



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)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 14, 2022 — 7 PM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

PRELUDE

“Ubi Caritas et Amor”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*
Gerald Near

Where charity and love are, God is there.

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Bush

Leader: On the night of his betrayal Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment, to love one another as he loved them.

People: Write this commandment in our hearts; give us the will to serve others.

Leader: Jesus was the servant of all, who gave his life and was risen from the dead, conquering sin and even death, once and for all.

People: Let us worship Christ, the author of salvation, who in love has given us new life!

* OPENING HYMN #209 *(printed in bulletin)*

“My Song is Love Unknown”

LOVE UNKNOWN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Kathryn Ophardt

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kathryn Ophardt

Gracious God, from the dawn of creation your love was made visible in our lives. Through Jesus you claimed us as your beloved, yet we have failed to love you in turn. You commanded us to love our neighbor as ourselves, and we have failed to obey your call. You have welcomed us, but we have shut others out. You have forgiven us, but we have held grudges. You have blessed our efforts, but we have taken advantage of the efforts of others. We have failed to care for the needs of others, and at times we have even neglected to show ourselves the most basic of care.

But you are gracious still.

Turn our hearts to you, that we might heed your call to love. Transform our spirits by the power of your love so that cleansed in your mercy we might be freed to love as you first loved us. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS *(1 John 4:9-10)*

Kathryn Ophardt

Leader: Scripture tells us this: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise God!

* Indicates where to please rise in spirit.

CHORAL ANTHEM	“Ave Verum (Jesus, Living Word of God Incarnate)”	Camille Saint-Saëns
<i>Jesus, living Word incarnate, of Mary, Virgin Mother born. Lifted on the Cross most holy, for us, crucified and scorned. Cleanse us by the true obedience of thy holy life outpoured. Feed us with these holy mysteries, Christ eternally adored.</i>		
SHARING GOD’S PEACE		The Rev. Dr. Bush
HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19	The Rev. BJ Woodworth
GOSPEL LESSON	John 13:1-17, 34-35	The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
SERMON	“A Paradoxical Love”	The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
* HYMN #727 <i>(printed in bulletin)</i>	“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”	THE SERVANT SONG

— THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE		The Rev. Woodworth
THE LORD’S PRAYER		
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		The Rev. Dr. Bush The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
SHARING THE BREAD & CUP		
COMMUNION HYMN #202 <i>(printed in bulletin)</i>	“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”	O WALY WALY
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION <i>(in unison)</i>		Kathryn Ophardt
Loving God, you graciously feed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May we who have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; may we who have sung your praises go now and tell of your truth; may we who have seen the greatness of your love yield ourselves, our wills and our works as a thank-offering to you and so share your love with others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
SCRIPTURE READINGS	John 14:15-16, 27 John 15:9-10 John 15:16-17	The Rev. Dr. Bush The Rev. Woodworth The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
CLOSING HYMN #819 <i>(printed in bulletin)</i>	“Be Still, My Soul”	FINLANDIA
CHARGE & BLESSING		The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
DEPART IN SILENCE		



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. 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. BJ Woodworth
Kathryn Ophardt
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist/*
Music Director
ELPC Chancel Choir
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES**

Below is a listing of the remaining Holy Week and Easter Sunday services we are offering at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. We invite you to join us on our journey.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 pm.....**Tenebrae Service.** Service of light and darkness. The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush will preach at this service in the Sanctuary.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16

7:00 pm.....**Easter Vigil Service.** The Great Vigil includes reaffirmation of baptism vows, communion and announcement of Christ's resurrection. The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush and the Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead this service.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

8:45 am.....**Journey Worship.** The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy will preach at this communion service in the Social Hall.

9:30 am.....**Fellowship Time.** Please join us in the Fellowship and Garth Overlook Rooms from 9:30-10:45 am for a special time of fellowship and hospitality.

11 am.....**Sanctuary Worship.** Our largest service, with music from the Chancel Choir and guest instrumentalists. Special music begins at 10:45 am. The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush will preach and lead communion.

♦ **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

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

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Spring Yoga and Creation Contemplation Classes

Through the end of April, Katrina Woodworth will teach one class on Wednesdays from 8-9 am. Winter is waning and Spring is around the corner. What better way to transition into Spring 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 evening 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.

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

TEXT: Richard Gillard, 1977, alt.

