



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)

MARCH 18, 2018 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY / 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 emerita of the University of California, Santa Barbara. *I Love to Tell the Story* is #462 in *Glory to God* and *O Waly Waly* is found three times at #202, 302, and 847.

With guns you can kill terrorists, with education you can kill terrorism. (Malala Yousafzai)

TIME OF PREPARATION

"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."

— Malala Yousafzai, *I Am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"I Love to Tell the Story"
"O Waly Waly"

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
arr. Emma Lou Diemer
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.
People: **Y también contigo.**

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sharla Yates and Quinn Seif

Leader: Come, like Sister Miriam, leading the Hebrew people out of bondage with tambourines and dance!

People: **We come to our God with praise.**

Leader: Come, like Sister Martha, running through the dark with courage, proclaiming that Jesus is God!

People: **We come to our God with our doubt and our faith.**

Leader: Come, like Sister Sojourner, declaring the intrinsic value of all people and striving for equality and justice.

People: **We come to our God with our words and our deeds, declaring, too, that we all are created in God's image.**

Leader: Come, like Sister Malala, advocates for children and their nurture, ambassadors for education for girls and boys alike.

People: **We come to our God with hope and courage, praying that our witness too might bring justice for all.**

Leader: Come, sisters and brothers, as you are, and join in the worship of the One who unites all women, all men, all children.

ALL: Here we are! We raise our voices in unity and celebration! Praise to the one who unites us all!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #772

"Live Into Hope"

TRURO

*Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

There are two powers in the world; one is the sword and the other is the pen. There is a third power stronger than both, that of women. (Malala Yousafzai, from I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban)

We are weaving her-story into reality. Unweaving the limiting his-stories. Creating our-story. Reaching beyond religion and patriarchy and capitalism and so-called democracy. Into new ways of being and seeing. We are the bridge between worlds. We are the ones we have been waiting for. (Lucy H. Pearce, from Burning Woman)

Once I had asked God for one or two extra inches in height, but instead he made me as tall as the sky, so high that I could not measure myself. (Malala Yousafzai, from I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lenore Williams

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lenore Williams

Mothering God, we thank you that you have given us a spirit of power and love, yet we confess that we are often filled with a spirit of fear, and instead of having your peace within us there is anxiety and turmoil. Forgive us for our lack of trust, and help us to be more aware of your presence with us.

(Women's World Day of Prayer, International Executive Committee, in Women of Prayer)

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #661 *(please remain seated; vs. 1 and chorus twice)*

SPARROW

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he: his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

Chorus: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,

For his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. *(repeat)*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Lenore Williams

Leader: Jesus Christ has set us free: from our sins, from our brokenness and even from death. 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 READING

Psalms 25

Lora Bethea

LITANY FOR PEACE

Celebrating Malala Yousafzai

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

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.

Those who have completed first grade or younger are invited to attend our Extended Session program for the remainder of our worship time in the Nursery Suite on the first floor.

*** HYMN #161**

"Woman in the Night"

NEW DISCIPLES

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 15:21-28

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

"Pathway to Peace: Refusing to be Silenced" The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women

Sherry Anderson

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

Johannes Brahms' (1833-1897) Two Motets, Opus 29 were composed in 1860 and published in 1864. *Create in Me* opens with a 'canon in augmentation' between the sopranos and basses, meaning that the basses are singing the same melody as the sopranos at the same time, but at half speed. The sopranos sing the melody two times in the time it takes the basses to sing it once.

Lord Jesus Christ... You come in unexpected ways and speak through people whose background and outlook are different from our own. Help us to listen with respect to their experience and reflect upon their insights. Free us from pride to find your dignity and presence wherever you are.
(Maureen Edwards, from [Women of Prayer: an Anthology of Everyday Prayers from Women Around the World](#))

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.

OFFERING INVITATION

Sherry Anderson

We know that money does not buy love. We know that money does not purchase peace. No matter how much money we save, or give, or spend, there will still be voices who cry out in need. What can we offer, in addition to money, that can take these voices of pain and transform them into shouts of joy? We must give more of ourselves than our pocketbooks allow. We must give of our humility, our hearts, our humanity. As you give your monetary gifts this morning, consider how you can give of yourself to the lives of others.

