



# 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 20, 2022 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

William Bolcom (b. 1938) composed 12 *Gospel Preludes* between 1979-1984, divided into four books of three each. No. 11, *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, is the second prelude in book four. Bolcom was professor of composition at the University of Michigan from 1973-2008. His compositions and performances have earned him the Pulitzer Prize, the National Medal of Arts, and two Grammy Awards.

**BORN ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY:**  
Sister Rosetta Tharpe (Nubin), American gospel and R&B singer, songwriter, and electric guitarist (*This Train; Down By the Riverside*), was born in Cotton Plant, Arkansas in 1915 (d. 1973); and Fred Rogers, ordained Presbyterian Pastor and American children's TV host (*Mr. Roger's Neighborhood*), was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania in 1928 (d. 2003).

### TIME OF PREPARATION

The changes we dread most may contain our salvation.

— Barbara Kingsolver

### MUSIC MINISTRY

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Willam Bolcom  
Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*

"When Ringing Fills the Skies"

arr. Lloyd Larson  
ELPC Ringers

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.

People: Y también contigo.

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come because we seek God, father, mother, divine parent.

People: Every morning, every day, every evening, every moment, God is with us.

Leader: We come because we hunger for Christ.

People: Jesus will feed us with hope and will replace our emptiness with grace.

Leader: We come because we thirst for the Spirit.

People: Who fills our yearning for peace, who ends the drought of justice.

Leader: We come because God is gracious, merciful, loving, and faithful.

People: Let us worship our sovereign God in Spirit and in truth. Hallelujah and Amen!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #166

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

ST. FLAVIAN

### BELL ANTHEM

"Come, Christians, Join to Ring"

arr. Lloyd Larson

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**  
We come before you, gracious God, seeking what money cannot buy. Only you can provide nourishment for our souls. There is no other source of meaning in our mixed-up world. We can find no fountain of strength or sustenance apart from you. Surely you can be found where two or three are gathered together. As a community of faith, we call you, believing you are nearer than our next breath, more available to us than we can think, more caring than we ever dared to imagine. Uphold us now that we may worship on wings of joy. Amen.

**ON THIS DATE IN WOMEN'S HISTORY:**  
1852 – Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was published in Boston; 1934 – American all-round female super athlete Babe Didrikson Zaharias pitched a hitless inning for the Philadelphia A's in their exhibition pro season baseball game against the Brooklyn Dodgers; 1965 – Civil and Women's Rights Activist Dorothy Height had her first column published in the weekly African-American newspaper, the *New York Amsterdam News*; 1986 – New York passed its first lesbian and gay rights legislation; and 2016 – Accompanied by First Lady Michelle Obama, President Obama became the first U.S. president to visit Cuba since 1928, arriving for a 3-day tour.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathryn Ophardt

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kathryn Ophardt

In Christ our Savior, we have tasted your goodness, O God. And in the name of Christ, we come asking for your forgiveness. We confess that we are greedy, while others go hungry. The daily bread you give is not enough; we must indulge our appetites. Our egos need feeding as well; we crave recognition and ignore our neighbor in need. Your gifts are available to everyone, yet there are times when we do not use them for the common good. You are faithful, Lord God, extending love to everyone, yet we often create idols to occupy our time and attention. We are blessed far beyond what we deserve, yet we grumble and complain. We desperately need to repent and to seek your forgiveness and we pray that you will show us once more that Christ is our way out, our cup and our portion; may we find in him our heart's delight. Now receive our silent prayers of confession, O God. Amen.

## TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Kathryn Ophardt

**Leader:** Everyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The "old has passed away; see, everything has become new. All this is from God, who reconciled us...and has given us the ministry of reconciliation." Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** **En Jesucristo tenemos perdón. ¡Gracias a dios y aleluya!** **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God and hallelujah!**

## SUNG RESPONSE HYMN #288 *(please sing 3x)* "Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 63:1-8

David Jennings-Smith

## MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

The Rev. Heather 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 #353

"My Hope is Built On Nothing Less"

SOLID ROCK

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## SERMON

"Rest Stops: A Way Out"

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

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

The Orthodox Church has a long history in Ukraine that dates back to 998 when the first Christian Church was formed in Kyiv. In 1596 there was a split between the Orthodox and Catholics. From 1686 on, the Ukrainian and Russian Orthodox Churches were united until they split in 1918. It was during this 300-plus year period that a rich liturgical choral tradition developed in the Orthodox church. Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov (1859-1935) was a leading figure in this tradition in the 19th century. This morning's anthem is dedicated to the Ukrainian people currently suffering the horrors of war and in memory of those who have died.

*We've Come This Far by Faith*, written by Albert Goodson, traditionally sung in African-American churches, is a triumphant song that makes both a declaration and a promise – a promise for the future based on the declaration of the past faithfulness of God, who has brought us through so much already; and we can be assured that God will continue to do so.

## OFFERING INVITATION

*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.*

The Rev. Schoenewolf



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”  
(from the Divine Liturgy - based on Psalm 103)

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

## \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



## \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

The Rev. Dr. Bush  
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.**

Leader: All that we present to you now, O God, we have received from your hand. We give so the hungry may eat and the thirsty may receive pure water. We share to send the good news of your Word to those who have not heard. We invest in just causes, that your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all, we give because passing on your gifts in generous response is necessary to life.

People: **Amén.**

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.**

**Amen.**

## \* CLOSING HYMN #656 (please sing 3x)

THIS FAR BY FAITH

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

## \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

## POSTLUDE

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach

“Little Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558”

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.*

## TODAY AT ELPC

### Support Our Winter Food Drive

From 12:30-2 pm today, 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.

