



# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

116 South Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206 412.441.3800 www.ELPC.church

*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 2, 2017 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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. *O Waly Waly* is found three times in the *Glory to God* hymnal, #202, 302, 847.

We fail you when we should hope, but are discouraged; when we should trust, but are distrustful; when we should act, but are hesitant; when we should be eager but are complacent; when we should rejoice, but are sad.

Lord, whose mercy never fails, we thank you for everything we have received: bread and life, work and health, hope and achievement, and for the miracle of human love. Lord, whose mercy never fails, we take refuge in you and your faithfulness.  
(A Prayer by the Women of East Germany)

### TIME OF PREPARATION

"I am an expression of the divine, just like a peach is, just like a fish is. I have a right to be this way...I can't apologize for that, nor can I change it, nor do I want to...We will never have to be other than who we are in order to be successful...We realize that we are as ourselves unlimited and our experiences valid. It is for the rest of the world to recognize this, if they choose."  
— Alice Walker, *The Color Purple*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"O Waly Waly"

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

Polly and Hallie Mattila

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship God with gladness; enter God's presence with song.

People: God made us – **we are God's. We rejoice that we are God's people, the sheep of God's flock.**

Leader: We worship together because God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever, God's faithfulness to all generations.

People: Let us worship God!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #3

RAQUEL

"Womb of Life and Source of Being"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

God of life, you have created us in your image and claim us as your own. But too often we fail to live into our identity in you. We allow the wounds of our past to breed self-doubt. We allow the lies told through the prejudice of others to distort your truth. In our fear, we have held back from living fully into your call. In our shame, we have hidden our gifts from view. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to trust in the power of your love that we might be shaped by your transforming grace, and dare to profess that your love, in Christ, is for the salvation of all.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

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

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

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!

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dr. Moore, *cantor*

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-15, 23-24

*Cantor sings verses. Congregation sings refrain as directed.*



Lord, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*Children of any age are welcome to come to the steps of the chancel for Moments with our Children. Children who are in first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time. Infants and toddlers (up to age 3) are invited to follow the acolyte to the first floor Nursery; pre-school age through grade one are invited to follow the acolyte to Room 151 (adjacent to the Nursery). Parents are asked to either accompany their children to Extended Session to sign them in, or to fill out a Green Ticket (found in the kids corner) so that leaders have necessary contact information for each child and their parents/guardians.*

\* HYMN #488

“I Was There to Hear your Borne Cry”

WATERLIFE

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Mysterious Ways”

Brenda Russell, Allee Willis  
Stephen Bray

SERMON

“Unfaithful Phrases: You're Unloveable”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I'm Here”

Brenda Russell, Allee Willis  
Stephen Bray

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

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Wondrous Love”

Alice Parker/Robert Shaw

*The text can be found in the Glory to God hymnal #215.*

The original Broadway production of *The Color Purple* ran from 2005-2008. The 2015-2017 revival won two Tony Awards in 2016, including Best Revival of a Musical.

The offertory anthem is a setting of *Wondrous Love* by Alice Parker (b. 1925) and Robert Shaw (1916-1999). Parker and Shaw paired up many times to produce arrangements of folksongs, hymns and spirituals that have become standards in the choral repertoire.

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

"Here's the thing, say  
Shug. The thing I  
believe. God is inside  
you and inside  
everybody else. You  
come into the world with  
God. But only them that  
search for it inside find  
it...I believe God is  
everything, say Shug.  
Everything that is or ever  
was or ever will be. And  
when you can feel that,  
and be happy to feel  
that, you've found it."  
(Alice Walker,  
*The Color Purple*)

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.

\* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION #607

OLD HUNDREDTH



\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
and Dawn (Yamuna) Morgenstern

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:	Loving God, in your goodness, you have blessed us all: with life, with love, with gifts, with a purpose. We dedicate a portion of our gifts and the whole of ourselves to your service – that by your grace we might be a blessing to others in your name. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.	

