



# *Tenebrae*

## WORSHIP SERVICE

FRIDAY,  
APRIL 19, 2019  
7:00 PM



**East Liberty  
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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)*

## GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE

APRIL 19, 2019 — 7 PM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

“Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 727”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organist*  
Johann Sebastian Bach  
*based on Glory to God hymnal #221*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

Leader: The God our ancestors trusted is with us. The servant, despised and rejected, calls us together.  
People: **We cry out to God and find no answers. Jesus, whom we seek, has been taken from us.**  
Leader: We are people of the new covenant in Jesus Christ. Therefore, have confidence to enter the sanctuary.  
People: **God seems so far away from our groaning. How can we believe what we have heard?**  
Leader: God will fulfill all that is promised. Trust in God, who will rescue and deliver you.  
People: **How can another die to save us? We stand at the cross in terror and confusion.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: In the loneliness of Good Friday, we come to you, God, wondering how to find your will in the midst of tragedy. All the grief and sorrow we have known is reignited at the cross. The pain is more than we can bear. Where can we find any meaning in all of this? Thorns and nails and bitter tears cannot be your intent for your children. Whatever happened to love? Where is truth to be found in all of this? Silent God, answer our cries. Amen.

### \* OPENING HYMN (*printed in bulletin*)

HAMBURG

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

God of mercy, we confess our misdeeds done to satisfy our consciences, for we cannot deal with our denial of you. We seek to find life apart from you, for the cross is too threatening for us. We want comfort, not sacrifice. We embrace privilege, not pain. Yet the love of Christ brings us to our knees in awe and wonder. O God, we desire to lay aside our preoccupation with self to become full participants in your realm. Gracious God, rescue us from ourselves, and deliver us from sin. Amen.

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: Jesus Christ spoke peace to a sinful world and brought humanity the gift of reconciliation by the suffering and death he endured. May those who bear his name follow the example he gave us. May our faith, hope and charity turn hatred to love, conflict to peace, and death to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
People: **Amen.**

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 18:15-18, 25-27

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

SERMON

“Faith + Denial”

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

\* HYMN (*printed in bulletin*)

“Were You There”

WERE YOU THERE

◆ SERVICE OF TENEBRAE ◆

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM: FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Luke 23:34

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*Candle is extinguished*

Time of Silent Reflection

TRULY, I TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.

Luke 23:43

Jon Erik Schreiber

*Candle is extinguished*

Time of Silent Reflection

WOMAN, HERE IS YOUR SON. HERE IS YOUR MOTHER.

John 19:26-27

Denise Sheffey-Powell

*Candle is extinguished*

Time of Silent Reflection

MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

Mark 15:34

David Jennings-Smith

*Candle is extinguished*

Time of Silent Reflection

I AM THIRSTY.

John 19:28

Carly Noel Black

*Candle is extinguished*

Time of Silent Reflection

IT IS FINISHED.

John 19:30

David Jennings-Smith

*Candle is extinguished*

Time of Silent Reflection

FATHER, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.

Luke 23:46

The Rev. Dr. Bush

*Candle is extinguished*

Time of Silent Reflection

\* HYMN (*printed in bulletin*)

“What Wondrous Love is This”

WONDROUS LOVE

LITANY

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: **Grant us peace.**

DEPART IN SILENCE



*Please remember to turn off cell phones during worship.*

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♦ **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
Carly Noel Black  
David Jennings-Smith  
Jon Erik Schreiber  
Denise Sheffey-Powell  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*  
*Music Director*  
Carly Noel Black, *Cantor*  
David Jennings-Smith, *Cantor*  
Jon Erik Schreiber, *Cantor*  
Denise Sheffey-Powell, *Cantor*  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **HOLY WEEK 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.*

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

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 and The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will lead this service.

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

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 Fellowship Room 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 will preach and lead communion.

