



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 3, 2019 • 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

Eric Ewazen (b. 1954) is on the faculty of the Juilliard School of Music and John Cheetham (b. 1939) is Professor Emeritus of Music Theory and Composition at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:
Holy and life-giving God, who hears the prayers of those in distress and of those who sing for joy, we give you thanks for the ever-enlarging fellowship of your people, for your steadfast love for all creation, and for the many ways your healing comes to us; in Jesus' name. Amen.

TIME OF PREPARATION

"In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace."
— from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"A Western Fanfare"
"Scherzo"

The Brass Roots
Eric Ewazen
John Cheetham

*Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude.
Please use this as a time for silent prayer and preparation.*

WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

* 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

Damon and Lora Bethea

Leader: Holy are you, O Lord! We praise your great and awesome name.
People: Holy God, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your will for us and all creation.
Leader: Let us proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's holy mountain;
People: For the Lord our God is holy, and we are being transformed from glory to glory by the grace of God.
Leader: Let us worship God together.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #611

HYMN TO JOY

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SUNG REFLECTION HYMN #411 (sing 2x)

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

"God Is Here Today"

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
As certain as the morning sun that rises,
As certain when I sing you'll hear my song.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

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Moses' shining face conveys something of the nature and significance of the word of God being communicated. This word is concrete, tangible, with distinct implications for the life of those who hear that word. The human response is to act, to re-embody the word in the world.
(Terence Fretheim)

Christus Paradox is based on the hymn tune PICARDY (*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*) and was commissioned for the Calvin College Campus Choir. Composer Alfred Fedak (b. 1953) is Minister of Music and Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Albany, NY. Lyricist Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993) was an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada. The hymn version of this setting is in our *Glory to God* hymnal, #274.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Children of any age are welcome to come forward 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 #189**

"O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

DEO GRACIAS

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SERMON

"Removing Our Veils"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

In life and death we belong to God, trusting in the one triune God, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

"Christus Paradox"

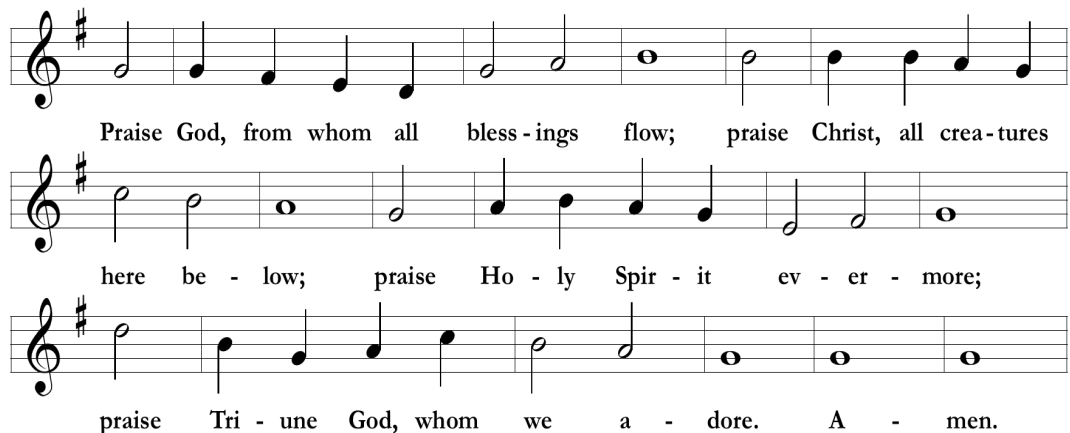
Sylvia Dunstan/Alfred Fedak

The text can be found in the purple Glory to God hymnal, #274.

*** DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION**

OLD HUNDREDTH

The communion bread is presented by Jason Dorsey and Emerald Huggins.



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.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
The following states were created or joined the union – Mississippi (1817), Florida (1845), and Minnesota (1849); the number of Supreme Court justices increased from seven to nine (1837); Annie Sullivan began teaching deaf-blind Helen Keller (1887); the *Star-Spangled Banner* became our national anthem (1931); and motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers, sparking riots (1991).

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: When he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
(1 John 3:2)

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972) is Director of Music/Organist at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minnesota. The tune *Deo Gracias*, also known as "The Agincourt Song" is found three times in our *Glory to God* hymnal, #189, 258, 618.

— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

SHARING BREAD & CUP

Note: The communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are also available. The congregation will be served in their seats.

COMMUNION HYMN #495

ADORO TE DEVOTE

"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Callahan

Thank you, living God, for feeding us once more this meal of sacred mystery and grace. Transfigure us now by your Spirit, and let your love shine in all we do and say, that the world will see your radiant light guiding all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* RECESSIONAL HYMN #65

RHONDDA

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"Deo Gracias"

Aaron David Miller

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. Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices are available from the ushers.

