



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)

APRIL 10, 2016 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Distinguished American composer Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927) is a graduate of the Yale and Eastman Schools of Music. She is a professor emeritus of the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The United Nations started celebrating **International Women's Day** on March 8 in 1975. Increasingly, **International Women's Day** is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

For more on the history of **International Women's Day**, go to: www.womenwatch.unwomen.org/international-womens-day-history.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"Jesus, Lord, you come to us
not as we come to you —
With excuses, bluster, bewilderment,
and a million petitions.
You come to us in peace.
You come to us with peace.
Lord, let your peace
be alive in my life, today."

— *Dorothy Stewart, "The Peace of God" in Women of Prayer*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

"When We Are Living (*Somos del Señor*)" arr. Emma Lou Diemer
based on *Glory to God* 822

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters (*Beach Spring*)" arr. Janet Linker
based on *Glory to God* 490

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

MINUTE FOR MISSION

The Great Exchange

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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

Barbara Griffin

("An Open Invitation" by Women's World Day of Prayer International Executive Committee, featured in Women of Prayer)

Leader: Lord, you invite us —

People: Not some of us, all of us: not the good and righteous, all of us —
unconditionally.

Leader: Lord, we come —

People: Meeting you, meeting each other, accepting each other,
unconditionally.

Leader: Lord, we go —

People: Constant in prayer, and prayerful action, expressing your
continuous invitation — loving, sharing, seeking, bringing, serving
the world you love.

Leader: Let us praise the living Lord!

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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Lord God, I bring to you:
My sins for your
forgiveness.
My hopes, my aims,
my ambitions for your
blessings.
My temptations for
your strength.
My words and duties and
responsibilities
for your help.
My family, friends and
all loved ones for your
care and protection.
My sickness for
your healing.
*("Into God's Care" by the
Women of Kenya, in
Women of Prayer)*

The text of *Mothering God,
You Gave Me Birth* is
based on the writings of
Julian of Norwich
(c. 1342 – c. 1413). Her
book of devotions,
*Revelations of Divine
Love*, was published in
1395 and is the first
published book in the
English language to be
written by a woman.

- * PROCESSIONAL HYMN #309 ABBOT'S LEIGH
"Come, Great God of All the Ages"
- PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
- TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION
- ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS The Rev. Dr. Bush
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!
- OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 30 Kira Mukogosi
- NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 3:26-28 Sherry Anderson
- MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN The Rev. Dr. Bush
*Our Extended Session program is provided for infants and toddlers up to age 3 in the first floor
Nursery and pre-school age through grade 1 in Room 151.*
- * HYMN #161 "Woman in the Night" NEW DISCIPLES
- GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-29 The Rev. Schoenewolf
- SERMON "The Truth in Our Stories" The Rev. Schoenewolf
- * AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from a Brief Statement of Faith, lines 27-51*)
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God
**created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and
female**, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel
against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we
violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit
neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
**We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to
redeem creation.**
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant
people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the
children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us
heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her
nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is
faithful still.
- OFFERING INVITATION The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
*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 "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" arr. Tom Trenney
The text can be found at #7 in the Glory to God hymnal.
- * DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607 OLD HUNDREDTH
The communion bread is being presented by Rob Gallaway and Todd Farwell.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below.
Praise Holy Spirit evermore. Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY:
The church at St. Corneille at Compiègne installed an organ in what is modern-day France (this is the first record of this musical instrument, 787); Joseph Pulitzer, who established the Pulitzer Prize, was born in Mako, Hungary (1847); F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, *The Great Gatsby*, was published (1925); and music legend Nat King Cole was attacked on stage by a group of racial segregationists during a performance in Birmingham, Alabama (1956).

Dr. Mary Beth Bennett is Organist/Choirmaster of Seventh Street Christian Church in Richmond, Virginia and a member of the music faculty at the University of Richmond.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf and
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may partake of the bread and the cup, placing the used cup in the basket provided, then returning to seats via the side aisles. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION #297

ST. DENIO

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

PRAYERS FOR HEALING & WHOLENESS

After receiving communion, worshipers may go to one of the prayer stations for intercessory prayers, anointing with oil, the laying on of hands.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Gracious and loving God, we encounter you in unexpected places in our lives: in bread, in wine, in our community together. As you have welcomed each of us to this table, nourish us by the meal that we have shared. Emboldened to proclaim the good news of your love for us – and for all – that we might be ever transformed by your life-giving grace. This we ask through Jesus Christ, the Living Lord. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #493

OMNI DIE

“Now There Is No Male or Female”

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

Dr. Moore, *organist*
Mary Beth Bennett

“Sing Our Earth and Skies”

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.



Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Sherry Anderson
Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosi
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,
Organist/Music Director
Gabriel D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Acolytes: David Bellin and Phoebe Brown
Beadles: Matt Stuftt and Lenore Williams
Crucifer: Josh Bellin
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

◆ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Following the service, please join us in the McKelvy Room for our Fellowship Time. All are welcome to attend!

If you would like to make a food or monetary donation in support of our Fellowship Time, please call Pamela Kimmel (412.441.3800 x18).

◆ 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 x11). The cost is \$100 a Sunday.

◆ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 am Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
April 17 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 am Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
April 17 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

Extended Session

After the *Moments with the 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 "Ticket" and that your child bring it with him/her 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 151.

◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

A 35-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 7 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

(Room 135, 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.

Open 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:

Stay after today's service for our Fellowship Time in the McKelvy Room. 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 today in Room 244 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. See Rev. Heather Schoenewolf immediately after today's service, or contact **Gloria Knopp** (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x22) for info.

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

TODAY AT ELPC

Inquirers' Class

Today's *Inquirers' Class* will be held in Room 244. Please see Rev. Heather Schoenewolf immediately after the service if interested in attending today, or call Gloria Knopp for more info about future classes (412.441.3800 x22).

Maintaining a Healthy Brain

Join us after today's 11 am service for a discussion on *Maintaining a Healthy Brain* in Room 234. Caterina Rosano, MD, MPH, will share information on the benefits of movement to maintaining brain health; and Jim Eng, PT, DPT, MS, GCS, will work with us on types of movement that are safe and easily done by everyone.

ELPC Below Ground Tour

Join Regis Will following the Sanctuary worship service today for the tour *ELPC Below Ground*. Wonder at the huge furnaces that heat our building! See the blowers that feed air to the more than 7,000 organ pipes! Gather at the Highland Ave entrance for the 45-minute tour.

DG2! @ Repair the World

DG2!, a partnership for youth in grades 4–6 from Rodef Shalom and ELPC, will be showing acts of loving kindness by participating in *Good Deeds Day* at Repair the World after today's 11 am worship service. They will work in local gardens around the neighborhood. See Sara Hackett immediately after the service if interested.



Yarn Donations Requested for Club 116

Club 116 is doing a yarn sewing project on April 20. If you have any leftover or unwanted yarn, we would love to put it to good use! Yarn can be dropped off in the front office before April 20.

Centering Prayer — Tuesdays

Jon Nelson will lead *Centering Prayer* on Tuesdays at 7 pm in the Prayer and Meditation Room. Please note the day and time changes from Wednesdays. All are invited to attend.

Mindfulness Meditation — Thursdays

Susan Spangler will lead *Mindfulness Meditation* on Thursdays at 7 pm in the Prayer and Meditation Room. Please note the day change from Mondays. All welcome.

Free Prom Gown Event — April 12

The *Chapel Market* is sponsoring a free prom gown event on Tuesday, April 12 from 4–6:30 pm. All students and young adults who need a beautiful gown for a special event are invited to attend. Also, if you can donate a new or gently used gown or costume jewelry, please contact Kathey Hackney (hackneyk@att.net).

Confirmation Class Meetings — April 13 and 24

There will be *Confirmation Class* meetings on Wednesday, April 13 from 5–7:30 pm and on Sunday, April 24 from 12:30–2:30 pm.

“Cram Jam” Church Tour — April 16

ELPC will be part of the first ever *Cram Jam* church tour on Saturday, April 16. Visit three modern gothic churches designed by Ralph Adams Cram (1863–1942), one of the most distinguished American church architects. Participants must provide their own transportation to each of the churches, and may attend all or any one part of the program. Please arrive at each church according to the following schedule:

- ✦ 1 pm — St. Charles Lwanga Parish at Holy Rosary Church (7114 Kelly Street, Homewood 15208);
- ✦ 2 pm — ELPC (right here!);
- ✦ 3:30 pm — Calvary Episcopal Church (315 Shady Ave, Shadyside 15206).

The event is free, but reservations are appreciated (marylu@phlf.org; 412.471.5808 x527).

The Great Exchange: Holidays — April 17

Folks of all ages are invited to *The Great Exchange: Holidays* on Sunday, April 17 at 12:30 pm in the Social Hall. This interactive event will explore some fun and intriguing discussion questions centered around the topic of holidays. We will have a simple lunch while sharing our stories with one another. No prep necessary, just come and enjoy!

Justice Committee Meeting — April 17

The ELPC Justice Committee will meet in Room 224 on Sunday, April 17 after the 11 am worship service to discuss plans for working with the Islamic Center, Criminal Justice, Circle of Faith, PrideFest, the next book study and our summer film festival. All are welcome. For more info, please contact Carol Chonoska (carolchonoska@gmail.com; 724.272.9722).

Mother's Day Cards Available — April 17 and 24

Mother's Day cards are offered by Presbyterian Women and may be purchased on Sundays, April 17 and 24 after Journey worship in the Social Hall and at Fellowship Time after Sanctuary worship. Cards also may be purchased from Kate Carlson in the church office during the week.