MUSIC: Richard Gillard, 1977; arr. Betty Pulkingham

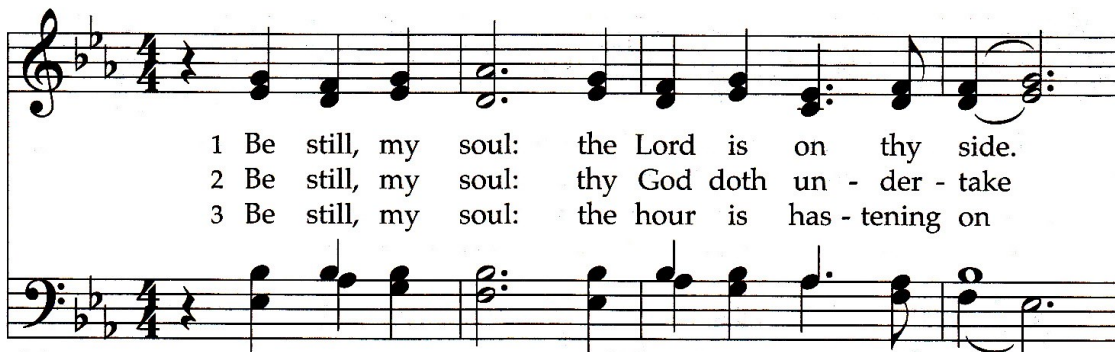
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THE SERVANT SONG

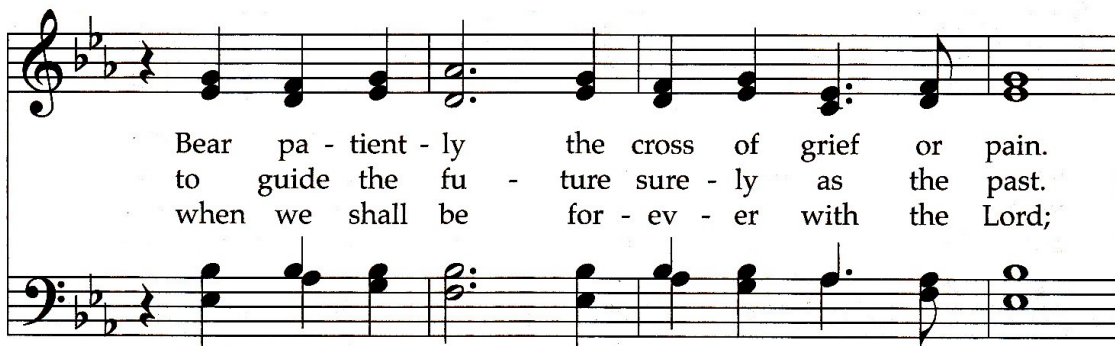
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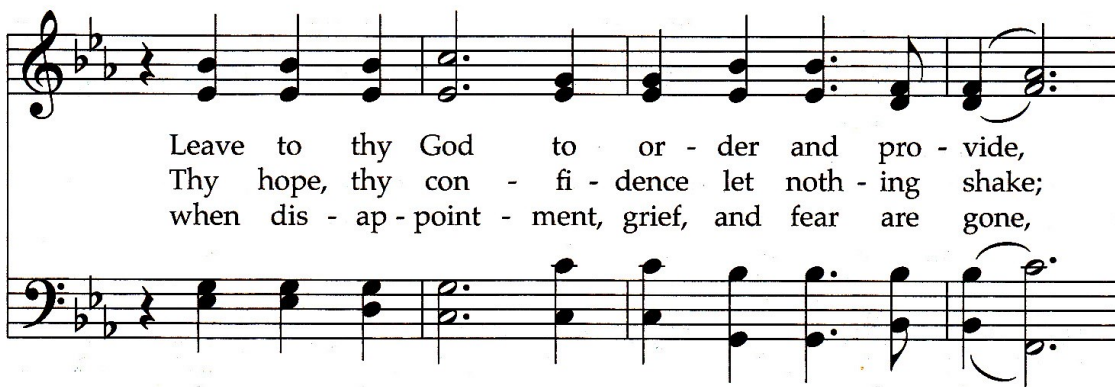
BE STILL, MY SOUL



1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE



1 An up - per room did our Lord pre - pare for those he
 2 A last - ing gift Je - sus gave his own: to share his
 3 And af - ter sup - per he washed their feet, for ser - vice,
 4 No end there is! We de - part in peace. He loves be -



loved un - til the end: and his dis - ci - ples still
 bread, his lov - ing cup. What - ev - er bur - dens may
 too, is sac - ra - ment. In Christ our joy shall be
 yond our ut - ter - most: in ev - ery room in our



gath - er there to cel - e - brate their ris - en friend.
 bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
 made com - plete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
 Fa - ther's house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text brings together the two New Testament traditions regarding Jesus' final evening with his disciples: the Synoptic account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26–29/Mark 14:22–25/Luke 22:14–20) and the Fourth Gospel's report of his washing the disciples' feet (John 13:3–17).

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1973, alt.

MUSIC: English folk melody; harm. John Weaver, 1988

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