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♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush
Liturgists: The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan
The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
Damon and Lora Bethea
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Michael Painter, *Organ Accompanist*
The Brass Roots:
Sam Eisenhandler, *trumpet*
Matthew McCormack, *trumpet*
Rana Jurjus, *horn*
Morgan Wynn, *trombone*
John Caughman, *tuba*
Acolytes: Youth
Beadle: Liz Hopkins
Crucifer: Youth
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME

Please join us in the Fellowship Room after worship for our *Fellowship Time*, sponsored by the Membership & Outreach Committee. All are welcome to attend.

♦ 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 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.
March 10 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.
11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.
March 10 — 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 110B.

♦ 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 (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.

Available 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 Fellowship 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* on **Sundays, April 7 and 14** to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Gloria Knopp for more info or to register (GloriaK@coh.net).

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



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Church Events and Announcements

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TODAY AT ELPC

ELPC's Membership and Outreach Committee

The greeters at this morning's 11 am Sanctuary service are members of the Membership and Outreach Committee. Info will be available at today's *Fellowship Time* if you want to learn more about the welcoming work they do.

DG2! Event

Youth in grades 4–12 will partner with youth from Rodef Shalom today at 12:30 pm to host a bake sale during the *Empty Bowl* dinner fundraiser. Proceeds will support The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank and Just Harvest.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is Doug Cooper.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Peta Harrigan Cole.



Knitting and Crocheting Evening Group — Begins March 4

All are welcome to join the new *Knitting and Crocheting Evening Group* on Mondays in the Makers Space from March 4 through May 13 from 6-7:30 pm with Tony Richardson-Eckes. No experience is necessary! For more info, contact Tony (overthepond_50@hotmail.com). *Note: The afternoon Knitting Group will meet on Tuesday, March 5 from 1-3 pm in the Makers Space. Contact Diane Jackson for more info on the afternoon group (dnjcks@verizon.net).*

PW Bible Study — March 4 and 5

All women at ELPC are welcome to join Presbyterian Women for their Bible study on Monday, March 4 at 7 pm in the Harambe Room and/or Tuesday, March 5 at 10 am in the 2nd floor Parlor (followed by a potluck lunch; soup provided, but please bring a side or salad to share, as well as your own place setting).



Ash Wednesday

Services and Presenter — March 6

On Wednesday, March 6 the season of Lent will begin with our Ash Wednesday service at 12 pm, featuring the imposition of ashes, led by Pastor Heather in the Chapel. Following the service, join us in the Fellowship Room for a discussion led by Ruth Farrell and lunch. Ruth

will speak about her ministry at Casa San José. ELPC member Linda Harrington will join Ruth to talk about her experience teaching the English Second Language classes for Casa San José. The weekly 7 pm Taizé Prayer service will also offer the imposition of ashes.



Facing Systemic Racism Lenten Series — Begins March 6

Join us for a six-week Lenten study of *The Belbar Confession* beginning on Wednesday, March 6 from 5–7 pm. This series will provide a theological grounding for our congregation's anti-racism work. Study materials are included and a light meal of soup will be served. Contact Pastor Patrice if you need childcare (412.441.3800 x140).

Hope Academy Choolaah Fundraiser — March 7

Eat at Choolaah (6114 Centre Ave, 15206) on Thursday, March 7 from 11 am-9 pm, mention you are there to support Hope Academy, and 30% of your purchase will be donated to Hope Academy (in-store purchase only; delivery, online and catering orders will not be included).

YAM Sunday School Class Series – Continues March 10

Young adults are invited to a Sunday School class series in March at 9:45 am in Rm 213 where we will look at the different subjects of *regret, realize, reassurance, and resurrection* within the Bible, our own faith journeys, and the world around us as it relates to the Easter story.

Luncheon for New Members and Friends — March 10

New members and friends who joined over the last year are invited to a *New Members and Friends Luncheon* on Sunday, March 10 at 12:15 pm in the 3rd floor Music Room. Come and get to know other new members and learn about ELPC's Spiritual Life offerings. RSVP to Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

Sanctuary and Chapel Tour — March 10

A *Sanctuary and Chapel* tour will be led by ELPC elder Tim VanFleet on Sunday, March 10 after the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. All are welcome!