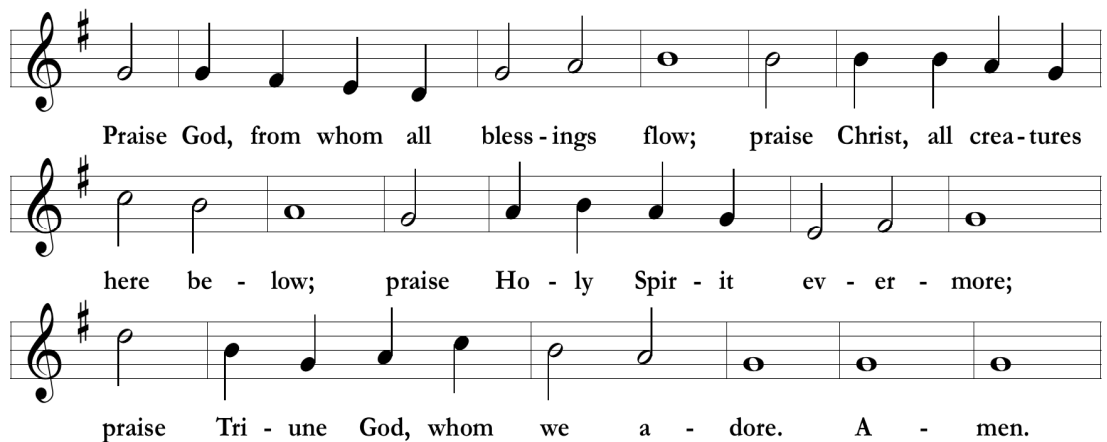
OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Create in Me, O God, A Pure Heart"

Johannes Brahms
sung in German and English

Create in me, O God, a pure heart, and grant anew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all crea - tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Callahan
Dawn Morgenstern

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

People: **Y también contigo.**

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

People: **Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.**

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

People: **Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.**

Leader: God of all things, we give our gifts as a token of what is important to us, and an acknowledgement of what you have given to us. May our tithes and offerings today be just one opportunity for us to enact your mercy and justice. Guide us always into the path of awareness, that we might recognize that what this world needs is more compassion, more justice... more of each of us loving one another in your name.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #761

BEECHER

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

"Sing Out Earth and Skies"

Mary Beth Bennett

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
 Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
 The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
 The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
 Sherry Anderson
 Lora Bethea, Sara Hackett
 Dawn Morgenstern
 Lenore Williams
 Sharla Yates and Quinn Seif
 Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
 Gabriel T. D'Abruzzo, *Music Associate*
 ELPC Chancel Choir
 Acolyte: Emmy Thompson
 Beadle: Liz Hopkins
 Crucifer: Kiara Rockymore
 Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us for our *Fellowship Time* after the service in the downstairs Whitfield Lobby. Whether you come for a cup of coffee and to meet some new people, or to take part in the frequent post-service events, you are welcome to take the stairs or elevator down to the Ground Floor and join us! During the remaining weeks of the renovation work, our *Fellowship Time* will be in the Whitfield Lobby, but we'll hopefully return back to the first floor by late April.

♦ 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 x111). The cost is \$150 a Sunday.

♦ WORSHIP ON PALM SUNDAY

8:45 am.....**Journey.** An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.
March 25 — The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy.
 11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and an organ prelude prior to the service.
March 25 — 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

The *Prayer Room* will re-open after the first floor renovations are completed. The Sanctuary and Chapel are available for prayer (barring a scheduled event).

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 Whitfield Lobby. 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 22 and 29** to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register for future classes (GloriaK@coh.net).

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

TODAY AT ELPC

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

ELPC will receive the *One Great Hour of Sharing Offering* today and next Sunday. Please see today's bulletin insert for more info.

Explore "Kirtan"

Ashley O'Hara will lead us as we explore *Kirtan*, a form of devotion found in the Bhakti tradition of Hinduism. *Bhakti Yoga* is all about love, service, and surrender to the Divine. *Kirtan* is mantra meditation that gets you out of your analytical mind and into your heart and the present moment. Experience it today after the 11 am worship service in the Harambe Room (near South Highland Ave entrance). *Sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee.*

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Today's *Journey* service DOD is **Tucker Ferda**.
The *Sanctuary* service DOD is **Henry Petrilli**.

PW Registration Table

Presbyterian Women invite you to be their guests at the *World Mission Initiative Conference: All God's Children* at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary beginning at 7 pm on Friday, April 13, and 9 am on Saturday, April 14. All women of ELPC are also invited to an overnight retreat at Crestfield Camp from Friday to Saturday, April 6-7. Pick up info or sign-up for these events in the Whitfield Lobby during today's Fellowship Time.

Purchase an Easter Plant Today!

We invite you to purchase in honor or memory of someone a tulip, hydrangea or daffodil plant that will be used at our Easter worship services. Donation forms are available on the information tables around the church.



Young Adult Ministry's Fishy Road Trip — March 24

Young adults are invited to hit the road together and see the amazing *Pymatuning Spillway* where *ducks walk on fish*. Then we just might go out for a yummy fish sandwich. Please see Wil Forrest to get your seat in the van on Saturday, March 24 (leave ELPC at 3 pm; return evening).

"March For Our Lives" with Justice Committee — March 24

There will be marches and vigils across the U.S. on Saturday, March 24 in support of stricter gun control laws. As part of our public witness to justice and peaceful reconciliation, ELPC's Justice Committee is organizing a group to represent our own faith community in the *Pittsburgh March* (Noon at the City County Building). If interested, please call, text or email Michele Bossers (412.303.9243; michele2285@gmail.com).

