



East Liberty Presbyterian Church

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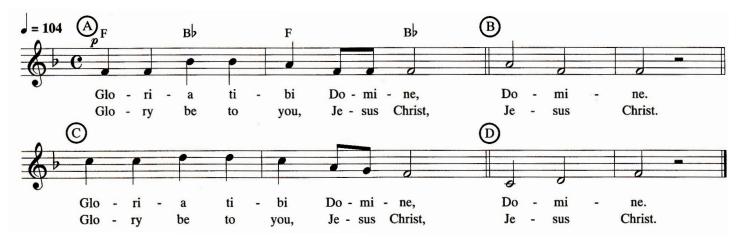
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Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush, Senior Pastor

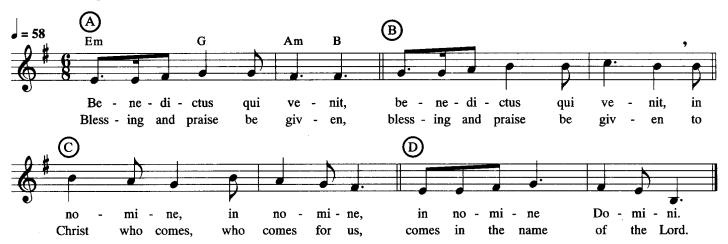
This worship space is created to enhance your prayer. As you enter, grab a prayer stone or palm cross to hold. Feel free to come forward to the craft table to doodle or color a mandala, come sit on prayer cushion and be closer to the front, pray with one of the icons, light a candle, or move with the music. During Lent there are two prayers stations up on the altar! If the songs are new to you, let their simple repeated refrains be sung over you and join in as you are able. We hope that you will become aware of the presence of the living God as you pray in this place and that you might take that awareness out with you into the world.

33 Glory Be To You



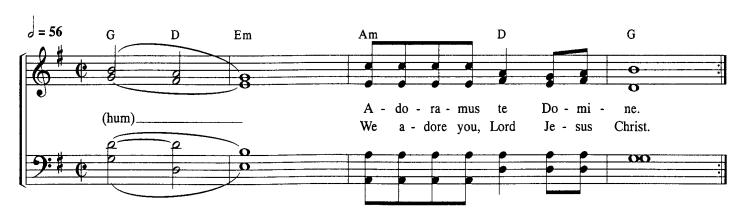
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27 Blessing And Praise



Psalm 118:19-29 (selected verses; from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 26 We Adore You, Lord, Jesus Christ



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This is the Door to Life;
Those who know Love shall enter through it.

WE ADORE YOU,

WE ADORE YOU, LORD, JESUS CHRIST

I give thanks to you, O Beloved, Who answer our prayers And invite us to new Life. The stone which the builders rejected Has become the foundation of our lives.

WE ADORE YOU, LORD, JESUS CHRIST

This, O Eternal Listener, is your Work; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day which you have made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

WE ADORE YOU, LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Remain ever by our side, O Friend!
We welcome you into our hearts
As Loving Companion Presence!
Blessed are all who enter through your gates!
Blessed are all who dwell in the house of Love!

WE ADORE YOU, LORD, JESUS CHRIST For you lead the Way,
You forgive our misguided ways;
And you bring Light into darkness,
Come, all you who will,
Partake of the Great Banquet!
WE ADORE YOU,
LORD, JESUS CHRIST

You are my Beloved,
And I will give thanks to you;
You are my Beloved,
Greatly will I praise you!
We give thanks to you, O Blessed One,
For you are kind;
Your steadfast Love endures forever!

WE ADORE YOU, LORD, JESUS CHRIST



The Word/Meditation: Luke 19:29-31; 35-40

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ... They brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Silent Meditation (for 5 minutes)

During the season of Lent, we will hold silence after the Word.

If this is new to you, simply notice if a word or phrase strikes you, intrigues you or even troubles you.

Ponder it, repeat it, be with it, and above all simply **REST** in the quiet.

Words from Phuc Luu (Vietnamese author, teacher, theologian, pastor, community builder)

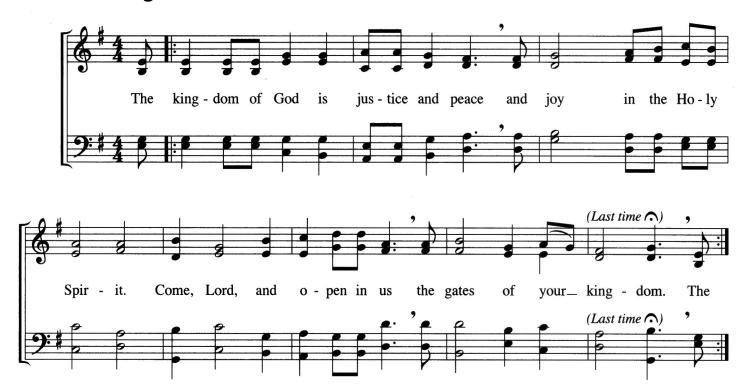
He rides into the holy city Entering its gates, as king Proclaiming victory Branches of palms laid at the feet Not over conquered people Not over claimed lands Nor vanquished enemies But ending the enmity Between God and others The evil of bothering people For their differences Demonizing the sick and hurting, The diseased and damaged The ones pushed to the margins By politics and religious power Bringing them back into the holy house