Mission Overnight Event — April 22 to 23

Youth in grades 8–12 who are interested in attending the *Sr. High Mission Trip* this summer are required to attend the *Mission Overnight* event from 7 pm on Friday, April 22 to Saturday, April 23 at 7 pm. We will learn about mission, play group building games, worship and plan for the trip.



As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:

Sue Bailey,
Linda Benedict's parents Tom and Lois,
Tim Benedict's sister-in-law Marilyn, Darleen Burke,
Kate Carlson's friend Patsy,
Carol Chontos (ELPC employee),
Dave and Bobby Egelston's niece Tina, Cathie Hajdu,
Bill Johnson, Gloria Knopp's brother-in-law Dave,
Chuck Knowles and his mother,
Mike Maiolo (ELPC employee),
Paul Martin's friend Carol and her family,
Deborah Marx's friends Monica and Chris,
Cami Needle, Jon Nelson's friend Chloe,
Mary Jo Pettingale, Janet Pollard's brother Calvin,
Mark Roth's father Edward, Vivienne Selia's friend Pam,
Nancy Thomas, Al Valentine's son Marc,
Pat Valoon and her friend Kristen, and Sel Whitaker.
Our condolences to the family of Alvona Booser on her passing.
Our condolences to Emma Robinson Johnson on her brother's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Personnel..... Tuesday, 6:00 pm (Pastor's Conf Rm)
Deacons..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Rm 234)

Cathedral Concert Cancellation – April 23

Our *Cathedral Concerts* performance scheduled for Saturday, April 23 has been postponed until a future date.

Images of God: So What? – April 23

Join us in the 2nd floor Parlor on Saturday, April 23 from 9 am-4 pm for the conclusion of our *Images of God* series. Titled *So What?*, this program will explore how your image of God impacts your life and prayer. There is no fee, but please call Kate Carlson (412.441.3800 x16) by Wednesday, April 20 to RSVP.

Forum on Sudan and South Sudan – April 24

The ELPC Peace Committee is hosting the *4th Annual Forum on Sudan and South Sudan* on Sunday, April 24 in the Small Dining Room from 2-5 pm. Presented by the Pittsburgh Darfur Emergency Coalition, the event will include special remarks by House Representative Mike Doyle and City Councilman Dan Gilman and many others. Lunch will be provided by members of the Sudanese Community Pittsburgh. The event is free, but RSVP to David Rosenberg (jumphook@gmail.com).

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♦ Vacation Church
School Volunteers ♦

Looking for a way to put your love in action?

Contact Wil (412.441.3800 x14). Visit the iSERVE webpage at www.ELPC.church/programs/iserve-2

In Our Community

Double the Impact of your Gift to World Mission

A group of committed *Presbyterian World Mission* donors has pledged to match all gifts sent for mission personnel support, up to \$30,000, through April 30. This means your gift of \$50 today will be matched with another \$50. We urge you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to double the impact of your gift. Please go to the *Presbyterian Mission* website (www.presbyterianmission.org) to make a donation online, being sure to note that it is to be doubled through the “matching gift” program—and if you wish, that it is to support our ELPC Mission Co-Worker Chenoa Stock with her ministry in Bolivia.

LGBTQ Ministry Event – April 24

The next LGBTQ Ministry event will be the *Learning and Discussion Session: Understanding LGBTQ Basics* on Sunday, April 24 after the 11 am worship service. To learn more about this session or to attend, as seats are limited, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x14). All allies and LGBTQ folks are welcome!

Blessing of the Bikes – April 30

ELPC is hosting a *Blessing of the Bikes* on Saturday, April 30 at 1:30 pm. People are encouraged to ride their bikes to church and gather on the Baum St side of our church for a time of prayer, dedication, and celebration. (Non-bike riders also welcome!) Participants of all ages can take part in a short bike ride up to Highland Park and back. There will be an ice cream social after the blessing service, and representatives from BikePittsburgh and the “Healthy Ride” BikeShare programs will be present.

Justice Committee Book Study and Discussion – April 30

The book *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children, and the Search for Identity* will be discussed by the Justice Committee on Saturday, April 30 from 9–11 am. The book explores what it's like for parents of children who are profoundly different or likely to be stigmatized. Book copies are available in the ELPC Library or bookstores. Read one chapter or all of them. For details, contact Carol Chonoska (724.272.9722; carolchonoska@gmail.com).

Church School Classes

April 17 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

Contemporaries – “Witness to the Church in Israel/Palestine” led by Mark Blank

Journey with Scripture – Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–30 led by Jan Irvin

Seekers – “How acquainted are you with the Holy Spirit?” led by Dr. Lois Lang

Soul Food – A concluding review of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Steve Evrard and Barb Fotta