

# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God’s unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ’s radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)*

## GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 25, 2016 — 12 NOON CHAPEL WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727”  
(O Sacred Head, Now Wounded)

Johann Sebastian Bach

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Jesus said: If any of you want to be my disciples, take up the cross and follow me.

People: Those who seek to save their lives will lose them, but those who give their lives for Christ’s sake will be saved.

Leader: Let us pray together:

People: Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ to save us.

We have betrayed him.

We have denied him.

We have abandoned, mocked, and crucified him.

Have mercy, O God, have mercy on us; through Jesus Christ, our only hope. Amen.

### \* OPENING HYMN (printed in bulletin)

“Calvary”

SPIRITUAL

### FIRST STATION: JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Matthew 26:36-41

*Prayerfully consider: Where are we asleep when God-with-us is sorrowful unto death?*

Leader: We have fallen asleep and fail to live lovingly, compassionately and ready to serve. Have mercy on us.

People: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Through your faithfulness, you have redeemed the world.

\* Indicates where you may please rise in body or spirit.



**SECOND STATION: JESUS IS BETRAYED AND ARRESTED**

Mark 14:43-46

*Prayerfully consider: When and how in our lives do we betray the Lord with our affections?*

**Leader:** We betray you over and over again by being unfaithful to you and one another. Have mercy on us.

**People:** Through your faithfulness, O Christ, you have redeemed the world. We adore you.  
We bless you.

**THIRD STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED BY THE RELIGIOUS COUNCIL**

Luke 22:66-71

*Prayerfully consider: Have we participated in condemning God with us?*

**Leader:** We have looked upon others with disdain rather than love. Have mercy on us.

**People:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Through your faithfulness, you have redeemed the world.

**HYMN** (*printed in bulletin*)

“Ah, Holy Jesus”

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

**FOURTH STATION: JESUS IS DENIED BY PETER**

Deborah Marx

Matthew 26:69-75

*Prayerfully consider: In what ways do I deny Christ?*

**Leader:** We have failed to stand and proclaim we are the children of God. Have mercy on us.

**People:** Through your faithfulness, O Christ, you have redeemed the world. We adore you.  
We bless you.

**FIFTH STATION: JESUS IS JUDGED BY PONTIUS PILATE**

Mark 15:1-5, 15

*Prayerfully consider: When has our desire to appease others hurt Christ's body?*

**Leader:** None of us are in a position to judge the other, and yet we do. Have mercy on us.

**People:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Through your faithfulness, you have redeemed the world.

**SIXTH STATION: JESUS IS SCOURGED AND MOCKED**

John 19:1-3

*Prayerfully consider: Do we participate in groups that mock and denigrate the Christ in others?*

**Leader:** Through our inaction and failure to act, we are complicit in mocking those who are weak and heavy-laden. Have mercy on us.

**People:** Through your faithfulness, O Christ, you have redeemed the world. We adore you.  
We bless you.

**HYMN** (*printed in bulletin*)

“O Blest Are They Who in Their Love”

GUILSBOROUGH

**SEVENTH STATION: JESUS IS CONDEMNED BY THE CROWD TO BEAR A CROSS**

Mark Blank

John 19:6, 15-17

*Prayerfully consider: Where do crowds still call for the crucifixion of innocents?*

**Leader:** We have made choices in life that do not honor you, nor are respectful of self. Have mercy on us.

**People:** We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Through your faithfulness, you have redeemed the world.

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**EIGHTH STATION: JESUS IS HELPED BY SIMON OF CYRENE**

Mark 15:21

*Prayerfully consider: When were you forced to carry a cross that wasn't yours to carry, or forced others to carry a cross they didn't deserve?*

**Leader:** We have failed to help the other with the crosses they bear. Have mercy on us.

**People:** **Through your faithfulness, O Christ, you have redeemed the world. We adore you. We bless you.**

**NINTH STATION: JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM**

Luke 23:27-31

*Prayerfully consider: Jesus says his death occurs in a green time. What might life look like when the time is dry?*

**Leader:** We have not shown compassion or care for the least of these among us. Have mercy on us.

**People:** **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Through your faithfulness, you have redeemed the world.**

**HYMN** (*printed in bulletin*)

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

**TENTH STATION: JESUS IS CRUCIFIED**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Luke 23:33-38

*Prayerfully consider: While we were in the act of crucifying and mocking him, Christ begged his Father for our forgiveness.*

**Leader:** There is nothing left to say, except: Have mercy on us.

**People:** **Through your faithfulness, you have redeemed the world. We adore you. We bless you.**

**ELEVENTH STATION: JESUS PROMISES HIS KINGDOM**

Luke 23:39-43

*Prayerfully consider: How do we want Jesus to remember us from his sovereign throne?*

**Leader:** Have mercy on us. Forgive us.

**People:** **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. Through your faithfulness, you have redeemed the world.**