The temple made not by stones But by the flesh and bones

Of the one who in his body absorbed the hatred, the sickness and sin, the diseases and despair, And gave back love and tenderness, wholeness and healing compassion and commitment

Whose domain is not
Borders and boundaries
Countries and nations
Not divides between us
But the expanse of our hearts
The rule peace of that comes
When enfleshing the life of each other
Seeing all as [sibling]
As neighbor and friend
Not as different
But as ourself in another
Mirrored as a reflection
The divine spark between us

CLM35 The Kingdom Of God



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Intercessory Prayers

Sung Response: NB42 Kyrie 7



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For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples. For those in positions of public trust, especially our president and congressional leaders, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of all people.

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For the holy church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming.

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For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended.

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For a blessing upon the labors of all, and for the right use of the riches of creation.

KYRIE

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners and all who are in danger: that they may be relieved and protected.

KYRIE

For this community, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and may show forth your glory in all that we do.

KYRIE

Silent and Spoken Prayers

Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.

A note about praying for others out loud: Some people are comfortable with having their prayer concerns lifted up in public worship. Others are not. Before you share aloud any prayer concerns, please be sure that you are not breaking confidentialities.

Whether or not you say the person's name out loud, God hears and receives the intentions of your heart.

NB53 The Lord's Prayer



Prayer over the Anointing Oil (in unison)

We have an anointing station this evening for those seeking individual prayer to share joys or concerns. Any desiring prayer, and/or anointing with oil, are invited to come forward, waiting in the center aisle if the station is full. To assist in hearing prayer concerns, anointing happens to the left in the columbarium.

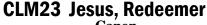


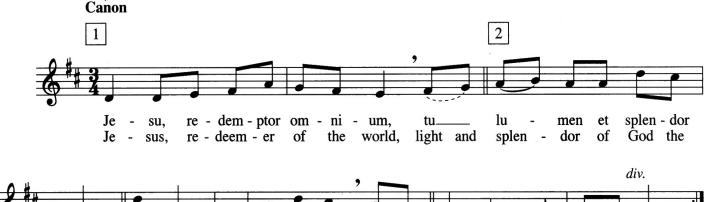
Bless this oil, O Lord, pressed from the fruit of the earth. Let it be a holy ointment for the wounds and worries of those who receive it. May it be a sign to all of us of your constant desire to touch our lives and bring us to health and wholeness. Amen.

38 My Soul Is At Rest



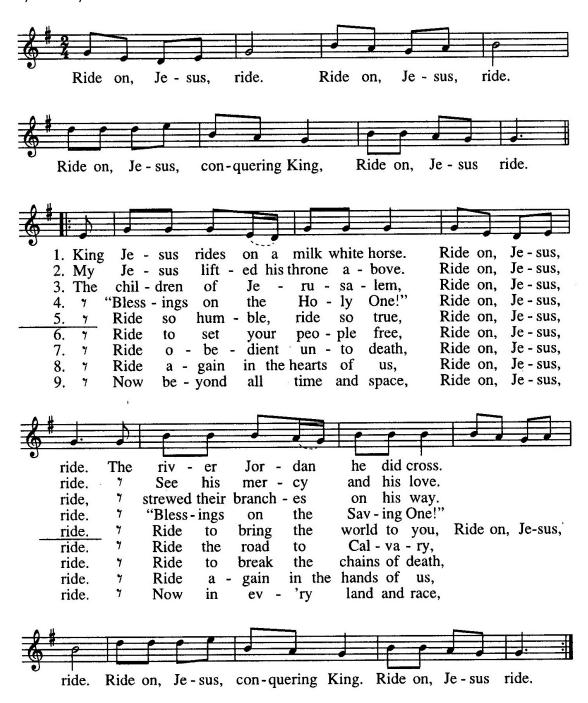
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* Ride On, Jesus, Ride



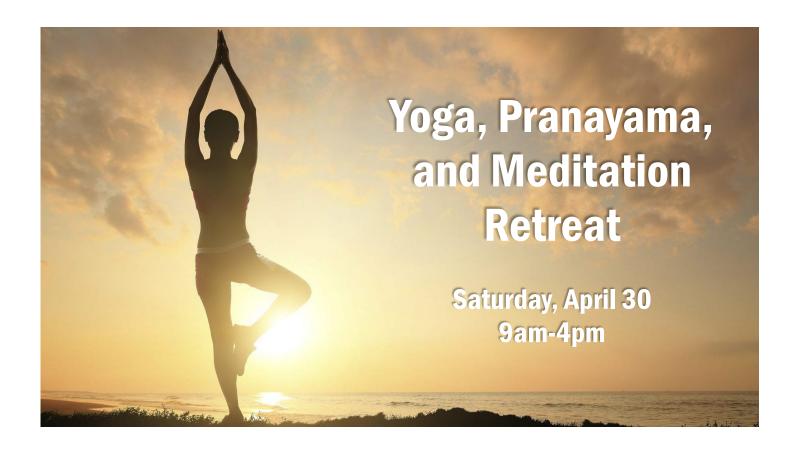
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The Closing Blessing (in unison)

In this season of Lent, may you know that God waits to be gracious to you, and will rise to show mercy to you. May you know that in returning and rest you shall be saved, and in quietness and trust is your strength.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.



