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East Liberty Presbyterian Church

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CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 22, 2020 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, organ
“Now Thank We All Our God (Marche Triomphale)” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

OPENING WORDS
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 (responsive reading)
Roberta and Tristan London
Leader: We worship a God whose power is love.
People: Who raised Jesus from death to life.
Leader: We pray that God will free the world to rejoice in Christ’s peace, glory in his justice and live in his love.
People: May all people of earth, divided and enslaved by sin, be freed and brought together under Christ’s gentle and loving rule. May your kingdom come, we pray.
Leader: Let us worship God.

ACOLYTE CANDLE-LIGHTING

HYMN #766 (vs. 1, 3, 4)
“The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound” McKee
The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone.
Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.
True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied.
True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside.
If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor’s need,
Then we extend the Spirit’s care through every selfless deed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Kathryn Ophardt

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS
Kathryn Ophardt
Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón! ¡Alaben a Dios!
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Praise God!
HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON  
Ezekiel 34:11-24  
Becky Gloninger

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats: Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? When you drink of clear water, must you foul the rest with your feet? And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have fouled with your feet?

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butt ed at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Leader:  This is the word of the Lord.  
People:  Thanks be to God!

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES  
Sara Hackett

HYMN #726  “Will You Come and Follow Me”  
KELVINGROVE

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?  
Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.
When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

“When, not if”

“The flowers today are given in memory of Gail, Norma and George Noden from their loving daughter and granddaughter, Tamara Golden.
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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST CANNOT BE BOUND (vs. 1, 3, 4)

1 The church of Christ cannot be bound by walls of wood or stone. Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

2 True faith will open up the door and step into the street. Where charity and love are found, there can the church be known.

3 True love will not sit idly by when justice is denied. True mercy hears the homeless cry and welcomes them inside. True mercy will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.

4 If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor’s need, then we extend the spirit’s care through every selfless deed. If what we have we freely share to meet our neighbor’s need, then we extend the spirit’s care through every selfless deed.

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WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

1 “Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
2 “Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
3 “Will you let the blind see if I but call your name?
4 “Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

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Gm7 Bb Am7 Bb Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
Will you use the faith you’ve found to re-shape the world a round,
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Bb F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”
Through my sight and touch and sound in, you and you in me?”
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer’s response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer’s time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987
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Give thanks, O Christian People (vs. 1 and 4)

1 Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day
2 Give thanks, O Christian people, for leaders of our years
3 Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord,
4 Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship

who heed the call to service and make it their life's way
who live to share with others our joy when Christ appears,
who live each day believing in God's eternal Word:
with all who trust our Savior their serving to equip:

to go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the faltering feet,
to share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed,
to ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.
to lead the followers forward our living Lord to meet.
to use the talents given to plant the gospel seed.
to magnify God's message and Christ's great love confess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.
THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE
The holidays are almost here! As in years past, the ELPC Deacons are organizing the Christmas Giving Tree to benefit children and families from ELPC’s Mission, Christian Education, and Hope Academy ministries, East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM); and Casa San José.

This year’s Giving Tree will be different. There will be no physical gifts, only gift cards to stores like Target and Walmart. Instead of having the Giving Tree outside of different services, we will be using SignUpGenius.

When the gift requests are all complete, we will send out a link to the sign-up form, where you will be able to select that you will purchase a real gift card. You also could choose to send donations for the purchase of a gift card. Both gift cards and donations will need to be sent to the church by Dec 4. You can mail the gift cards or drop them off at the church’s front desk. Donations can be sent in via checks made out to “ELPC Giving Tree” or through the “Donate” button at ELPC.church. Please designate that your donation is for the “Giving Tree.”

If you are not computer savvy, but would like to help out with the Giving Tree gifts, please contact Trish Buben (tab190@gmail.com; 410.504.2561) or Pastor Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x130).

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE:
A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS — DEC 19
This year has brought many challenges to our physical, emotional, and spiritual lives. As the season of Christ’s birth approaches, the ELPC Deacons invite you to join us in worship on Saturday, Dec 19 at 7 pm to feel God’s presence in this time of unprecedented isolation, loss, and distress. Our Blue Christmas service is designed as a resource of strength, hope and community as we journey together through Advent. Due to ongoing safety considerations, this year’s Blue Christmas service will be held virtually on our YouTube or Facebook pages. Visit www.ELPC.church for more details.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES — DEC 24
The season of Advent and Christmas is a time of joy and celebration. And while we may not be able to worship in person on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec 24, we will livestream our services. Join us virtually for our Friends & Family service at 5 pm, and our Candlelight service at 8 pm.

YOUNG ADULT EVENTS
ELPC is pleased to welcome back Kelli Booher as our Interim Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries (YAMs). She can be contacted via email at KelliB@coh.net.

- Today: Friendsgiving & Game Night
  While we can’t gather in person for our annual Friendsgiving Dinner, we will gather virtually to enjoy a Friendsgiving meal and game night. Meals will be available for pickup or delivery.
- Thursday, Nov 26: YAMS by YAMs
  For those of us who may not be gathering with others on Thanksgiving, but want to give thanks for others in our community, we have a safe and fun way to do so for everyone!
- Friday, Nov 27: Virtual Craft Night at 7 pm
  Surprise craft night! RSVP to Kelli so that your crafting supply kit can be prepared for pick up or delivery. (If you are participating in Friendsgiving, your craft kit can be picked up/delivered at that time).

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