



# 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 6, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY / FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Composer and arranger  
Janet Linker (b. 1938)  
lives and works in the  
Columbus, Ohio area.  
The tune BEACH SPRING is  
found three times in our  
Glory to God Hymnal,  
#490, 498, and 716.

The United Nations  
began celebrating  
International Women's  
Day in 1975, which had  
been proclaimed the  
International Women's  
Year. In 1977, the  
United Nations General  
Assembly invited  
member states to  
proclaim March 8 as an  
official UN holiday.

International Women's  
Day is celebrated to  
commemorate the  
cultural, political, and  
socioeconomic  
achievements of  
women. The day  
emphasizes on women's  
rights movement and  
brings attention to  
several issues such as  
gender equality,  
reproductive rights, and  
violence and abuse  
against women.

### TIME OF PREPARATION

Your commitment to your wellness is part of the revolution.

— Danielle LaPorte

### MUSIC MINISTRY

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Gerald Near

“Audi, benigne conditor”

*O Kind Creator, bow thine ear to mark the cry, to know the tear,  
Before thy throne of mercy spent, in this thy holy fast of Lent.*

“Beach Spring”

arr. Janet Linker

### 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

Dorothea Ward

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We remember that wilderness is not only a place of struggle and temptation, but is also a place where we meet God.

People: Like the Hagar, like the Israelites, like Jesus, we are not alone.

**God's Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.**

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness, but through the wilderness.

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #214

MORNING SONG

“You Are My Refuge, Faithful God”

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION & INTERCESSION

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.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

¡Alaben a Dios!

Praise God!

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

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O God, our very humanity makes us easy victims of our temptations. The attractive, undisciplined ways of our world weaken our resolve to choose always the "better part." Renew your Spirit within us, we pray, so that day by day, we may make the right choices.  
(Women of Australia)

These two texts convey the spirituality and dedication of women separated in time by seven centuries: Mechtilde of Magdeburg (ca. 1207–ca. 1282) and Teresa of Calcutta (1910–1997). The two texts were arranged and set to music by composer, hymnist, poet, and teacher Jane Marshall (1924–2019).

Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained.  
(Helen Keller)

## HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Barbara Griffin and Kira Mukogosu  
Psalms 91:1-2; 9-16

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Schoenewolf

*Children in preschool through grade 3 are invited to the Chapel for a time of learning together. Children younger than age 3 are welcome to attend, if accompanied by their parents. Parents and caregivers should meet their children in the back of in the Sanctuary during the Doxology, when children will return to the worship service.*

*The nursery is open to young children who are accompanied by their parents/caregivers during worship (there will be no staff/volunteers present); the service is livestreamed into that space.*

## \* HYMN #474

"As A Child Rests"

AS A CHILD RESTS

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

The Rev. Schoenewolf

## SERMON

"Rest Stops: Just Say, 'No'"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

## MEDITATION

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

## OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Woodworth

*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.*

*You are invited to use the QR code to the right if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. A donation box is also available in the Sanctuary.*



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Words from Two Women"

Jane Marshall

### 1. Nurture - Mechtilde of Magdeburg

Heal the broken with comforting words of God.  
Cheer them gently with earthly joys.  
Be merry: laugh with the broken,  
And carry their secret needs in the deepest silence of your heart.

### 2. The Simple Path - Teresa of Calcutta

The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith.  
The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service.  
The fruit of service is peace.

## \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



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## March 6 • First Sunday in Lent

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

I feel that I am weak,  
and prone to every sin;  
but thou who gives to  
those who seek,  
wilt give me  
strength within.

I need not fear my foes,  
I need not yield to care,  
I need not sing beneath  
my woes,  
for thou wilt answer  
prayer.

**In my Redeemer's name**  
I give myself to thee;  
and, all unworthy  
as I am,  
my God will cherish me.  
(Anne Brontë)

German composer and  
pianist Fanny  
Mendelssohn Hensel  
(1805–1847) grew up in  
Berlin and received a  
thorough music  
education alongside her  
younger brother, Felix  
Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
(1809–1847). Due to  
social conventions at the  
time about the roles of  
women, a number of her  
works were originally  
published under her  
brother's name.

### — SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Woodworth

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

The Rev. Schoenewolf

#### SHARING BREAD & CUP

*The communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may receive the bread and the cup, then returning to their seats via the side aisles to partake of the elements. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

#### COMMUNION HYMN #783

ANGELS OF HEALING

“When We Are Tested”

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Kathryn Ophardt

Gracious God, you have fed us Living Bread. You have nourished us with the Cup of Salvation. You are our refuge, our strength, our source and our hope. Journey with us as we step out into this world that led by your Spirit, we might live into the purpose you have placed before us and reach out in love. In **Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

#### \* RECESSIONAL HYMN #293

“Loving Spirit”

OMNI DIE

#### \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

#### POSTLUDE

“Prelude in F”

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

Dr. Moore, organ

*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.*



*As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at [www.ELPC.church](http://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

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
Barbara Griffin  
Kira Mukogosi  
Kathryn Ophardt  
Dorothea Ward  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Beadles: Liz Hopkins  
Mario Seneca  
Crucifer: Mario Seneca  
Sound: Tim Benedict  
Wayne Gaines

♦ FELLOWSHIP TIME SUSPENDED

Due to the pandemic, our Fellowship Time is suspended. However, water is available in the Fellowship Room.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

If you would like to sponsor flowers for our worship service in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Norma (412.441.3800 x111). The cost is \$175.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am ..... Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The service is also streamed on Zoom.  
*March 13* — 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. The service is also livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook.  
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♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé Sung Prayer  
Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France. Rev. BJ Woodworth leads this service in the Chapel.  
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.  
Available everyday

♦ WEEKLY SPIRITUAL LIFE OFFERINGS

Contemplative and Centering Prayer for Lent  
During the season of Lent, Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead Contemplative Prayer on Zoom. It will involve the reading of a Psalm and Centering Prayer (20 minutes of silence), in community with one another.  
Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am  
Meeting ID #959 8065 3992  
Passcode: bestill

Spring Yoga and Creation Contemplation Classes  
In March and April, Katrina Woodworth will teach one class on Wednesdays from 8-9 am. Winter is waning and Spring is around the corner. Seasonally and spiritually, we are entering into Lent, Easter and Spring. What better way to transition than to get on our mat and be in touch with our bodies! Inspired by the PC(USA) *Lent Daily Reflection Calendar*, our yoga practice, readings and meditations will focus in on **caring for creation in solidarity with Christ's sacrifice and resurrection!**

*Please register in advance at:*  
<http://tiny.cc/spring-yoga>  
*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.*

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our red Friendship Books.

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

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Church Tour

Join us for a tour of the Sanctuary and Chapel today after the 11 am worship service. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to join the tour guide.

### Tread Lightly for Lent: Daily Reflection/Action Calendar

This Lenten Devotional is being co-sponsored by the Environmental Team of the Justice Committee and the Faith Formation Board. It is available to download at [www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent).

### ELPC's Updated Mask Usage Policy

All people visiting and working in ELPC will be required to wear a face mask both inside and outside (on the property) regardless of vaccination status. It is recommended that the mask be an N95, surgical, or comparable mask.



### Contemplative Prayer — Mondays

Join Rev. BJ Woodworth on Zoom (Meeting ID 959 8065 3992, Passcode: bestill) during the season of Lent for Contemplative Prayer, involving the reading of a Psalm and Centering Prayer (20 minutes of silence), in community with one another. All are welcome to join us on Mondays from 7:30-8 am.

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### Presbyterian Women Bible Study — March 7

Join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study lesson *Mary* on Monday, March 7 from 7-8:30 pm on Zoom. This is the first of two lessons about *Mary*. In April, we will consider "Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church." For more info, email [PW.ELPC@gmail.com](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).

### Letter from Birmingham Jail (part 2) — March 13

Following the 11 am worship service on Sunday, March 13, the Facing Systemic Racism Committee will present the second session on *The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Letter from Birmingham Jail*. Led by Dr. Beverly Harris-Schenz, we will explore a summary of one of the seminal issues in Dr. King's letter: "just" vs "unjust" laws.

Join us in person in the Social Hall or online at [tiny.cc/mlk-letter-2](http://tiny.cc/mlk-letter-2). You also may call in by dialing 301.715.8592 and entering Meeting ID 841 7387 8710 and passcode 442300. Please note: The final session will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 6 pm. Together, we will explore Dr. King's disappointment in the white church of his day, and how that relates to our current reality.

### Café Justo Sales — March 13

Purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee, in ground and whole bean bags, for \$10 next Sunday, March 13. The coffee will be sold in the Narthex after the 11 am service. Please contact Ryan Booher ([rabooherc@gmail.com](mailto:rabooherc@gmail.com)) for more info.

### Youth Roller Skating — March 13

Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to go roller skating at **Beulah Presbyterian Church with Beulah's youth group** next Sunday, March 13 from 1-3:15 pm. We will be eating lunch in the McKelvy Room before we leave, or you may meet us at Beulah at 1 pm. Register online at [ELPC.church](http://ELPC.church). Contact Sara Hackett for more info ([SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net)).