### Church Tour

Join us for a tour of the tower following today's 11 am Sanctuary service. Please wear closed-toe walking shoes for the tower tour, and gather in the Highland Lobby.

### 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).

### Today's Deacons-On-Duty (DOD)

Every Sunday, a DOD (*Deacon-on-Duty*) is available to assist with any emergencies that may occur during our services.

The *Journey* service DOD is Dana Carl.

The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Doug Cooper.



### 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.

### Yoga and Creation Contemplation Classes — Wednesdays

In March and April, Katrina Woodworth will teach one class on Wednesdays from 8-9 am on Zoom. 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) Lenten Daily Reflection Calendar, our yoga practice, readings and meditations will focus 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.

### 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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:Wil@coh.net)).

### Letter Writing Event — March 27

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee will offer an in-person letter-writing and advocacy time on Sunday, March 27, following our Sunday Church School classes and our Sanctuary worship service in the Highland Room. Topics address environmental and social justice components of the Build Back Better Act, as well as the Hopes for Homes Act.

Please join and contribute your voice to advocate for these issues. Legislators need to know that their constituents care about and want solutions to the climate crisis. If unable to join in person, sample letters, fact sheets and your representative addresses are available on our website at [ELPC.church](http://ELPC.church). Please contact Nancy Heastings for more info ([n.heastings@comcast.net](mailto:n.heastings@comcast.net)).

### ELPC Health Ministry is Reorganizing — March 27

The ELPC Health Ministry, under the leadership of the Board of Deacons is reorganizing and is extending an invitation to church members or friends who have healthcare experience or an interest in whole health to join them. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, March 27 following the 11 am worship service in the Highland Room. Contact Tom Sturgill ([sturgillpgh@yahoo.com](mailto:sturgillpgh@yahoo.com)) or Pastor Patrice ([PatriceFS@coh.net](mailto:PatriceFS@coh.net)) for more 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.*

*Condolences to Betty Rieley and Laura Ristau on the passing of family member The Rev. Jon Rieley-Goddard.*

#### Pickleball Tournament — April 3

Youth in grades 6–12 are getting together from 12:15–3 pm on Sunday, April 3 for lunch and pickleball. There will be trophies, but no experience is needed. Meet at ELPC at 12:15 pm. We will be back for pick up at 3 pm. RSVP by completing the online permission slip at [ELPC.church](http://ELPC.church).

#### Sewing Group — April 4

The Sewing Group plans to meet on the first Monday of each month (April 4) from 1:30–4:30 pm in Room G02. All are welcome! Please contact Diane Jackson ([dnjcks44@gmail.com](mailto:dnjcks44@gmail.com)) for more info.

#### Presbyterian Women PW Bible Study — April 4 and 5

Join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study lesson *Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church* on Monday, April 4 from 7–8:30 pm or Tuesday, April 5 from 10 am–Noon. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more info, email [PW.ELPC@gmail.com](mailto:PW.ELPC@gmail.com).

#### Lenten JourneyDance — April 8

Experience Lent in a unique way this year. Join Yamuna for her Lenten *JourneyDance* in the Chapel on Friday, April 8 from 6:30–7:45 pm. Take a musical, dancing journey as we approach the end of Lent, with songs from *Godspell* among other songs including *Guide Me, God*, *Song of the Pharaohs*, *Joyful, Joyful*, and *Prayer of St. Francis*. All ages and body types welcome. Wear comfortable clothes and come with an open heart to dance your Lenten journey. A donation from the heart is appreciated. Call/text Yamuna (412.728.8645).

In our

## 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).

#### Join us for Worship on Marathon Sunday — May 1

With the return of the in-person Pittsburgh Marathon, ELPC will be offering a virtual worship service on Sunday, May 1. Please join our faith family on YouTube or Facebook for a worship service led by Pastor Randy.

#### Taizé Podcast Now Available

If you are unable to come to our Taizé services in person on Wednesdays at 7 pm, stream or download a 15-minute contemplative recording each week. Each podcast includes a brief time of centering, music, a meditation, and a closing prayer. You can find a link to listen to the recordings at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church), in our *This Week in Worship* email news flash each Friday, or in our new app.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

*March 27 • 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 3:1–4:5; Qumran (Cave 4) Full Disclosure from the Damascus Document; Romans 7:7–25; Luke (Q) 13:18–27, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Lyle Irvin

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

Seekers — “Ask, Seek, and Knock,” presented by The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, 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

## Holy Week & Easter Services

Wednesday, April 13: 7 pm

Taizé Stations of the Cross | Led by Pastor B.

Thursday, April 14: 7 pm

Maundy Thursday | Led by Pastor Heather

Friday, April 15: 7 pm

Good Friday | Led by Pastor Randy

Saturday, April 16: 7 pm

Easter Vigil | Led by Pastors BJ and Randy

Sunday, April 17

Easter at 8:45 am | Led by Pastor Patrice

Easter at 11 am | Led by Pastor Randy



*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.*

*Please silence all electronic devices before the service begins.*

#### ♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy  
Liturgists: The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush  
The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
David Jennings-Smith  
Kathryn Ophardt  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore,  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
ELPC Ringers  
Beadle: Jo Ellen Aleshire  
Crucifer: Liz Hopkins  
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 27 — The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf 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.  
*March 27 — The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush preaching.*

#### ♦ 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**

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*Please register in advance at:*

<http://tiny.cc/spring-yoga>

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email*

## 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).