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 15, 2020 — 11 am Sanctuary Worship THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

TIME OF PREPARATION

"According to Dr. Linda Hartling, 'in order to deal with shame, some of us MOVE away by withdrawing, hiding, silencing ourselves, and keeping secrets. Some of us move toward by seeking to appease and please. And some of us move against by trying to gain power over others, by being aggressive, and by using shame to fight shame.""

— Brené Brown, Daring Greatly, How the Courage to be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ MINISTRY OF MUSIC "Wondrous Love" arr. Craig Phillips arr. Dale Wood "What Wondrous Love Is This" Our worship begins with the Ministry of Music/Prelude. Please use this time to fill out the red Friendship pads and for quiet worship preparation. Wilma Jensen. 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. Y también contigo. And also with you. People: PRAYER OF PEACE The Rev. Schoenewolf Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet. l eader: Lectern Side: Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace. Pulpit Side: Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet. Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ. Everyone: - based on a Navaho prayer, David Haas © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-700877 CALL TO WORSHIP Melia Chandler and Paige McKenzie Leader: Come, you who are thirsty — Here is water that sustains weary souls. People: Leader: Come, you who are despairing — Here is the Rock of our salvation. People: Leader: Come, make a joyful noise to the Lord. People: Let us enter God's presence with joyful praise! * PROCESSIONAL HYMN (printed in bulletin) O QUANTA QUALIA "Come, Worship God"

Dale Wood (1934-2003) was a distinguished editor, author, and composer whose sacred music has been performed and recorded worldwide. His setting of Wondrous Love was arranged for organist

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Well-spring of eternal life, satisfy our thirst for life today and every day along life's journey through wilderness ways. Help us to find time, in these forty days and nights of Lent, and in all our days, for spiritual refreshment and growth by your grace, Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

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Call to Confession

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Lord, time and again, you defy our expectations. You cross barriers of culture and creed and look into the eyes of a stranger and we are astonished. We confess that we are not keen to do the same. While you teach inclusion, we preserve division; while you model hospitality, we default to suspicion. Open our eyes to see your mission for what it is — the healing of the world. Astonish us with your grace, O God, that we might move from surprise to service, and from doubt to faithfulness. By your Spirit, inspire and empower us to proclaim your good news in word and deed.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

- Assurance of God's Forgiveness The Rev. Fowler-Searcy Leader: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through we have now received reconciliation. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
 - People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. ¡Alaben a Dios! Praise God!

Responsive Hymn (printed in bulletin)

LIVING GOD

Ned Rorem

"Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Hebrew Lesson

Psalm 46:1-11 Melia Chandler and Paige McKenzie

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.

Anthem	"Sing, My Soul, God's Wondrous Love"	
Sing, my soul, God's wondrous love, who from yon bright throne above,		
Ever watchful o'er	our race, still to us extends God's grace.	

Heaven and earth by God were made; all is by God's scepter swayed; What are we that God should show so much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, And, to make our safety sure, guides us by God's Spirit pure.

Sing, my soul, adore God's Name! Let God's glory be thy theme: Praise God till God calls thee home; truth God's love for all to come.

Gospel Lesson

John 4:5-15

Elder Ralph B. Lowe, Jr.

Sermon

"Disciples, Selah you must?"

Elder Ralph B. Lowe, Jr.

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.

BORN ON THIS DAY: Saint Nicholas [Nikolaos of Myra], the Greek Bishop who became the model for Santa Claus. was born in Patara, Asia Minor (270-343); Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was born in Brooklyn, New York (1933); Sly Stone, Dallas, funk musician (Sly & the Family Stone-Everyday People) was born in Denton, Texas (1943); and Richard Ward, an African American actor (Death of a Salesman, Beacon Hill), was born in Glenside, Pennsylvania and died on this day (1915-1979).

Ned Rorem (b. 1923) was born in Richmond, IN and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1976. *Sing My Soul* was composed in 1955 and included in a set of three anthems published in 1962.

* Indicates where you may rise in body or spirit.

OFFERING INVITATION The Rev. Callahan 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.

Please come forward to offer our gifts to God in response to God's goodness towards us.

