

Tenebrae

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

MARCH 25, 2016

7 PM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

PRELUDE Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
"Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727"
(O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)
Johann Sebastian Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Annabel Degenholtz, Keith Irvin
Akil Turner, Isaiah Wilson

Leader: Jesus, you are lifted up, and we bow before
your cross to receive your blessings: "Father,
forgive them – they know not what they do."

People: We are humbled by your forgiveness.

Leader: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

People: We are awed by your promise.

Leader: "Mother, he is your son – and she is your
mother."

People: We pray to love each other as you have
loved us.

Leader: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken
me?"

People: Stay with us, God, that we may stand by
all in need.

Leader: "I am thirsty."

People: Make us generous to share with those who
hunger and thirst.

Leader: "It is finished."

People: Complete your work in us and use us
according to your will.

Leader: "Father, into your hands I commend my
spirit."

People: We give ourselves to you in trust and
peace.



* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

* **OPENING HYMN #223**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Merciful God, as we stand in the shadow of your cross, we confess that we have sinned against you, through that which we have done, and that which we have left undone. Humbled by your humility, we repent of our complicity in the suffering of others, the woundedness our planet, the brokenness in our relationships, the endorsement of violence throughout our world. Forgive us, we pray. Save us from hardness of heart and fill us with love overflowing, that we may enact your vision for this world: a vision of redemptive hope, fullness of life, and love everlasting, won for us in Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of this Good Friday:

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
Gracias a Dios.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 22

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

GOSPEL LESSON

John 19:16b-30

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf, Mark Blank

MESSAGE

“A Witness to Suffering”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #220 (*remain seated*)

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

REDHEAD

◆ **THE SEVEN LAST WORDS** ◆

THE FIRST WORD

Kiara Rockeymore, Xander Yates

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” (*Luke 23:34*)

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #228 (*stanza 1*)

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

THE SECOND WORD

Sonia Degenholtz, Akil Turner

“Today you will be with me in Paradise.” (*Luke 23:43*)

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

HYMN #228 (*stanza 2*)

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

THE THIRD WORD

Isaac Degenholtz, Keith Irvin

“Woman, here is your son.” (*John 19:26*)

The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #228 (*stanza 3*)

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

THE FOURTH WORD

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (Mark 15:34)

Ramsey and Julia Lewand

Mark Blank

HYMN #228 (*stanza 4*)

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine?

THE FIFTH WORD

Annabel, Isaac and Sonia Degenholtz

“I am thirsty.” (John 19:28)

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HYMN #228 (*stanza 5*)

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

THE SIXTH WORD

Julia Lewand, Isaiah Wilson

“It is finished.” (John 19:30)

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

HYMN #228 (*stanza 1*)

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

THE SEVENTH WORD

Ramsey Lewand, Kiara Rockeymore

“Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit.” (Luke 23:46)

Xander Yates

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SILENCE

ANTHEM

“I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry”

Isaac Watts/Richard Smallwood

The text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #799.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:31-39

The Rev. Schoenewolf

CLOSING MEDITATION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: Grant us peace.

DEPART IN SILENCE



Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship.

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Mark Blank
Isaac, Sonia and Annabel Degenholtz
Keith Irvin
Julia and Ramsey Lewand
Kiara Rockeymore
Akil Turner
Xander Yates
Musicians: Dr. Edward Moore, *Organist/Music Director*
Quartet: Carly Noel Black
David Jennings-Smith
Judd Poeske
Denise Sheffey-Powell
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ WORSHIP SERVICES

Below is a listing of the remaining Holy Week and Easter Sunday services we are offering at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. We invite you to join us on our journey.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26

7:00 pm **Easter Vigil Service.** The Great Vigil includes reaffirmation of baptism vows, communion and announcement of Christ's resurrection. Service begins in the Chapel. The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will lead this service.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

8:45 am..... **Journey Worship.** The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf will preach at this communion service in the Social Hall.
9:45 am..... **Fellowship Time.** Please join us in the Small Dining Room (on the ground floor) from 9:45 to 10:45 am for a special time of fellowship and hospitality.
11 am..... **Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and guest instrumentalists. Special music begins at 10:45 am. The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush will preach at this communion service.

The worship spaces will not have Easter lilies out of respect for people allergic to plant aromas.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

The labyrinth, a 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward, is an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation. The ELPC labyrinth is a replica of the stone labyrinth laid in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France.

The labyrinth will be available during Holy Week:

Good Friday, March 25 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 26 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Taizé Sung Prayer

Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France.

Wednesdays, 7 pm

Prayer Room (*Room 135, in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to listen for the still, small voice of God. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness that is ELPC.

Open everyday



WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this season with us at ELPC.

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

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 **April 3 and 10** for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22) for more information.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at www.ELPC.church.