\* CLOSING HYMN #765 (sing twice) "Song of Hope"

ARGENTINA

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Color Purple"

Brenda Russell, Allee Willis  
Stephen Bray

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*

"Sing Out Earth and Skies"

Mary Beth Bennett

*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.*

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan  
Sara Hackett  
Polly and Hallie Mattila  
Dawn (Yamuna) Morgenstern  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
**Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo**, *Music Associate*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Soloists: Adrianna Cleveland  
Denise Sheffey-Powell  
David Jennings-Smith  
Mariko Reid  
Acolytes: Brianna Allison and Zaida Collins  
Beadle: Matt Stuftt  
Crucifer: Charlotte Bush  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

ELPC's Membership & Outreach and Health Committees are sponsoring today's Fellowship Time. Come and learn more about a free program called *Better Choices, Better Health* for adults with on-going health issues and/or caregivers. All are welcome!

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of Linda Deiss' birthday. They are given with love by her children and grandchildren.

♦ WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

*Eco-palms will be distributed next week, April 9, during our Palm Sunday worship services.*

8:45 am.....Journey. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.  
*April 9* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.  
*April 9* — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching. Palm procession.

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 a *New Members and Friends Class* on Sundays, April 23 and 30 to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more information, or to register (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).



## TODAY AT ELPC

### Today We Celebrate Gifts of Women Sunday

Today's 11 am worship service includes a special celebration of the *Gifts of Women*. Thank you for joining us for worship.

### One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received

ELPC will receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* today and next Sunday, April 9 (Palm Sunday).

### Today's Fellowship Time

ELPC's Membership & Outreach and Health Committees are sponsoring an information and registration sign-up in the McKelvy Room after the 11 am worship service. Come and learn more about the FREE program called *Better Choices, Better Health* for adults with on-going health issues and/or caregivers. Light refreshments will be served.

### DG2! Event

ELPC and Rodef Shalom youth in grades 4–12 will be showing acts of loving kindness for DG2! (*Doing Good Together*) by assisting in the coordination of a "Classic Hollywood" themed Senior Prom for the residents of Charles Morris Nursing and Rehabilitation Center today. Meet at ELPC in the Harambe Room for lunch immediately following the 11 am worship service and we will return to the church for pick up at 3:15 pm.

### Sign a Letter of Support

In response to the hateful and negative communications and actions recently received by our friends, sisters and brothers of the Islamic community in general and specifically the members of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh (ICP), the ELPC Justice Committee is requesting we demonstrate our love and concern by signing the letter of support available today. Our letter of love will be delivered to the members of ICP during Holy Week. For more info, please contact Michele Bossers or Pastor Patrice Fowler-Searcy.

### Today's DODs

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Liz Gonda**.  
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Cami Teacoach**.

### Purchase an Easter Tulip Today!

We invite you to purchase a tulip plant in honor or memory of someone that will be used at our 11 am Easter Sanctuary worship service, or to make a donation to the EECM Food Pantry. All donors will be recognized in a special Easter Sunday bulletin insert. Donation forms are available on the information tables around the church.



### PALM SUNDAY

April 9 | 8:45 and 11 am

Distribution of eco-palms at both services.

### TAIZÉ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 12 | 7 pm

Journey through the stations of the cross with sung prayers, a time of silence, spoken and silent prayers.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 13 | 7 pm

Communion service led by Rev. Heather Schoenewolf.

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 14 | 12 Noon and 7 pm

Rev. Heather Schoenewolf will preach at Noon.

Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will lead worship at 7 pm.

### SATURDAY VIGIL PROCESSION

April 15 | 7 pm

Communion service led by Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan.

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 16 | 8:45 and 10:45 am

Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy will preach at the 8:45 am

Journey service in the Social Hall. Rev. Dr. Bush will

preach at the 11:00 am service in the Sanctuary.

Special Easter Fellowship Time from 9:45 – 10:45 am.





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

Ray Anthony, Lora Bethea's friend Carla,  
Amy Bialek's cousin Kelly, Carol Chonoska's brother Jeff,  
David Carl's co-worker Linda and her grandson Kain,  
Doris Dick's mother Mary, Mary Beth Gladis-Johnson,  
Barbara Goodwin's husband John, Ronald Kemp,  
Lee Lewand, Gail Mallory's friend Ailene,  
Judy Mancini's sisters June and Joan,  
Polly McQueen's brother Clay,  
Mary Randolph's mother Cecilia,  
Cameron Teacoach's friend Brittany, and Pat Valoon.

