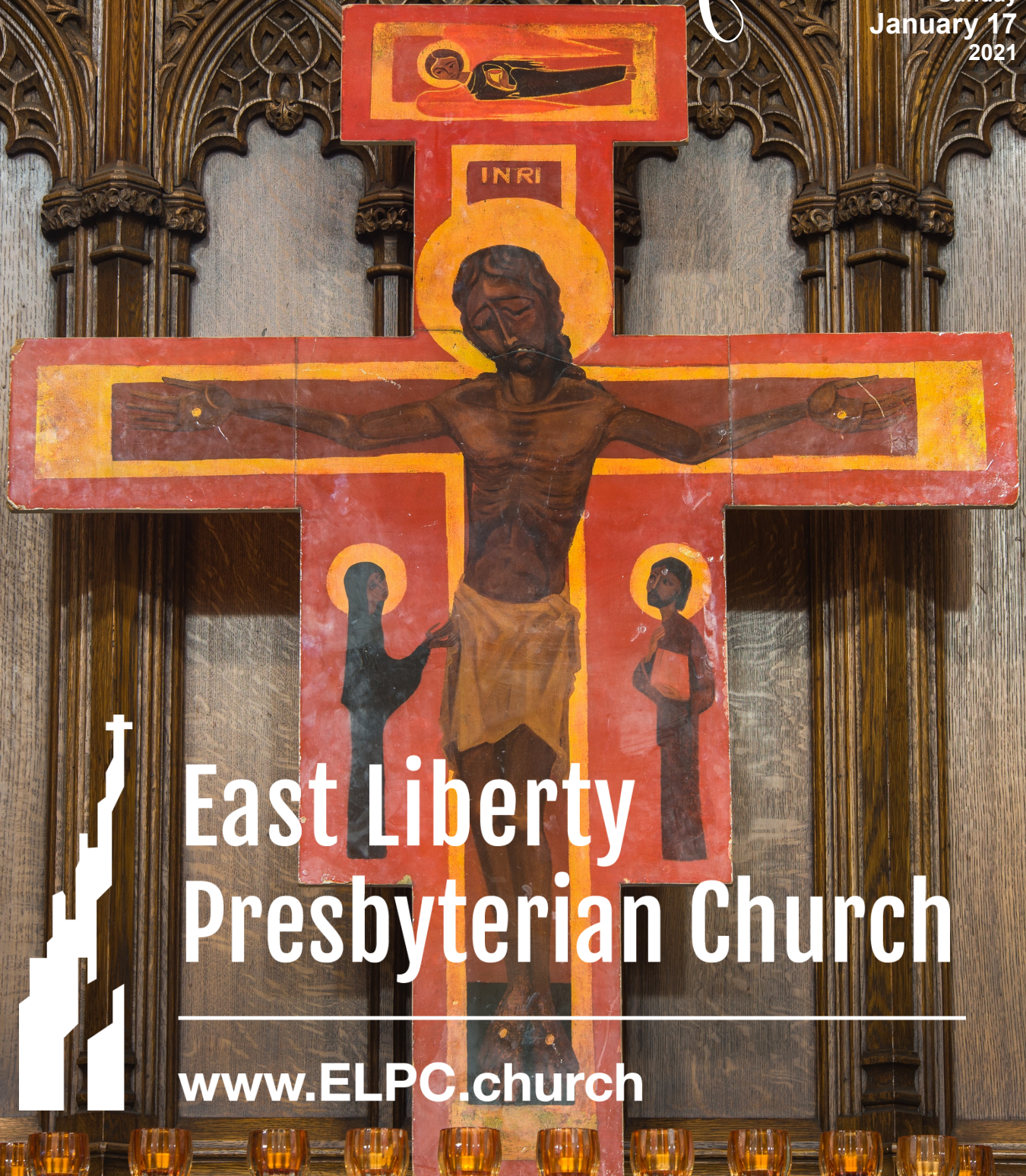


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Worship

Sunday
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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)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 17, 2021 — 11 AM LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”
“Give Me Jesus”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Peter Pindar Stearns
Richard Billingham

OPENING WORDS

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Bush

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

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

HYMN #686

“God of Our Life”

SANDON

God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in thee.
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,
We own thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.

God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us abide.
Lead us by faith to hope’s true promised land. Be thou our guide.
With thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,
And faith’s fair vision changes into sight.

God of the coming years, through paths unknown we follow thee.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone. Our refuge be.
Be thou for us in life our daily bread,
Our heart’s true home when all our years have sped.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón!
¡Alaben a Dios! ¡Aleluya!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Praise God! Alleluia!