*The worship spaces will not have Easter lilies out of respect for people allergic to plant aromas.*

♦ **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:

Good Friday, April 19 .....9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday, April 20 .....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**

*(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

**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.

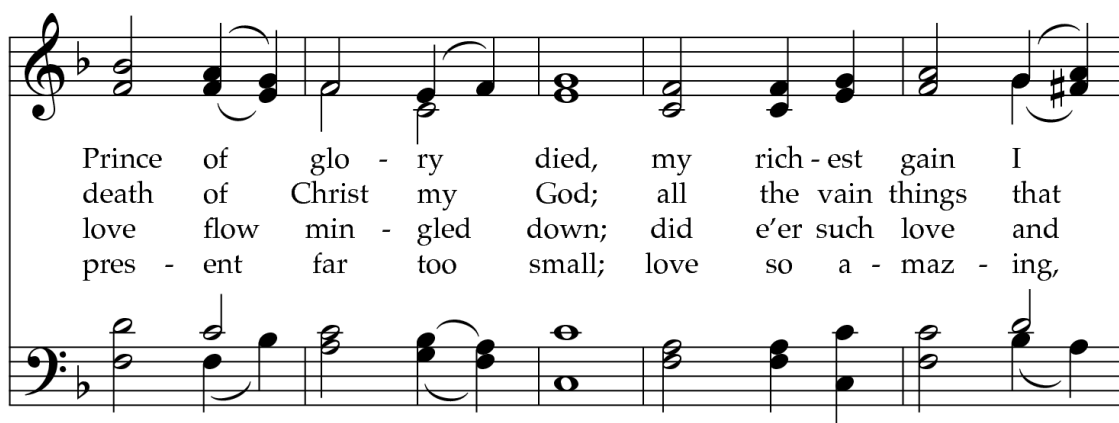
Attend an *Inquirers' Class* on June 16 for an opportunity to learn more about ELPC and Presbyterian theology and to explore membership. Please contact Gloria Knopp to register or for more information (GloriaK@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).

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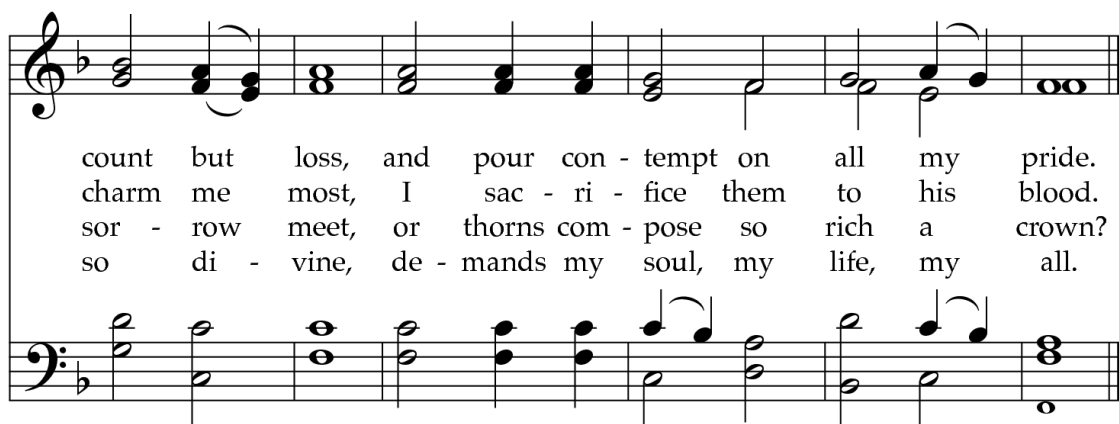
# WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

# WERE YOU THERE

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you  
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you  
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you  
 4 Were you there when the sun re-fused to shine? (Were you  
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you

there?) Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
 there?) Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
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 there?) Were you there when the sun re-fused to shine?  
 there?) Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

O! Some-times it caus - es me to

trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble. Were you

Few hymns from any culture have captured the pathos of Jesus' crucifixion as movingly as this African American spiritual. Its emotional climax (and highest pitch) comes in the great "O!" at the center of each stanza, a moment that moves beyond anything words can convey.

TEXT: African American spiritual

MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987  
 Music Arr. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

WERE YOU THERE

Irregular

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there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? (Were you there?)  
there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)  
there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)  
there when the sun re - fused to shine? (Were you there?)  
there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)





# WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

Dm C Dm C Dm Am

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Dm C Dm C

soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and

Dm Am B $\flat$  Gm Am Em

won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

G Dm C Am C Dm Am

bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

Em Am C Dm Am C Dm

soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."