February 23, 2020 — 11 AM Sanctuary Worship  
Transfiguration of the Lord

Time of Preparation
“What we do see depends mainly on what we look for. ... In the same field the farmer will notice the crop, the geologists the fossils, botanists the flowers, artists the colouring, sportmen the cover for the game. Though we may all look at the same things, it does not all follow that we should see them.”
— John Lubbock, The Beauties of Nature and the Wonders of the World We Live In

Ministry of Music

“Scherzo”
The Brass Roots
John Cheetham
ELPC Ringers
Susan Nelson

“Trumpet Voluntary”

Welcome & Church News

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.

Call to Worship (Psalm 99:1a, 3-5, 9)
Leader: God is Sovereign; let the people tremble!
People: Let us praise your great and awesome name. Holy are you!
Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity and executed justice and righteousness.
People: Extol the Lord our God! Worship at God’s footstool. Holy is our God!
Leader: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at God’s holy mountain.
People: For the Lord our God is holy.
Leader: Let us worship God!

Procesional Hymn #12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

St. Denio

Bell Anthem

“March”

Susan Nelson

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Glorious God, you are the source of all that is just and wise, yet we often ignore your call. We fail to listen to your teaching and neglect to follow your lead. We limit expressions of justice in our world; we hoard that which we want rather than caring for the needs of others. Forgive us, heal us, guide us, that we may walk in your ways and enact your love.

* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.
TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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!

SOLO “My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)” André Crouch
How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me? Things so undeserved, yet you gave to prove your love for me; the voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to thee. To God be the glory, to God be the glory, for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me, with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done. Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing, Lord, to thee, and if I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 24:12-18 James Eng

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
Presentation: Kara Kinne, Matthew Roth
Profession of Faith
A c t of Baptizing
Members: Courtney Brenner, Christine DeAndrea, Joe DeStio, Kara Kinne, Ian Lavanish, Breanna Raymond, Matthew Roth, Emily Wittenstein, Nikolaus Wittenstein, Susan Young

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN Sara Hackett
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 #193 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” Unser Herrscher

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 17:1-9 The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SERMON “Do You See What I See?” The Rev. Schoenewolf

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

THE LORD’S PRAYER The Rev. Callahan
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. Callahan
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 “My Lord, What a Morning” Harry T. Burleigh
My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning. Oh, my Lord, what a morning. When the stars begin to fall, do one quit all my worldly ways; join that heavenly band.

My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning. Oh, my Lord, what a morning. When the stars begin to fall.
Doxology at the Presentation

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

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: God of mountaintops and valleys, be our vision of you clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into your presence in the world. Amen.

Recessional Hymn #377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

“Deo Gracias”

Aaron David Miller

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, 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. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
James Eng
Sara Hackett
Aura S. Jirau Arroyo

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
ELPC Ringers
Adrianna Cleveland, Soloist
The Brass Roots:
Sam Eisenhandler, Trumpet
Matthew McCormack, Trumpet
Rana Jurjus, Horn
Morgan Wynn, Trombone
John Caughman, Tuba

Acolyte: Ellie Willson
Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire
Crucifer: Volunteer
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Social Hall for our annual Congregational Meeting. A light lunch will be provided. All are welcome!

♦ 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. March 1 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am ......... *Sanctuary Worship.* Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. March 1 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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.

♦ 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 annual Congregational Meeting 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 Sundays, April 19 and 26 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.
TODAY AT ELPC

Congregational Meeting
All ELPC members are encouraged to attend our annual Congregational Meeting in the Social Hall after today’s Sanctuary worship service to review reports and financial budgets. Lunch will be provided. Nominations for the incoming slate of officers also will be voted on.

The biographies of the nominees for Church Officers are located in a notebook in the Balaka Room for you to preview. Please do not remove the notebook from there.

Stained Glass Tour
After today’s 11 am worship service, get an in-depth tour of our church’s stained glass windows that tell the story of many Biblical stories. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to participate. All are welcome!

Confirmation Class to Meet
Confrimands will attend the Congregational Meeting with their sponsors and teachers, and then adjourn to the 2nd fl Parlor until 3:30 pm.

Wholistic Wellness Ministry
The Wholistic Wellness Ministry will be seeking to talk with those who are/were interested in some type of Mental Health Support Group based on spiritual principles. If you are interested, please email Linda Lane (Lindasblane@gmail.com), or leave a note in the Wholistic Wellness Ministry mail folder this week, including what time/days would work for you to attend a short meeting.

Fish Bank Donations for OGHS
On Palm Sunday, April 5, we will witness to God’s abundant love and receive the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, making a difference in the lives of people all over the world. Fish Banks (a fun, family friendly way to save and donate to the OGHS) along with a donation calendar are available starting today on the 2nd floor and by the monitor display area on the 1st floor.

Annual Report Summary Available
Copies of the 2019 Annual Report Summary are available at the S Highland Ave entrance, by the monitor display area.