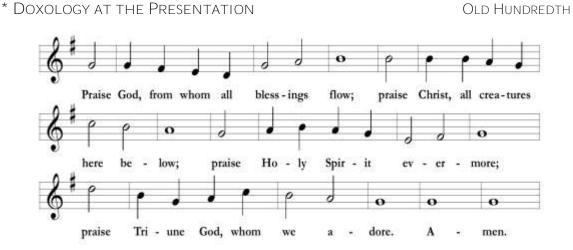
* Offertory Hymn (printed in bulletin)

"We've Come This Far by Faith"

This Far by Faith

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY: Sister St Stanislas Hachard, the first American nun, took her vows in New Orleans (1729); Maine was admitted as the 23rd state of the Union (1820); Finland was the first European country to give women the right to vote (1907); NAACP began a coordinated attack on segregation and discrimination (1933); the first American blood bank in a hospital was opened at Cook County Hospital in Chicago (1937); South Africa withdrew from the British Commonwealth (1961); and race riots erupted in the Watts section of Los Angeles (1966).

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) was organist at La Trinité in Paris from 1871-1901 and professor at the Paris Conservatory.



* Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

- 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.

Carla Depperman The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

- Leader: Just as our worship of you, O God, is not confined to this place, our praise is not limited to certain times or seasons. Accept the offerings that we bring as a witness to your Spirit, who dwells in all that we do. May our acts of forbearance and love testify to Christ's truth pervading our lives. Use what we give that others may come into your presence with joyful songs of hope and thanksgiving. Amen.
- * RECESSIONAL HYMN (printed in bulletin) "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"
 * CHARGE & BENEDICTION
 Elder Ralph B. Lowe, Jr.

 POSTLUDE "Postlude-Grand Choeur" Félix-Alexandre Guilmant 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.

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As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical bospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at www.ELPC.church. This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

- Elder Ralph B. Lowe, Jr. Preaching: Director of Justice Ministries Pittsburgh Presbytery The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf Melia Chandler Carla Depperman Paige McKenzie Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, Organist/ Music Director **ELPC** Chancel Choir Acolytes: Youth Beadle: Erich Stein Crucifer: Volunteer * (could be you) Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines Sound:
- ♦ Fellowship Time

In an effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, we will suspend today's *Fellowship Time*. However, coffee, tea and water will be available throughout the morning. We will resume *Fellowship Time* after the threat has passed.

♦ Worship Flowers

The flowers today are in loving memory of James O. Wilson, the late husband of Frances Wilson.

- ♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP
- 8:45 am Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. In Social Hall.

March 22 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

11 amSanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir. *March 22* — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf preaching.

*Interested in joining the team of adults and youth who help lead worship in this way? Contact Sara Hackett (SaraH@coh.net).

Extended Session

After the *Moments with our 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 NAMETAG that your child wears 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 38-foot floor mat with curved paths leading inward; an ancient tool for walking and seated meditation.

Mondays, 9 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 on the tear-off sheet on the back of today's bulletin.

To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:

- Stay after today's service. 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 19 and 26 from 9:45-10:45 am to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Kate Carlson (KateC@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x116) for info.

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

Hymns March 15, 2020

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Come, Worship God



TEXT: Michael Perry, 1980 MUSIC: Paris Antiphoner, 1681; harm. La Feillée's Méthode du plain-chant, 1808 Text © 1980 The Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Company) CCLI #689547 O QUANTA QUALIA 11.10.11.10 (this tune in a higher key, 369)