SUNG RESPONSE (*sing 3x*)

“It Is Good To Trust”

It is good to trust in the Lord our God, trust and hope in the Lord our God.
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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 9:10-17

Juliette Young

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

SPECIAL VIDEO Dr. Albert Raboteau speaking on King's philosophy of non-violence

SPECIAL MUSIC

"We Shall Overcome"

David Jennings-Smith, *soloist*
arr. William Farley Smith**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

The Rev. Dr. Bush

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

I Samuel 3:1-10

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

SERMON

"New Beginnings: Answering That Inner Call"

The Rev. Dr. Bush

SPECIAL VIDEOExcerpt from 1967 speech
"Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERING INVITATION & PRAYER

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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 visit www.ELPC.church/donate if you would like to make a contribution.

HYMN #69

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Dr. Moore, *organ*
Adolphus Hailstork



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf
The Rev. BJ Woodworth
Juliette Young

Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
David Jennings-Smith, *Cantor/Soloist*

A/V: Tim Benedict
Wayne Gaines

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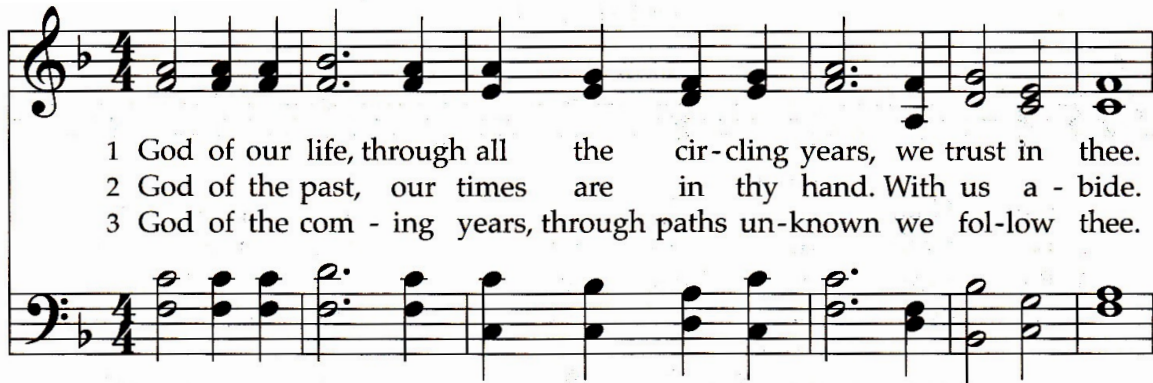
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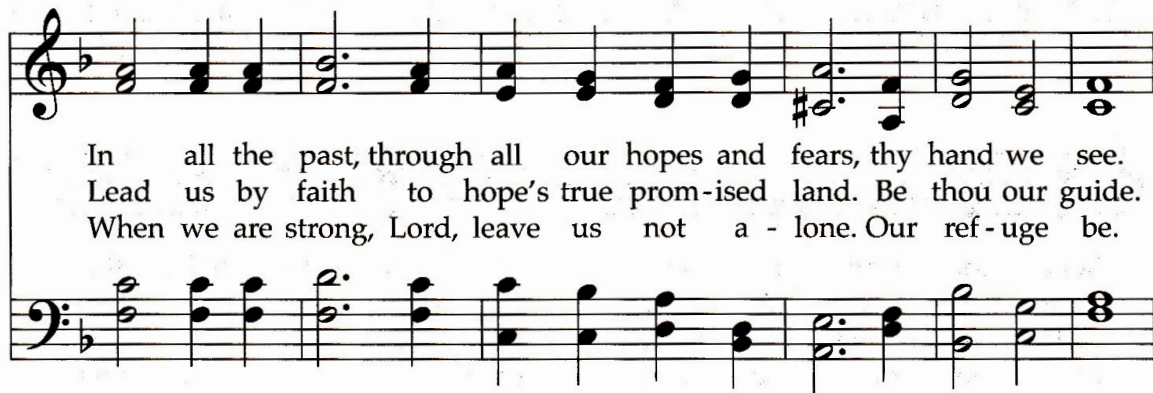
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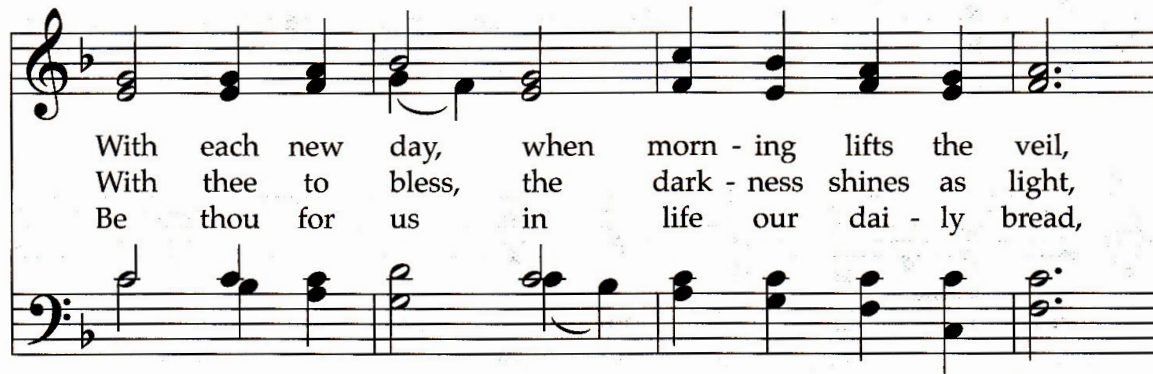
GOD OF OUR LIFE