**TWELFTH STATION: JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS MOTHER AND BELOVED DISCIPLE**

John 19:25b-27

*Prayerfully consider: What should the family of God look like?*

**Leader:** Have mercy on us. Forgive us.

**People:** **Through your faithfulness, O Christ, you have redeemed the world. We adore you. We bless you.**

**SOLO**

“Were You There”

Billy Wayne Coakley, *soloist*

**THIRTEENTH STATION: JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Luke 23:44-46

**People:** **Forgive us.**

*After the tolling of the bells, please leave in silence.*



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*Harmony*

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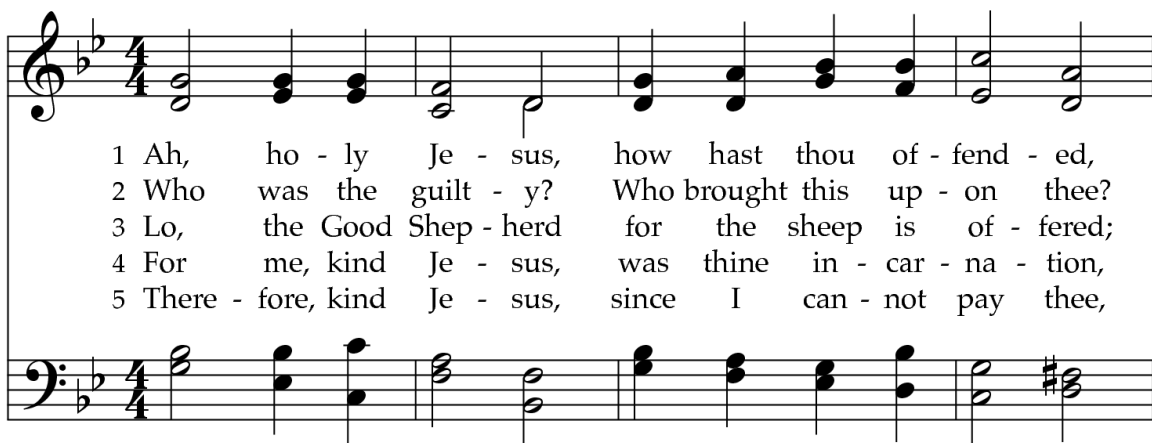
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| 3. | Don't    | you  | hear | Him   | call - ing  | His Fa - ther? | Don't    |
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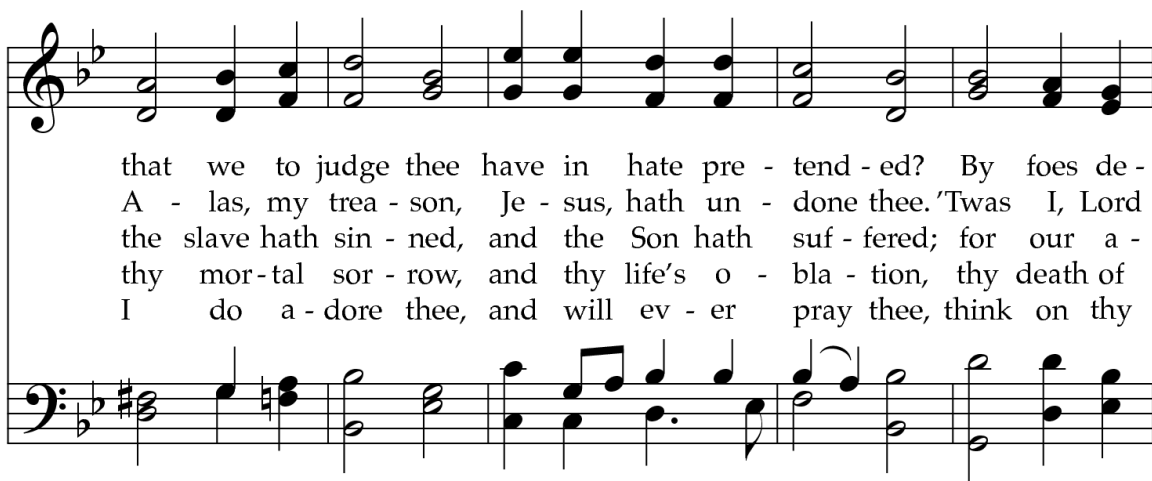
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say, "It is fin - ished"?

# AH, HOLY JESUS



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,  
 2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee?  
 3 Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;  
 4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,  
 5 There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that we to judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -  
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord  
 the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a -  
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's o - bla - tion, thy death of  
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed!  
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.  
 tone - ment, while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.  
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.  
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

This beautiful English paraphrase of a German meditation on Christ's Passion bears testimony to the unobtrusive poetic skill and musical sensitivity of a future Poet Laureate of England. The associated chorale is no less carefully crafted and rewards singing in parts.

