship Flowers

The flowers today are to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the ELPC family and staff, presented by Harold and Linda Deiss.

♦ 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 16 — The Rev. Shanea Leonard, associate for Gender & Racial Justice for the PC (USA) preaching.

11 am ......... Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
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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.  
* Preschool age children (through grade 1) — Room 110B.

♦ Weekday 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 Black History Month luncheon in the Social Hall. 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 Sunday, Feb 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 9, 2020 • 5th Sunday after Epiphany

TODAY AT ELPC

Black History Month Luncheon
Enjoy the fellowship of a soul food luncheon celebrating Black History Month immediately after today’s 11 am worship service in the Social Hall ($5 suggested donation). This event is hosted by the Mission Board. All are invited!

Dedication of Balaka Room Plaque
We will unveil a commemorative plaque in the Balaka Room today memorializing the 25th anniversary of our partnership with Balaka CCAP in Malawi.

Doing Good Together (DG21)
Youth in grades 4–12 from ELPC and Rodef Shalom will gather to enjoy lunch and work on service projects together from Noon-3:30 pm today. A permission slip and RSVP are required. Please see Sara Hackett immediately after worship to attend.

Church Tour
Descend into the bowels of our Cathedral and explore some of its least seen areas during today’s Underground Tour. Please gather in the Highland Lobby after worship.

Café Justo Coffee for Sale
Café Justo Coffee will be available for sale during today’s Black History Month luncheon in the Social Hall. For just $10/pound, your purchase will support this fair trade cooperative. Check or cash only please.

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

Sewing Group — Feb 10
All are welcome to join the Sewing Group tomorrow from 2:30-6 pm. Contact Diane Jackson (dnjcks@verizon.net).

Facing Systemic Racism Planning Team — Feb 12
Please join us as we continue to develop and implement activities, events, and analysis focused on facing systemic racism. The next meeting will be held from 5:30-7 pm on Wednesday, Feb 12 in the Highland Rm. We will determine the next steps for our anti-racism survey and plan for a Lenten book study. Contact Emily Rosenthal (ejr116@gmail.com) or Pastor Patrice for more info.

Become a Member of our Faith Family — Feb 16
Attend an Inquirers’ Class next Sunday from 9:45-10:45 am in the 2nd floor Library to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Kate Carlson to register (KateC@coh.net).

Message to ELPC Medical Professionals
Calling all regular attendees of ELPC who have professional medical expertise to self-identify for a confidential list being compiled to be used in case of unexpected need during church services or programs. Those who are trainers in CPR, AED and First Aid are encouraged to self-identify as well. Please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

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).

Tween Night — Feb 21
Tweens in grades 4–6 are gathering at ELPC on Friday, Feb 21 from 6-8 pm to bake cookies. As always, friends are welcome. Please contact Sara Hackett for details (SaraH@coh.net).

Young Adult Ministry Event — Feb 22
Young adults are invited to visit Games N’ At Arcade (2010 Josephine St, 15203) on Saturday, Feb 22 from 5-7 pm. We will leave ELPC’s Highland Ave entrance at 4:30 pm. The cost is $10, but bring extra for food and drinks. To RSVP or for more info, please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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.

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 (EdM@coh.net).
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Randy and Beth Bush,
David Carl’s friend’s son Morgan,
Molly Dimond-Stephany’s sister-in-law,
Dave and Bobby Egelson’s friend Gary and his family,
Lavashia Johnson, 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 Sudar’s friend David,
Chenoa Stock Claure’s sister Eva, and Pat Valoon.
Condolences to Linda Benedict on her aunt’s passing.
Condolences to Peta Harrigan Cole on her uncle’s passing.

A Note of Thanks…
Jan Pressman thanks everyone for their support and prayers to her and her family regarding the death of her stepdaughter, Jenny.

Committee Meetings This Week

PW Leadership.........................Monday, 6:00 pm (2nd fl Library)
Justice .....................................Monday, 7:00 pm (Trustees’ Rm)
Deacons...............................Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Garth Overlook)
Facing Systemic Racism... Wednesday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)

Stained Glass Tour — Feb 23
On Sunday, Feb 23 after the 11 am worship service, get an in-depth tour of our church’s stained glass windows that tell the story of many Biblical stories. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday — Feb 26
Join us in the Chapel on Ash Wednesday, Feb 26 at Noon where Pastor Patrice will lead our Ash Wednesday service, featuring the imposition of ashes. Afterwards, join us in the McKelvy Room for lunch and a discussion on the intersectionality of worship and theodicy, led by the Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock, associate professor of homiletics and worship at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Confirmation Class to Meet — Feb 23
Confirmands will attend the Congregational Meeting with their sponsors and teachers on Sunday, Feb 23 at 12:30 pm, and then adjourn to talk more about what it means to be Presbyterian until 3:30 pm. Lunch will be served.

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.

In our Community

Public Meeting about the South Beatty Parking Lot — Feb 13
ELPC members are encouraged to attend the first community meeting about the South Beatty Development (the parking lot behind the Carnegie Library). The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb 13 from 6-8 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 to 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, or see ELPC members Lenore Williams or Damon Bethea.

Hospice Volunteers Needed
If you would like to become a hospice volunteer, please reach out to Chaplain Tony Richardson-Eckes for more info (overthepond_50@hotmail.com).

Sunday School Classes for all Ages

Feb 16 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “Ask, and It Will Be Given You; Search, and You Will Find; Knock, and the Door Will Be Opened for You” presented by Charlie Nordquist

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Zechariah 7:8–8:8; Psalm 50:7–21, 23; Romans 14:13–23; Acts 10:1–33 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Pittsburgh’s Underground Railroad” led by Sarah Martin

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of Just This by Richard Rohr, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Josh Bard, Kristin Cummings, and Steve Evrard

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

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

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