TIME OF PREPARATION

“According to Dr. Linda Hartling, ‘in order to deal with shame, some of us move away by withdrawing, hiding, silencing ourselves, and keeping secrets. Some of us move toward by seeking to appease and please. And some of us move against by trying to gain power over others, by being aggressive, and by using shame to fight shame.’”

— Brené Brown, Daring Greatly, How the Courage to be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ

“Wondrous Love”
arr. Craig Phillips

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
arr. Dale Wood

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.

PRAYER OF PEACE

Leader: Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Lectern Side: Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.
Pulpit Side: Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Everyone: Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

— based on a Navaho prayer, David Haas
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Melia Chandler and Paige McKenzie

Leader: Come, you who are thirsty —
People: Here is water that sustains weary souls.
Leader: Come, you who are despairing —
People: Here is the Rock of our salvation.
Leader: Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord.
People: Let us enter God’s presence with joyful praise!

* PROCESIONAL HYMN (printed in bulletin)

O Quanta Qualia

“Come, Worship God”
Call to Confession
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Lord, time and again, you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed and look into the eyes of a stranger and we are astonished. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division; while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is — the healing of the world.

Astonish us with your grace, O God, that we might move from surprise to service, and from doubt to faithfulness. By your Spirit, inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed.

Time of Silent Reflection

Assurance of God’s Forgiveness
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through which we have now received reconciliation. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

Responsive Hymn (printed in bulletin)
“Spirit of the Living God”
LIVING GOD

Spirited of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirited of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirited of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Hebrew Lesson
Psalm 46:1-11 Melia Chandler and Paige McKenzie

Moments with Our Children
The Rev. 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.

Anthem
“Sing, My Soul, God’s Wondrous Love” Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, God’s wondrous love, who from your bright throne above,
Ever watchful o’er our race, still to us extends God's grace.

Heaven and earth by God were made; all is by God’s scepter swayed;
What are we that God should show so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood,
And, to make our safety sure, guides us by God’s Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore God’s Name! Let God’s glory be thy theme;
Praise God till God calls thee home; truth God’s love for all to come.

Gospel Lesson
John 4:5-15 Elder Ralph B. Lowe, Jr.

Sermon
“Disciples, Selah .... you must?” Elder Ralph B. Lowe, Jr.

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer
The Rev. Mary Lynn 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

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.

Please come forward to offer our gifts to God in response to God's goodness towards us.

*OFFERTORY HYMN (printed in bulletin)*

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION*

"This Far by Faith"

OLD HUNDRETH

*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: Just as our worship of you, O God, is not confined to this place, our praise is not limited to certain times or seasons. Accept the offerings that we bring as a witness to your Spirit, who dwells in all that we do. May our acts of forbearance and love testify to Christ’s truth pervading our lives. Use what we give that others may come into your presence with joyful songs of hope and thanksgiving. Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN (printed in bulletin)*

“Austrian Hymn”

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION*

Elder Ralph B. Lowe, Jr.

POSTLUDE

“Postlude-Grand Choeur”

Félix-Alexandre Guilmant

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.

♦ Participating In Today’s Service

Preaching: Elder Ralph B. Lowe, Jr.
Director of Justice Ministries
Pittsburgh Presbytery

Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Melia Chandler
Carla Depperman
Paige McKenzie
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir

Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Erich Stein
Crucifer: Volunteer *(could be you)
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ Fellowship Time

In an effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, we will suspend today’s Fellowship Time. However, coffee, tea and water will be available throughout the morning. We will resume Fellowship Time after the threat has passed.

♦ Worship Flowers

The flowers today are in loving memory of James O. Wilson, the late husband of Frances Wilson.

♦ 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 22 — 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 22 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

*Interested in joining the team of adults and youth who help lead worship in this way? Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

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 on the tear-off sheet on the back of today’s bulletin.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

Stay after today’s service. 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.
COME, WORSHIP GOD

1 Come, worship God, who is worthy of honor;
2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the mountains;
3 We are your people, the sheep of your pasture;
4 Now let us listen, for you speak among us;

Enter God's presence with thanks and a song!
Held in your hands are the depths of the earth.
You are our Maker, and to you we pray.
Open our hearts to receive what you say.