1 God of our life, through all the cir-cling years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a-bide.
 3 God of the com-ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.



In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a-lone. Our ref-uge be.



With each new day, when morn-ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark-ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai-ly bread,



we own thy mer-cies, Lord, which nev-er fail.
 and faith's fair vi-sion chang-es in-to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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SANDON

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IT IS GOOD TO TRUST *(sing 3 times)*

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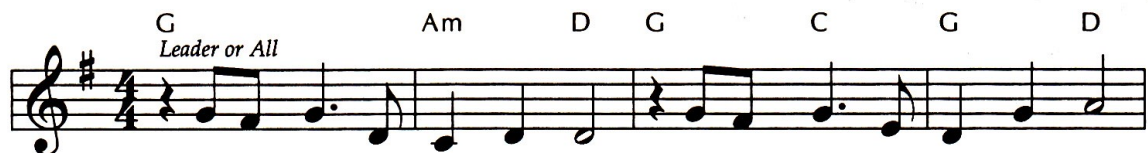
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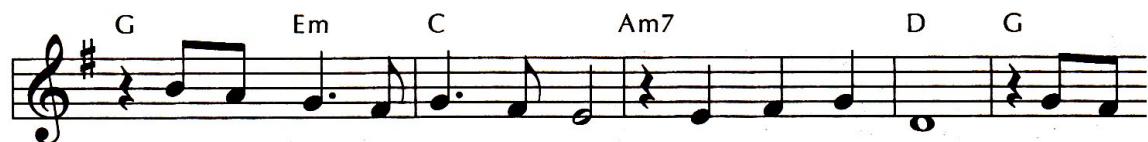
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HERE I AM, LORD



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 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
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made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
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Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.



ELPC VIRTUAL LENTEN RETREAT – A JOURNEY INTO THE DESERT

Friday, Feb 19 (6pm) to Saturday, Feb 20 (7pm)
Cost \$25

Join us for a time of personal and communal Lenten preparation. On this 24-hour retreat we will journey with Jesus into the desert, considering our belovedness and the temptations we face, as well as set our own Lenten intentions for the season. We will have opening and closing Zoom time with each other and optional times in between for embodied and spoken prayers and meditations as well as prompts for your own time of solitude.

Retreat materials will be ready for you to pick up on Sunday, Feb 14. If you need them mailed or delivered, please note that in your registration.

Register by emailing Norma (Norma@coh.net) by Sunday, Feb 7. You can mail a check (made payable to ELPC) to her attention or pay online on our website, designating “Lenten Retreat” in the note. Please direct questions to Rev. BJ Woodworth (BJW@coh.net).

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY

- *Today from 5:30-6:30 pm: Tween Night Cooking Class*
Tweens in grades 4–6 will gather on Zoom to make dinner for their families. We will be making an easy ricotta gnocchi and “dirt” for dessert.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

- *Monday, Jan 18 from 1-3 pm: Virtual 29th Annual MLK Celebration*

Peoria, Illinois, Public Employees for Community Concerns’ 29th annual MLK Celebration is virtual this year. Hear Dr. Bernice King speak from 1–2 pm, and then YAMs may join our Zoom discussion from 2–3 pm. Ticket cost will be covered by Young Adult Ministry. Please RSVP to Kelli Booher (KelliB@coh.net) to attend.

MLK DAY OF SERVICE SOCK COLLECTION

Observed each year on the third Monday in January as “a day on, not a day off,” MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer in their communities.

In observance of MLK Day, to fulfill the theme of “a day on, not a day off,” and to live into being a PC(USA) Matthew 25 Church, ELPC is hosting a

Drive-by Sock Collection Today from 1–3:30 pm

Typically, people living in homelessness spend their days walking in their community—and we all know and appreciate that when your feet are cold, your entire body is cold. Socks are the most requested items of clothing from ministries and organizations that serve individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

Please purchase warm socks in sizes for men, women, and children to be donated to local shelters.

This ministry opportunity is sponsored by the ELPC Mission Board, Neighbors Committee, and the Board of Deacons. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Patrice (PatriceFS@coh.net).