### Lenten Silent Retreat — March 18 to 20

We invite you to come away with God in the middle of the Lenten season for a weekend of quiet and rest at **St. Emma's Retreat House in Greensburg from Friday, March 18 at 5 pm to Sunday, March 20 at Noon**.

The retreat will be a time to rest your body, mind, and spirit, to play and pray, to eat and be still, to walk and sit, to talk and be silent, and simply follow "the unforced rhythms of grace." The cost is \$150 (scholarships available). Contact Pastor BJ ([BJW@coh.net](mailto:BJW@coh.net)) for details. Spots are limited; RSVP to Norma ([Norma@coh.net](mailto:Norma@coh.net)) by Sunday, March 13.

### Support Our Winter Food Drive — March 20

From 12:30-2 pm on Sunday, March 20, the Neighbors Committee will host a *Winter Food Drive* in the staff parking lot on Baum Blvd. Requested donations include: canned or dried fruit, canned vegetables, cereal, crackers, individual fruit cups, jelly, peanut butter, pasta and sauces, rice, soups and broth, salt, seasonings, and spices. Contact Tim VanFleet ([tavanfleet@gmail.com](mailto:tavanfleet@gmail.com)) or Pastor Patrice ([patricefs@coh.net](mailto:patricefs@coh.net)) for info.



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

Carla Depperman's friends  
Maria Alarcon and her husband and children,  
Kathy Callahan's parents Dave and Ginny,  
Cathie Hajdu and  
Joe and Cathie Hajdu's son Jeremy, and  
Rev. Heather Schoenewolf's mother and father.  
*Condolences to Jan Pressman on her sister's passing.*

*Please send your prayer requests to Megan Leisher  
(MeganL@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x122).*

#### Church Tour — March 20

Join us on March 20 for a tour of the tower following the 11 am Sanctuary service. Please wear closed-toe walking shoes for the tower tour. Please gather in the Highland Lobby to join the tour guide.



#### Enneagram Study Group — Begins March 21

The Enneagram is an ancient tool with modern appeal. Its accuracy can be disarming and its applied wisdom transformative. Whether you are new to the Enneagram or have been dabbling in it for years, you are invited to participate in this Enneagram Study Group where you will glean a deeper appreciation of how we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” and how that plays out in loving our neighbors. The Enneagram doesn't put you in a box; it reveals the box that you are already in and offers a path out!

Join facilitator Lynn Holden on the third Mondays of March through June and Sept through Dec, from 12:30-1:30 pm on Zoom (www.Zoom.us; Meeting ID 966 6904 5127, Passcode: 9types). The required book is *The Sacred Enneagram: Finding Your Path to Spiritual Growth* by Christopher L. Heuertz.



#### Download Our New App

ELPC recently published a mobile app to serve as a hub for all ELPC-related news, events, and digital offerings. On the app, you can stream live and archived worship services and concerts, watch sermons, listen to our Taizé podcast, download bulletins, browse events, connect with our social media pages, read up-to-date news, and more. The app is available for free on Google Play™ and on the App Store®. Search for “East Liberty Presbyterian.” Google Play is a trademark of Google LLC. App Store is a registered trademark of Apple Inc.

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## COMMUNITY



#### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Ukraine

As the violence continues in Ukraine, the first priority of PDA is to provide funding to partners on the ground with the knowledge and expertise to help the people of Ukraine. Ways you can help include: GIVE (<https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000156>; or call 800.872.3283); ACT (like PDA on facebook and share updates); and PRAY (that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ).

#### LGBTQ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — March 27

Join us at our LGBTQ Ministry's next *Spiritual Gathering* in person at the church or online via Zoom on Sunday, March 27 at 12:30 pm. Allies and LGBTQIA+ folks alike are welcome — in fact we will be focusing on our wonderful allies during this time together! For more details or to attend, contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x118).

Visit us online at

[www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

March 13 • 9:45 to 10:45 am

#### ◆ ADULTS ◆

Both in-person and on Zoom

Contact Sara Hackett or Rev. Heather Schoenewolf for Zoom links.

Journey with Scripture — Micah 1:1–16; Qumran (Cave 4) Proverbs; Romans 5:12–6:14; Luke (Q) 12:16–34, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

Parenting Circle — “The Sandbox Revolution” facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers — “What I Learned About Life in Today's Saudi Arabia, During My Recent Trip There,” led and facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food — A discussion of *Wholehearted Faith* by the late Rachel Held Evans and Jeff Chu, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu and other class members.

#### ◆ CHILDREN & YOUTH ◆

Age 3 through Grade 3 — Room 206

Grades 4 and 5 — Room 211

Grades 6 through 12 — 2nd floor Parlor