Spirit of the Living God



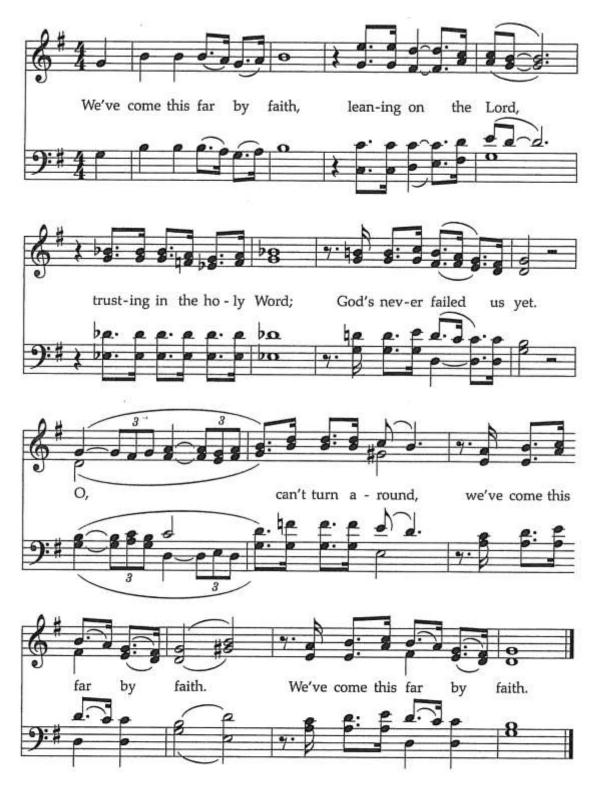
Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1–6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee; Spanish trans. anon. LIVII MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926 Text and Music © 1935 Birdwing Music (admin. EMICMCPublishing.com) CCLI #689547

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LIVING GOD Irregular

WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH



This refrain from a longer hymn could well be understood as a black gospel reflection on several biblical passages: 2 Corinthians 5:7, 1 Samuel 7:12, and 1 Chronicles 17:16. All these texts bear witness to God's faithfulness toward all who are engaged in the pilgrimage of faith.

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN



The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20–21 with allusions to several other passages.

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Church Events and Announcements

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As we gather at ELPC to worship and for other activities, we want to follow the best practices to prevent the spread of illness. Please feel free to wave during the passing of the peace instead of shaking hands especially if you are not feeling well. There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent the spread of respiratory diseases is to follow preventative actions including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick. ELPC audio streams the Wednesday Taizé service, and live streams the 11 am Sanctuary service on our Facebook page and on YouTube. Please feel free to watch the service from home if you are not feeling well.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and immediately wash your hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and
 after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. ELPC has hand sanitizers near entrances of the church.
 For more information, please check the CDC guidelines at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

TODAY AT ELPC

No Fellowship Time Today

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LGBTQ Ministry

All are invited to the monthly spiritual gathering of ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry today at 12:30 pm to share lunch and fellowship. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are welcome. For info, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net).

Lenten Book Study

As part of our focus on Facing System Racism, the Mission Board encourages ELPC members and friends to embrace all aspects of Lent by engaging in an intentional read and weekly discussion of Pastor Daniel Hill's book *White Awake: An Honest Look at What It Means to be White* today after the 11 am service in the Good Samaritan Room. Childcare is available with reservation. Contact Sara (SaraH@coh.net).

Lenten Devotionals Available

The Children and Family Ministries Team has purchased devotional materials to encourage you along your Lenten journey. Materials will be available outside of each worship service and on the second floor table, with additional "supplies" in the Kids Corner for those who may need assistance gathering the hands-on materials that are a part of the devotional exercises. We ask that you take one booklet per family unit.

Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

The *Journey* service DOD is Beth Minnigh. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is David Cowan.

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Film and Panel Discussion - March 21

What did the Medicare Act have to do with the Civil Rights Act? See "The Power to Heal" film that tells the story of how Medicare was used in the 1960's to mount a dramatic, coordinated effort that desegregated thousands of hospitals across the country in a matter of months. *How would a National Health Care Program impact the systemic racism built into our current health Care Program impact the systemic racism built into our current health care system*? Hear from our panel of 4 medical doctors about the way Medicare for ALL people could address the right to health care of all people across the country. *What is our role, as Christians and as citizens*? Please join the Justice Committee on Saturday, March 21 from 4-6 pm in the McKelvy Room to view the film and engage in a panel discussion. Contact Carol Chonoska for details (carolchonoska@gmail.com; 724.272.9722).

Renewable Energy Sunday - March 22

Electricity contributes global warming gases when coal and natural gas are used to produce it. However, as of Jan 1, 2020, ELPC's electricity is offset by equivalent generation of renewable energy (wind), with 30% of it produced locally. This milestone will be celebrated next Sunday, March 22 after the 11 am service. There will be an opportunity to switch to renewable electricity for your home; it will help if you have your electric bill accessible. Doing so can offset about half of your home's carbon footprint which is 11 tons or 24,200 lb annually in PA. Let's lighten the burden on the environment together! For more info, please contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).