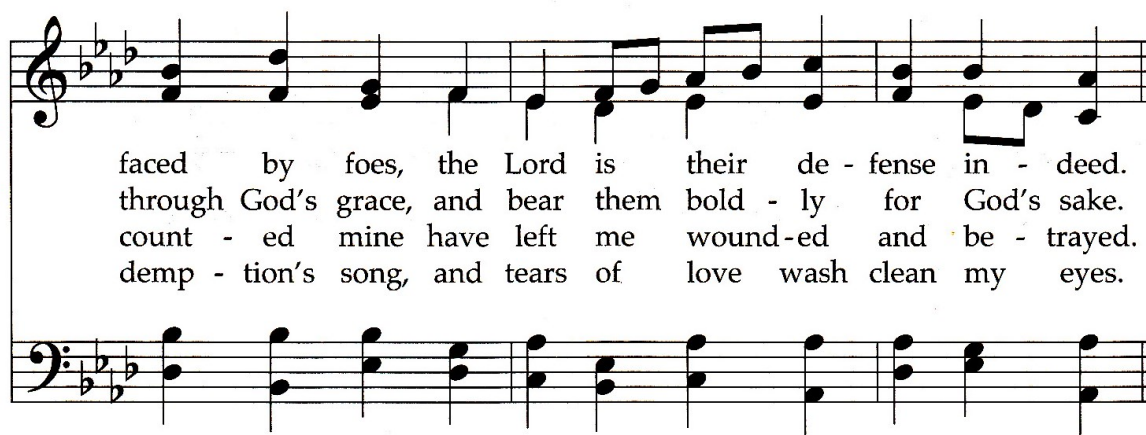
# O BLEST ARE THEY WHO IN THEIR LOVE



1 O blest are they who in their love com - pas - sion  
 2 When all the e - vils earth can dream are cast on  
 3 The hands which shared my bro - ken bread, my love with  
 4 To me, O Lord, in mer - cy turn; your fa - vor,



hold for those in need; for they shall find, when  
 me, my faith to break, their rage I tem - per  
 their de - ceit re - paid; and friends whose trust I  
 my most trea - sured prize; my mouth shall sing re -

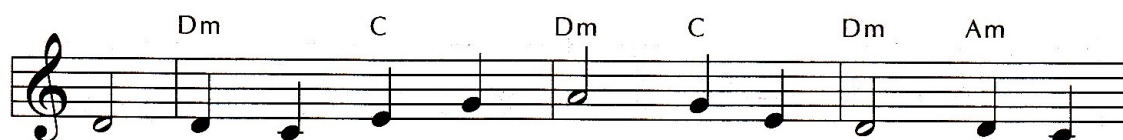


faced by foes, the Lord is their de - fense in - deed.  
 through God's grace, and bear them bold - ly for God's sake.  
 count - ed mine have left me wound - ed and be - trayed.  
 demp - tion's song, and tears of love wash clean my eyes.

This 20th-century paraphrase follows the structure of Psalm 41 by devoting the first stanza to a general statement about God's favor bestowed on those who are merciful to the poor. The remaining stanzas provide the details of a first-person testimony to this general principle.



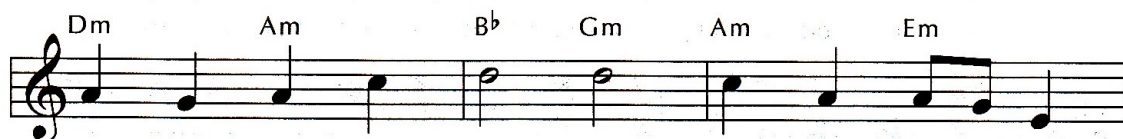
# WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



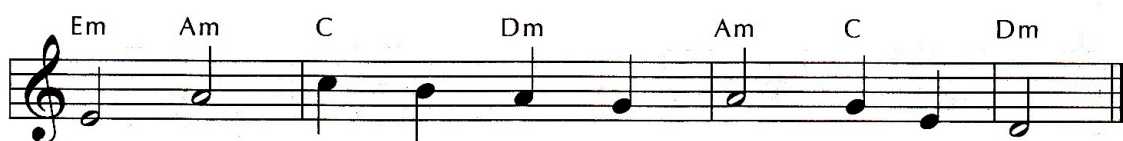
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 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

*Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship.*

♦ **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Mark Blank  
Deborah Marx  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Moore, *Organist/Music Director*  
Billy Wayne Coakley, *Soloist*  
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.*

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

7:00 pm ..... **Tenebrae Service.** In Sanctuary. Service of light and darkness. The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

**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.

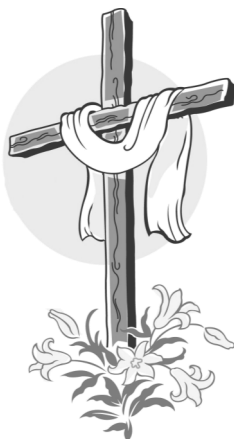
**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

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 preaching and leading communion.



*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.

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