You are the rock of your people's salvation
Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,
Gladly we kneel in obedience before you;
Peace be to all who remember your goodness,

to whom our jubilant praises belong.
God above all gods, who gave us our birth.
great is the one whom we worship this day!
trust in your word, and rejoice in your way!!

Psalm 95, often called Venite from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

TEXT: Michael Perry, 1980
MUSIC: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; harm. La Feuillée's Méthode du plain-chant, 1808
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SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN
상아계신 주 성령 내께 오소서
상아계신 주 성령 내께 오소서
빛우시고 체우소서
상아계신 주 성령 내께 오소서

SPANISH
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.
WE’VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH

We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord,

trusting in the holy Word; God’s never failed us yet.

O, can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.

We’ve come this far by faith.

This refrain from a longer hymn could well be understood as a black gospel reflection on several biblical passages: 2 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Samuel 7:12, and 1 Chronicles 17:16. All these texts bear witness to God’s faithfulness toward all who are engaged in the pilgrimage of faith.

TEXT and MUSIC: Albert A. Goodson, 1956
GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God.
2 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear.
3 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,

God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.

On the rock of ages found ed, what can shake thy sure repose?
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a river ever flows, their thirst to assuage?

With salvation’s walls surrounded, thou may’st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt.
MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.
As we gather at ELPC to worship and for other activities, we want to follow the best practices to prevent the spread of illness. Please feel free to wave during the passing of the peace instead of shaking hands especially if you are not feeling well. There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent the spread of respiratory diseases is to follow preventative actions including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick. ELPC audio streams the Wednesday Taizé service, and live streams the 11 am Sanctuary service on our Facebook page and on YouTube. Please feel free to watch the service from home if you are not feeling well.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and immediately wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. ELPC has hand sanitizers near entrances of the church.

For more information, please check the CDC guidelines at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

TODAY AT ELPC

No Fellowship Time Today
In an effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, we will suspend today’s Fellowship Time. However, coffee, tea and water will be available throughout the morning. We will resume Fellowship Time after the threat has passed. Thank you for your understanding!

LGBTQ Ministry
All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC’s LGBTQ Ministry today at 12:30 pm to share lunch and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are welcome. For info, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Lenten Book Study
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 today after the 11 am service in the Good Samaritan Room. Childcare is available with reservation. Contact Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

Lenten Devotionals Available
The Children and Family Ministries Team has purchased devotional materials to encourage you along your Lenten journey. Materials will be available outside of each worship service and on the second floor table, with additional “supplies” in the Kids Corner for those who may need assistance gathering the hands-on materials that are a part of the devotional exercises. We ask that you take one booklet per family unit.

Today’s Deacons—On-Duty (DOD)
The Journey service DOD is Beth Minnigh.
The Sanctuary service DOD is David Cowan.

Film and Panel Discussion — March 21
What did the Medicare Act have to do with the Civil Rights Act? See “The Power to Heal” film that tells the story of how Medicare was used in the 1960’s to mount a dramatic, coordinated effort that desegregated thousands of hospitals across the country in a matter of months. How would a National Health Care Program impact the systemic racism built into our current health care system? Hear from our panel of 4 medical doctors about the way Medicare for ALL people could address the right to health care of all people across the country. What is our role, as Christians and as citizens? Please join the Justice Committee on Saturday, March 21 from 4-6 pm in the McKelvy Room to view the film and engage in a panel discussion. Contact Carol Chonoska for details (carolchonoska@gmail.com; 724.272.9722).

Renewable Energy Sunday — March 22
Electricity contributes global warming gases when coal and natural gas are used to produce it. However, as of Jan 1, 2020, ELPC’s electricity is offset by equivalent generation of renewable energy (wind), with 30% of it produced locally. This milestone will be celebrated next Sunday, March 22 after the 11 am service. There will be an opportunity to switch to renewable electricity for your home; it will help if you have your electric bill accessible. Doing so can offset about half of your home's carbon footprint which is 11 tons or 24,200 lb annually in PA. Let's lighten the burden on the environment together! For more info, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).
As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

- Dorothy Autore, Henk Bossers,
- Randy and Beth Bush, David Carl's friend's son Morgan,
- Kate Carlson's brother Ray, Carol Chontos' nephew Justin,
- Agnes Green, Peta Harrigan Cole, Lee Lewand,
- Molinaro/Karaczun friends Jacob and Jo and Patty,
- Dave Phillips' sister-in-law Maureen,
- Tiffany Sudan's cousin Justin,
- Pat Valoon, and Michelle Yamada's mother MaryAnne.