On April 30 from 9am-4pm, join Yamuna Morgenstern and Katrina Woodworth for a day of enjoying practicing yoga in the Sanctuary and learning pranayama (yogic breathing techniques) to facilitate meditation, relaxation and good health in your daily life. Take time for intentional rest and develop practices that nurture the opportunity to commune with the Divine.

The day will include 2 yoga classes, pranayama instruction, time for reflection and group activity, meditation practices, and lunch. Class will be limited to 15 people. The first yoga retreat filled up fast, so don't wait to reserve your space! Suggested donation is \$35-\$60 (lunch included).

Register and donate on Eventbrite (tiny.cc/yoga-retreat). Contact Pastor BJ with questions (BJW@coh.net).

SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer

Join Rev. BJ Woodworth on Zoom 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.

Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am • Meeting ID #959 8065 3992 • Passcode: bestill

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

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 very much appreciated. Call or text Yamuna with any questions at 412.728.8645.

JourneyDance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions).

Third Friday of every month (mostly) • 6:30-7:45 pm Apr 15, May 13

Spring Yoga and Creation Contemplation Classes

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

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

EVENTS

Are We a Social Club or Justice Seekers? - April 9

In his prophetic *Letter From Birmingham Jail*, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., expressed frustration with white moderates, including clergy who were critical of civil rights efforts. Dr. King asserted that the white church needed to take a principled stand or risk being "dismissed as an irrelevant social club." Let us continue the conversation on Zoom (Meeting ID 846 9026 2039, Passcode 950626) on Saturday, April 9 at 6 pm, with the third and final deep dive into King's letter. We will be led by the Rev. Paul Roberts, co-pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, and members of the ELPC Facing Systemic Racism Committee.

Carnegie Library Book Club Meeting - April 28

All are invited to join the Carnegie Library (East Liberty branch) for their monthly book club on Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm. They will be reading *Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life* by Eric Klinenberg. Email buccig@carnegielibrary.org for a copy or for more info.



Holy Week & Easter Services

Wednesday, April 13: 7 pm **Taizé Stations of the Cross** led by Pastor BJ

Thursday, April 14: 7 pm (communion will be served)

Maundy Thursday led by Pastor Heather

Friday, April 15: 7 pm

Good Friday led by Pastor Randy

Pastor Randy will also be preaching on the sixth word "It is finished." at St. James AME church at their 12-3 pm *Seven Last Words service* on Good Friday.

Saturday, April 16: 7 pm
Easter Vigil led by Pastor BJ and Pastor Randy

Sunday, April 17 (communion will be served)

Easter at 8:45 am led by Pastor Patrice

Easter at 11 am led by Pastor Randy

On Palm Sunday, April 10, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received.

Sponsor an Easter plant or contribute to the EECM Food Pantry. Order forms are at the entrances. Pick up your plant/s after the Easter Sunday service.

Tread Lightly for Lent 2022

Daily Reflection / Action Calendar

The *Presbyterian Hunger Program* strives to walk with people in moving towards sustainable choices that restore and protect all of God's children and creation. As people of faith, we seek to "serve and preserve" God's world. However, some of our collective choices have led to a changing global climate. To turn this tide, we must commit to treading lightly on God's Earth.

In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. We slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us.

Our hope is that this Lenten calendar will be the beginning of actions intended to create more mindful behaviors throughout the year.

April 6

U.S. driver's consumption of 500 gallons of gasoline every year per driver creates as much as 10,000 pounds of carbon dioxide. Walk somewhere you would have driven today.

April 7

Donate to offset your carbon use. Visit www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/presbyterian-carbon-tree-fund/ to learn more.

April 8

Check your tire pressure. Low tire pressure means high energy/fuel consumption.

April 9

Learn where your food comes from. Calculate your food footprint at www.eatlowcarbon.org

April 10 (Passion/Palm Sunday HOLY WEEK)

As we think about Christ's journey this Holy Week, take space to acknowledge that while it is easy to be overwhelmed with climate injustice, we do not travel alone.

April 11

Download ecoAmerica/Blessed Tomorrow's info sheets on various Climate topics https://ecoamerica.org/research/.

April 12

Visit the Eco-Journey blog at www.presbyterianmission.org/eco-journey/ and read an entry you haven't seen before.

April 13

Remind yourself of the PC(USA)'s policy on engaging with issues of climate change by visiting www.presbyterianmission.org/lordsearthpolicy.