March for Our Lives: PGH to DC — March 24

Hope Academy has chartered a tour bus to join the national *March for Our Lives* day of action to end gun violence on Saturday, March 24. Leaving from ELPC around 5 am and returning at midnight, 45 high school students and 15 chaperones (college students or parents/guardians) are invited to join them. For more info or to register, visit www.ELPC.church or contact Linda Addlespurger (HopeAcademyArts@gmail.com). This trip is generously supported by *The Sherman Evans Fund* at The Pittsburgh Foundation.

Tour the Tower, See the View — March 25

Join tour guide Tim VanFleet to climb the heights of our church's central tower following the 11 am service on Sunday, March 25. Gather at the Highland Ave entrance following worship. Please wear pants and shoes. The tour will take 45–60 minutes and is not ideal for small children.



Taizé Stations of the Cross

March 28 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Maundy Thursday (Communion)

March 29 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy



Good Friday

March 30 — 12 pm, led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush

March 30 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

Saturday Easter Vigil (Communion)

March 31 — 7 pm, led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan, the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush



Easter Sunday (Communion)

April 1 — 8:45 am, led by the Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

April 1 — 11:00 am, led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush



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

John Buckley's mentee Prince,
Carol Chontos' father David,
Valire Copeland's friend McKinley, Gabe D'Abruzzo,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Bobby and Dave Egelston's friend Gary and
Bobby's mother Doris, Mike Hellman's sister Renee,
Mary Ruth Johnson, Morris Jordan, Lee Lewand,
Gail Noden, Carol Schaefer's brother-in-law Allen,
Erin Starzynski's mother Judy,
and Cami Teacoach's father Bill.

Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach..... *Today, 12:15 pm (Highland Rm)*
Officer Training..... *Today, 12:15 pm (Good Samaritan Rm)*
Youth & Young Adult..... *Tuesday, 5:30 pm (Rm 224)*
Peace..... *Thursday, 5:30 pm (Rm 250)*

Palm Sunday – March 25

Next Sunday, March 25 is Palm Sunday. Eco-palms will be distributed at all worship services.

Join the “Watch Party” – April 3

ELPC co-sponsored the WQED programming regarding the LGBTQ community on Jan 25 and 29. You may have watched them when they aired, but you may also wish to join the *Watch Party* on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 pm in the Social Hall. We will enjoy popcorn and watch *We'll Meet Again: Coming Out*, and then share in conversation. While anyone is welcome, folks from ELPC, Sixth Presbyterian Church and Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community are intentionally invited as we will be sharing a booth as “inclusive Presbyterian churches” this June at PrideFest. To learn more, please contact Wil Forrest (412.260.2554; wil@coh.net). Free to attend, and all are welcome!

Climate Realities Presentation – April 8

Former Vice President Al Gore has been rallying people to address climate change for more than a decade. In 2017, 1400 people were trained by Al Gore in Pittsburgh, and several ELPC members participated. As climate change wreaks more and more havoc around the world, the urgency to address it is growing bigger. What can we as individuals and as a community do? Join us for a *Climate Realities Presentation* and lunch on Sunday, April 8 from 12:15-2 pm. Contact the Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy for more info (PatriceFS@coh.net).

Healthy Blood Pressure for All – April 11

The *Healthy Blood Pressure for All* program hosted by the Membership & Outreach Committee will begin at 10 am on April 11. It will include techniques for you to take control of your cardiovascular health. The first 10 registrants will also take part in hands-on cooking classes. Contact Carla Coles (412.661.1363; crlcoles@aol.com).

IN OUR

COMMUNITY



Dr. Ed Moore Plays at a Compline Service – Today!

Dr. Ed Moore will be playing the prelude and opening hymn at the *Compline Service* at Heinz Memorial Chapel (South Bellefield Ave, beside the Cathedral of Learning, Oakland) today at 8 pm. More info about the service can be found at: <http://pghcompline.com>.

Empty Bowls Dinner – Today!

Rodef Shalom (4905 Fifth Ave) will host the *Empty Bowls Dinner* today to benefit the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Make Breakfast for EECM Residents

Volunteers provide breakfast for the residents of EECM each Sunday. However, the 5th Sunday of the month needs to be filled (April 29, July 29, Sept 30 and/or Dec 30)! If interested in helping provide and/or serve, contact Jan Herzer (412.231.3819). Help with one or all dates!

Movie Screening and Discussion – March 23

GenNow, Rainbow Covenant and Seminarians United for Racial Justice invite you to a special screening of the film *Moonlight* followed by a conversation at 7 pm on Friday, March 23 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (auditorium in Hicks Chapel).

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

March 25 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (Harambe Rm) – “Psalms and Jesus” led by Carolyn Russ

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) – Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Mark 14:1–15:47, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Good Samaritan Rm) – “Christ and Culture in America Today” led by Pastor Randy Bush

Soul Food (3rd floor Music Rm) – A discussion of *The Book of Joy* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Linda Harrington, Michelle Yamada, and Judy Roberts

YAM (Rm 224) – Young adult-led discussions (topics of their choosing) facilitated by Wil Forrest

♦ CHILDREN & YOUTH ♦

Located in the 1st floor nursery suite and 2nd floor – Rooms, teachers and curriculum can be found at www.ELPC.church