Condolences to Molly Dimond-Stephany on her sister-in-law's passing.
Condolences to Dee Flaherty on her father's passing.
Condolences to David Gilliland on his father's passing.
Condolences to Heather Schoenewolf on her uncle's passing.
Condolences to Matt Stufft on his mother's passing.
Condolences to Albert Williams on his cousin's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week
Membership & Outreach......Today, 12:30 pm (McKelvy Rm)
Personnel.........................Tuesday, 4:00 pm (virtual meeting)
Mission Board .................Thursday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)

Church Tours – March 22 and 29
Please gather at the Highland Lobby to join the following tours after the 11 am Sunday worship service. Please note that closed-toe shoes are recommended.
- M arch 22 — Underground Tour
- M arch 29 — Tower Tour

Cancelled: Meatless Monday Spaghetti Dinner — March 23
The spaghetti dinner that was to be hosted by the Justice Committee Environmental Team on March 23 has been cancelled in an effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Sunday School Classes for All Ages
March 22 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am
♦ ADULTS ♦
Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “Living in the Image of God” facilitated by Carolyn Russ
Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Isaiah 65:1–10; Psalm 103:13–22; Revelation 3:14–22; Mark 9:14–29 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin
Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “Stories of the Mystics” led by Rev. Dr. Graham Standish
Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A Lenten session on prayer with the Spiritual Pathways program, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michele Bossers, and Steve Evrard
Parenting Circle (Harambe Rm) — “Prayer” facilitated by the Parenting Circle Leadership Team

In our Community
“Drawn to Home” Release Party — March 26
Drawn to Home is a comic book depicting the stories of nine different individuals who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm at the Main Branch of the Carnegie Library in Oakland. For more info, visit www.drawntonohomecomic.com.

Holy Week Services
Palm and Passion Sunday
April 5 ♦ 8:45 and 11 am
E-co palms will be distributed at each service.
The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will also be received.

Labyrinth Prayer Walk
April 6 to 10 ♦ 9 am to 9 pm
April 11 ♦ 9 am to 1 pm

Taizé Stations of the Cross
April 8 ♦ 7 pm
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will lead this powerful prayer experience as we walk with Jesus from the chamber with his friends to the Garden of Gethsemane, from the halls of Pontius Pilate to Golgotha, and into the tomb. Each step of the journey will be accompanied by scripture, prayer, and chants.

Maundy Thursday (communion)
April 9 ♦ 7 pm
Communion service recalling Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples.
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf will preach at this service.

Good Friday
April 10 ♦ 12 Noon and 7 pm
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Seavy will preach at Noon, and The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will preach at the 7 pm Tenebrae service.

Saturday Vigil
April 11 ♦ 7 pm
The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will deliver the message at this processing Vigil.

Easter Sunday
April 12 ♦ 8:45 and 11 am
The Rev. Schoenewolf will preach at the 8:45 am Journey service in the Social Hall. The 11 am Sanctuary service will be preceded by special music beginning at 10:45 am, with the Rev. Dr. Bush preaching.

Sponsor an Easter plant! Forms are available on the info tables around the church and online at ELPC.church.
VISITOR WELCOME SHEET

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to:

- register your name and contact information below,
- tear off this section of the back page of today’s bulletin, and
- place this completed sheet with the offering or in the church’s mail room.

Thank you!

NAME ____________________________
ADDRESS __________________________
ZIP __________________________ PHONE __________________________
EMAIL ADDRESS __________________________

I am a  _____ Member
        _____ Friend
        _____ I would like a personal contact.
        _____ I am interested in membership.

We invite you to pick up a copy of our newsletter, the Reaching Out, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Ave entrance for more info on church programming and ministries.

Please note our website will include the most up-to-date information regarding cancellations and postponements happening at ELPC to prevent the spread of COVID-19.