*Our condolences to Tim Engelhardt on his grandmother's passing.*

*Our condolences to Steve Evrard on his mother's passing.*

*Our condolences to Deborah Marx on her cousin's passing.*

*Our condolences to Pat Valoon on her friend's passing.*

### Committee Meetings This Week

Justice ..... *Today, 12:15 pm (Rm 244)*  
Spiritual Life Plan Retreat ..... *Today, 12:15 pm (2nd fl Parlor)*  
VCS Planning ..... *Tuesday, 5:00 pm (Rm 244)*  
Christian Education ..... *Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 244)*  
Property ..... *Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Session Rm)*

### PW Bible Study – April 3 and 4

Join Presbyterian Women to continue the study *Who is Jesus according to the Other Abrahamic Faiths?* on Monday, April 3 at 7 pm or Tuesday, April 4 at 10 am. A potluck lunch follows the Tuesday study; bring a side to share.

### Pastor Randy's Preaching Invitations – April 4 and 14

On Tuesday, April 4, as part of a Lenten Preaching Series organized by the local Episcopal Churches, Pastor Randy will preach at St. James Episcopal Church (11524 Frankstown Rd, Penn Hills). A simple supper will begin at 6 pm, followed by the Eucharist worship service at 7 pm. Then on Friday, April 14, Pastor Randy will join with the congregation of St. James AME Church (444 Lincoln Ave) for their Good Friday service from 12–3 pm. He will preach on the second word Jesus spoke from the cross.

### TRAIL Young Adult Event – April 7

Spend the evening of Friday, April 7 playing games with friends at the TRAIL young adult event *First Friday@Games with Friends* at 7 pm at the Quaker Meeting House (4836 Ellsworth Ave, Shadyside 15213). Bring a board game to share. Contact Wil for info (Wil@coh.net).

### Looking for a way to put your love in action?



Visit the iSERVE webpage at [www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2](http://www.ELPC.church/programs/iserive-2) to learn about other service opportunities, or contact Wil Forrest (412.441.3800 x14).

◆ New Member Hosts ◆

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



### 34th Annual Sponsorship Concert – Today

Today at 4 pm, the Fox Chapel Festival Chorus and The Academy Chamber Orchestra will perform Mendelssohn's *Christus* and Dubois' *Seven Last Words of Christ* at Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church (384 Fox Chapel Rd, 15238). Please call 412.963.8243 for more info.

### Reflection on African American Male Needs – April 5

Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church (1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, 15219) is presenting a 2017 Lenten series on Wednesdays from 6-8 pm. The next program on April 5 will focus on *Is the Church Relevant to the Black Male Struggle for Freedom Today?* The panel includes Rev. Dr. John Welch (Bidwell Church), Dr. John Wallace (Bible Center Church), Rev. Victor Grisby (Central Baptist Church), Dr. R. Drew Smith (Urban Ministry Professor, PTS), and moderator Rev. Dr. James Gilchrist.

### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering – April 9

LGBTQ Ministry's next *spiritual gathering* will be on Sunday, April 9 after the 11 am service. During this monthly meeting we will share food, fellowship and our stories as we welcome local college students and plan for summer events. To learn more or to get involved, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net). All welcome!

### Youth Ministry: Mission Overnight – April 21 to 22

Youth in grades 8–12 who are interested in attending the Sr. High Mission Trip to New York City this summer are required to attend this *Mission Overnight*. Beginning at 7 pm on Friday, April 21, we will learn about mission. On Saturday, April 22 we will complete mission work. Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net) for info.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

April 9 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

**Contemporaries** – “What it Means to be Free in Christ” led by Dr. John Burgess

**Journey with Scripture** – Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 21:1–11, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

**Seekers** – “The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem” led by Tucker Ferda

**Soul Food** – A concluding discussion of *Week 5 of Open the Door* by Joyce Rupp, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Steve Evrard, and Michele Bossers

**YAMs** – “YAM-led discussion and Prayer Series throughout Lent” facilitated by Wil Forrest