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

Dorothy Autore, Henk Bossers,
 Randy and Beth Bush, David Carl's friend's son Morgan,
 Kate Carlson's brother Ray, Carol Chontos' nephew Justin,
 Agnes Green, Peta Harrigan Cole, Lee Lewand,
 Molinaro/Karaczun friends Jacob and Jo and Patty,
 Dave Phillips' sister-in-law Maureen,
 Tiffany Sudar's cousin Justin,
 Pat Valoon, and Michelle Yamada's mother MaryAnne.
 Condolences to Molly Dimond-Stephany on her
 sister-in-law's passing.
 Condolences to Dee Flaherty on her father's passing.
 Condolences to David Gilliland on his father's passing.

Condolences to Matt Stufft on his mother's passing. Condolences to Albert Williams on his cousin's passing.

Committee Meetings This Week

Membership & Outreach....... *Today, 12:30 pm (McKelvy Rm)* Personnel...... *Tuesday, 4:00 pm (virtual meeting)* Mission Board *Thursday, 5:30 pm (Highland Rm)*

Church Tours - March 22 and 29

Please gather at the Highland Lobby to join the following tours after the 11 am Sunday worship service. Please note that closed-toe shoes are recommended.

- March 22 Underground Tour
- March 29 Tower Tour

Cancelled: Meatless Monday Spaghetti Dinner – March 23 The spaghetti dinner that was to be hosted by the Justice Committee Environmental Team on March 23 has been cancelled in an effort to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

March 22 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am

♦ ADULTS ♦

Contemporaries (McKelvy Rm) – "Living in the Image of God" facilitated by Carolyn Russ

Journey with Scripture (Highland Rm) — Isaiah 65:1–10; Psalm 103:13–22; Revelation 3:14–22; Mark 9:14–29 facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) – "Stories of the Mystics" led by Rev. Dr. Graham Standish

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) – A Lenten session on prayer with the *Spiritual Pathways* program, led by the Rev. Joe Hajdu, Michele Bossers, and Steve Evrard

Parenting Circle (Harambe Rm) – "Prayer" facilitated by the Parenting Circle Leadership Team

IN OUR COMMUNITY

"Drawn to Home" Release Party - March 26

Drawn to Home is a comic book depicting the stories of nine different individuals who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm at the Main Branch of the Carnegie Library in Oakland. For more info, visit www.drawntohomecomic.com.

Holy Week Services

Palm and Passion Sunday

April 5 | 8:45 and 11 am

Eco-palms will be distributed at each service.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will also be received.

Labyrinth Prayer Walk April 6 to 10 | 9 am to 9 pm April 11 | 9 am to 1 pm

Taizé Stations of the Cross

April 8 | 7 pm



The Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will lead this powerful prayer experience as we walk with Jesus from the chamber with his friends to the Garden of Gethsemane, from the halls of Pontius Pilate to Golgatha, and into the tomb. Each step of the journey will be accompanied by scripture, prayer, and chants.

Maundy Thursday (communion)

April 9 | 7 pm

Communion service recalling Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf will preach at this service.

Good Friday

April 10 | 12 Noon and 7 pm

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy will preach at Noon, and The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush will preach at the 7 pm Tenebrae service.

Saturday Vigil

April 11 | 7 pm The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and the

Rev. Mary Lynn Callahan will deliver the message at this processing Vigil.

Easter Sunday

Dr. Bush preaching.

April 128:45 and 11 amThe Rev. Schoenewolf will preach at the
8:45 am Journey service in the Social
Hall. The 11 am Sanctuary service
will be preceded by special music

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beginning at 10:45 am, with the Rev.



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VISITOR WELCOME SHEET

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to: register your name and contact information below, tear off this section of the back page of today's bulletin, and place this completed sheet with the offering or in the church's mail room.

Thank you!

NAME	
ADDRESS	
ZIP	PHONE
EMAIL ADDRESS	
I am a Member Friend	We invite you to pick up a copy of our newsletter, the Reaching Out, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Ave entrance for more info on
I would like a personal contact.	<i>church programming and ministries.</i> Please note our website will include the most up-to-date information regarding cancellations and postponements happening at ELPC to prevent the spread of COVID-19