

EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 2017

7:00 pm



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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)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 13, 2017 — 7 PM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*
Gerald Near

“Ubi Caritas et Amor”

Where dwelleth charity and love, there God is found.

Our worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: On this day Christ gathered with his disciples in the upper room.

People: **On this day Christ took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, giving us an example that we should do for others what he has done for us.**

Leader: On this day Christ our God gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup might proclaim his death and partake of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven.

People: **On this day Christ the Lamb of God gave himself into the hands of those who would slay him, and began his passion journey to the cross.**

Leader: As we recall this sacred journey, might we recall God's gracious love for us, poured out in Jesus Christ. May we be nourished by God's word, and strengthened through the sacrament that we might live as Christ's faithful disciples proclaiming Christ's love to the world.

* OPENING HYMN #202

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that we have wounded our relationship with you and with one another. We have let greed, fear, ambition or anger stand in the way of the love to which you call us. But in hope we gather this evening, as friends gathered with Jesus in the upper room long ago. As we break bread together, remind us of our need and of your sufficiency. Refresh us and make us whole with the cup of forgiveness. Draw us nearer to each other in mutual service and closer to you in faithfulness. As the night advances, deepen in us a sense of your steadfast love for us in Jesus Christ, our friend and redeemer. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.
¡Alaben a Dios!**

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Praise God!**

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

*** SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Leader: Jesus said: 'Today I give you a new commandment. Love one another, just as I have loved you.
People: **May these words transform our lives. By your grace may we embody this command, that Christ's words might transform the world.**
Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: **Y también contigo.** And also with you.
Leader: Let us greet each other with a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Ave Verum Corpus"

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of all.**From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us on the trial of death.**O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me. Amen.***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 13:1-17, 34-35

The Rev. Dr. Bush
The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf**HYMN #727**

"The Servant Song"

THE SERVANT SONG

SERMON

"Establishing Connection"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION*** HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION #537**

"When at This Table"

FEASTDAY

*The communion bread is being presented by Doris, Sharon and Dylan Geibel.***— THE LORD'S SUPPER —****INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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. Fowler-Searcy and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP*During the sharing of the Lord's Supper, all are invited to come to one of the tables in the chancel or at the foot of the chancel steps. Communion servers will be hosts at each table, and the congregation will share the Bread and Cup by intinction, breaking off a piece of bread, and dipping it in the juice. We will each serve our neighbor. For those who are unable to come forward, a roaming server will come to you.***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (in unison)**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Loving God, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; may we who have sung your praises go now and tell of your truth; may we who have seen the greatness of your love yield ourselves, our wills and our works as a thank-offering to you and so share your love with others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:9, 12-15

The Rev. Schoenewolf

HYMN #209

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

LOVE UNKNOWN

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 14:43-46

The Rev. Dr. Bush

DEPART IN SILENCE

*Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship.
Hearing assistance devices 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 L. Fowler-Searcy
Musicians: Dr. Edward Moore, *Organist/Music Director*
Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
ELPC Chancel Choir
Beadle: Lenore Williams
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **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:

Maundy Thursday, April 13..... 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Good Friday, April 14..... 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday, April 15..... 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

♦ **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, APRIL 14

12 Noon..... **Good Friday Service.** In the Chapel. The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

7:00 pm **Tenebrae Service.** In Sanctuary. Service of light and darkness. The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15

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, APRIL 16

8:45 am**Journey Worship.** The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy 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.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this season with us at ELPC. We invite you to register your name in our Friendship Book.

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

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