Earth Care Challenge Event – March 10

Next Sunday from 12:15–2:15 pm the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to the Social Hall to learn about steps you and your family can take now to help save our planet from the harsh effects of climate change. Environmental activist and documentary filmmaker Mark Dixon will speak about actions we can take to make a difference in climate change. Pastor Randy Bush will shine a light on environmental stewardship as *faith in action*. You will be challenged to take personal actions over the next six months. Lunch and childcare provided. Contact Nancy (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Environmental Book Club Discussion — March 14

The Environment Subcommittee of the Justice Committee invites you to a discussion of *LaudatoSi: On Care for Our Common Home*, the encyclical letter from Pope Francis on Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm. The book draws all Christians into a dialogue about our common home. Contact Nancy for more info (n.heastings@comcast.net).



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

Joseph Adjaye, David Carl's co-worker's sister,
Kate Carlson's brother-in-law Ray,
Carla Depperman's friend Dorothy, Doris Dick,
Molly Dimond-Stephany's sister-in-law Andrea,
Jan Herzer's friend Jake, McShawn LeVert's mother Gwen,
Lee Lewand, Clay and Kathy McQueen, Ashley Parker,
David Phillips, Cassandra Sawtelle's son Elias,
Pat Valoon and Frances Wilson.

Condolences to the family of Marva Evans on her passing.

Condolences to the family of Gladys May on her passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Christian Ed..... Tuesday, 6:30 pm (Rm 211)
Property..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (2nd fl Library)
Worship, Music & Arts..... Tuesday, 7:00 pm (Highland Rm)
FSR Planning..... Thursday, 5:00 pm (Garth Overlook)

Tween Retreat at Crestfield — March 16 to 17

The *Tween Retreat*, held at Crestfield Camp in Slippery Rock from March 16-17, is a time to join other tweens in grades 4–6 from around Pittsburgh to learn about God's Word and how it relates to everyday life. More info (cost, scholarships, and permission slip) can be found online at www.ELPC.church.

Spirituality, Writing, and Resilience Workshop — March 17

The Spiritual Life Committee continues to look at how our spiritual practices build resiliency—an attribute so needed in our world. Join us after Sanctuary worship on Sunday, March 17 from Noon-5 pm as poet, essayist, teacher, and ELPC member Emily Mohn-Slate encourages us to use writing as a way of getting in touch with and expressing our spirituality. No writing experience is necessary. It is about prayer, not product. But it is St. Patrick's Day, so an Irish-themed lunch will be served!

Church Photo Directory — March 17, 24 and 31

March 17, 24 and 31 are the final dates to have your photo taken for the new church directory. Please contact Gloria Knopp (GloriaK@coh.net).

LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — March 24

All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry on Sunday, March 24 at 12:30 pm when they begin the book discussion of Matthew Vine's *God and the Gay Christian*. Previous reading not required. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike welcomed. Contact Wil Forrest for info or to attend (Wil@coh.net).



Please visit our webpage
for current volunteer
opportunities!



www.cathedralofhope.org/programs/serve-2

IN OUR COMMUNITY

RCC Cabaret — Today!

The Renaissance City Choir cabaret *Telling Our Stories* is today at 3 pm in the ELPC Social Hall. This cabaret will feature music, poetry and prose written by the LGBTQIA+ community as we have sought to make sense of the successes and challenging times in life. Ticket price is *Pay As You Can* (\$10 suggested).

Pilgrimage to France — Sept 19 to Oct 2

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan invite you to a *Pilgrimage to France* (and especially Taizé) from Sept 19-Oct 2. The itinerary has been designed to take in sites of some of the earliest monasteries as well as two contemporary movements. Our days will be shaped by prayer and devotion, but will also include less intense experiences (like wine tasting, lace making, Dijon mustard and a spa). Details can be found at www.pts.edu/pilgrimage-2019, or please contact the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan for more info (MaryLynn@coh.net).



Cathedral Concert — March 24

The ELPC Chancel Choir presents an inspirational program of music inspired by the Psalms at the next Cathedral Concert, *From One Generation to Another—A Celebration of the Psalms* on Sunday, March 24 at 3 pm. Featured on the program will be the premiere of a new composition by jazz vibraphonist and composer Cecilia Smith, *The Essence of Psalms* — in celebration of the 200th anniversary of ELPC.

Tour the Holy Land Info Meeting — March 31

ELPC and Temple Sinai are working together on a shared study mission to Israel, taking place Nov 10–18, led by Pastor Randy and Rabbi Jamie Gibson. Join us for an informational session on Sunday, March 31 after the 11 am worship service, or contact Pastor Randy for info.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

March 10 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) — “How to Pray” led by the Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan

Journey with Scripture (2nd floor Library) — Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16; Romans 10:8b–13; Luke 4:1–13 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “The Black Panther Party of the 1960s” led by T. Rashad Byrdson

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A discussion of selections from *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman, led by Rev. Joe Hajdu, Steve Evrard, and Judy Roberts

YAM (Rm 213) — “Realize as it relates to the Easter story” led by Kelli Booher