Sponsor Youth for 30-Hour Famine
Youth in grades 6–12 are asking ELPC members and friends to sponsor them for their participation in the 30-Hour Famine today after the Journey service and in the Social Hall at the Congregational Meeting. Thank you for your generosity!

Today’s Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)
The Journey service DOD is Dana Carl.
The Sanctuary service DOD is Susan Spangler.

ELPC Survey of Members, Friends and the Community
The Facing Systemic Racism Ministry Team of East Liberty Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh) invites church members, friends, staff, and community members to complete a short survey (5 to 15 minutes). You may access the survey electronically via the QR code to the right or online at http://tiny.cc/ELPCFSR, or on paper which is available throughout the church. Your responses will help us learn where our congregation stands on its journey to face systemic racism and will help us work to change over time. Please complete the survey by March 1.

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. Trainers in CPR, AED and First Aid are encouraged to self-identify as well. Contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Presentation and Guest Speaker — Feb 26
Following our Ash Wednesday noon service on Feb 26, join us in the Fellowship Room for lunch and a discussion on the intersectionality of worship and theodicy led by the Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock. She is the associate professor of homiletics and worship at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and author of Karl Barth’s Emergency Homiletic, 1932–1933: A Summons to Prophetic Witness at the Dawn of the Third Reich. The Rev. Dr. Hancock earned her M.Div. and Ph.D. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Worship Services with the Imposition of Ashes
12 Noon — Following the Noon service led by Pastor Patrice, all are invited to attend a presentation by the Rev. Dr. Angela Hancock who will discuss the intersectionality of worship and theodicy. A simple lunch will be served.
7 PM — ELPC’s weekly Taizé Prayer service with Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan with sung and spoken prayers, silence and anointing.
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 Egelston's friend Gary and his family,
Agnes Green, 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,
Heather Schoenewolf’s uncle Jim, and Pat Valoon.

Condolences to Todd Farwell on his father’s passing.
Condolences to Mark Thomas on his mother’s passing.

Committee Meetings This Week
Justice Subgroup ...................... Monday, 6:00 pm (Highland Rm)
PW Leadership ......................... Monday, 6:00 pm (2nd fl Library)

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 Kearns 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 around the church, and reservations are due by 5 pm today (MaryLynn@coh.net).

30-Hour Famine — Feb 29 to March 1
Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to participate in the 30-Hour Famine to help raise money and awareness to support Hello Neighbor’s work in welcoming immigrants to Pittsburgh. The 30-Hour Famine begins Saturday, Feb 29 at 3:30 pm, and ends after the Journey service on Sunday, March 1. The permission slip, schedule, and packing list can be found on the church calendar. Please contact Sara Hackett for more info (SaraH@coh.net).

Lenten Book Study — March 1
As part of our focus on Facing System Racism, the Mission Board encourages ELPC members and friends to embrace all aspects of Lent by engaging in an intentional read and weekly discussion of Pastor Daniel Hill’s book White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to be White, beginning Sunday, March 1 at Noon in the McKelvy Room. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and a light lunch will be served. Childcare is available with reservation one week prior. Contact Sara Hackett for details (SaraH@coh.net).

Community Meeting — Feb 25
There will be a Community Meeting to discuss plans to convert former student housing on the campus of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary into affordable and supportive housing. If you are interested in hearing about ACTION-Housing’s plans for these units at Highland and Stanton Ave on Tuesday, Feb 25 from 5:30-6:30 pm in the Knox Room in Long Hall on the PTS campus, please contact Linda Metropulos at ACTION-Housing (412.281.2102 x203; Lmetropulos@actionhousing.org). Light refreshments will be served.

RCC Cabaret Concert — Feb 29, March 7 and 8
The Renaissance City Choir will present its Cabaret concert Villains & Heroes at ELPC on Saturdays, Feb 29 and March 7 at 7:30 pm, and March 8 at 3 pm. We have all encountered "good guys" and "bad guys" along our life’s journey. We have been in situations where we see the light or the dark. Yet perhaps these categories aren’t always so clear-cut! Join the RCC family as we explore these themes through the music of The Phantom of the Opera, Sweeney Todd, Waitress, Wicked, Les Misérables, and more. A sign language interpreter is provided. The choir is western PA’s only LGBTQIA+ choir, and rehearses and performs at ELPC. The Sunday matinee has pay as you can pricing. Purchase tickets online at www.rccpittsburgh.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
March 1★ 9:45 to 10:45 am

★ ADULTS ★
Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “All you who are heavy laden, come to me, and I will give you rest” facilitated by Carolyn Russ

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Ezekiel 18:25–32; Psalm 44; Romans 1:8–15, 18–25; Mark 8:1–10, 14–21 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “The Center for Victims” led by Valerie Dixon

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A Lenten session on prayer with the Spiritual Pathways program, led by the Rev Joe Hajdu, Linda Lane, and Judy Roberts

Parenting Circle (Harambe Rm) — “Prayer” facilitated by the Parenting Circle Leadership Team

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