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East Liberty Presbyterian Church

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Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

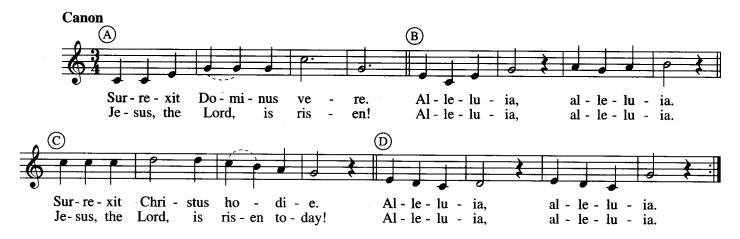
Welcome and Opening Centering by The Rev. BJ Woodworth

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. There are prayer stations up on the altar that you are welcome to explore.

If the songs are new to you, let their simple repeated refrains be sung over you and join in as you are able.

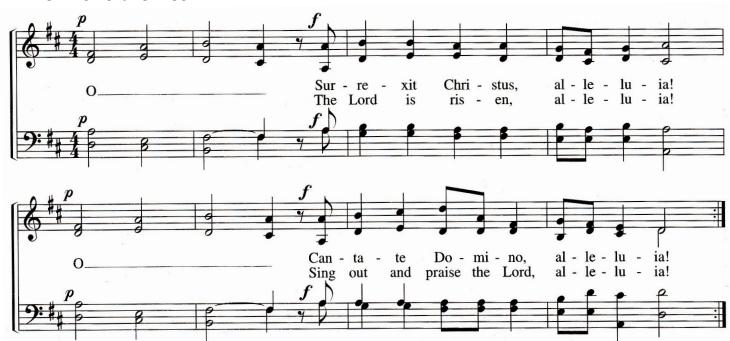
We hope that you will become aware of the presence of the living God as you pray in this place and that you might take that awareness out with you into the world.

NB36 Jesus, The Lord, Is Risen



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NB23 The Lord Is Risen



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Psalm 30 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: 3 Alleluia 11



All praise to you, O Beloved, For you have raised me up, And have not let my fears Overwhelm me.

ALLELUIA

O Compassionate One,
I cried for help,
And you comforted me.
You, O Love, helped me release
My soul from despair;
You gave me strength to face my fears;
Now love is awakening in me.

ALLELUIA

Sing praises to the Beloved, all you saints, Giving thanks to Love's holy Name. Love withdraws when we close our hearts, Yet ever awaits an open door. In the evening we may weep, Yet joy comes with the morning.

ALLELUIA

In my prosperity, I had lost sight of Love, I found power in my wealth. In your mercy, O Beloved, My foundations you shook, And in recognizing my separation from you, I was dismayed.

ALLELUIA

I cried to you for help;
To you, I pleaded for forgiveness:
"What profit in my riches
If I am separated from Love?
Will emptiness praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear me, O Beloved, and be gracious to me!
O Love, hasten to my assistance!"

ALLELUIA

And you turned my mourning into dancing; You set me free and clothed me with gladness. My soul rejoices and is glad in you; Songs of gratitude fill my soul, Rising up to you, O Beloved. Amen.

ALLELUIA



The Word/Meditation: John 21:1b-12a

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So, they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So, Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."



Words by Thomas Ryan C.S.P.

This is what I want: the kind of relationship with the Lord in which no matter what boat I'm in, when there is an indication the Lord is beckoning to me from somewhere else, I'm ready to let go of the net...and jump over the other side and start swimming. You have to know in looking at the scene that there is a very special heart relationship between the one and the water in the one on the shore. It is love that gives such freedom, love that enables us to relinquish the net we are holding and see only the one standing on the beach.

NB15 Lord Jesus Christ

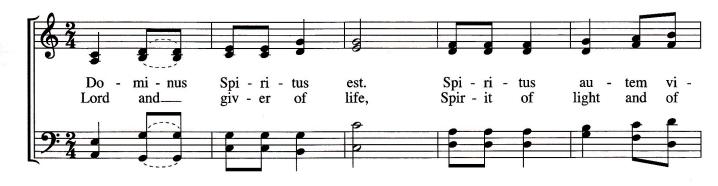


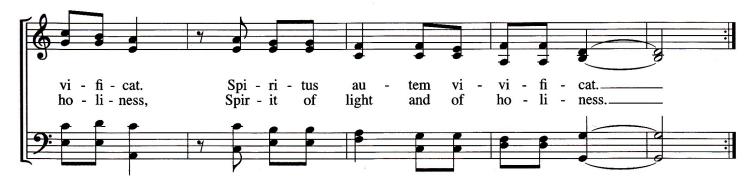
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Intercessory Prayers (by Ted Loder, excerpted from "Guerrillas of Grace")

Sung Response: CLM15 Lord And Giver Of Life





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Lord of such amazing surprises, That put a catch in our breaths And wings on our hearts.

LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE

We praise you for this joy, Too great for words, But not for tears and songs and sharing.

LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE

We praise you For this mercy That blots out our betrayals And bids us begin again.

LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE

We praise you for this YES To life and laughter, To love and lovers, And to our unwinding selves.

LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE

We praise you For this kingdom Unleashed in us and we in it forever, And no dead ends to growing.

LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE

We praise you for choices, for chances, For calls to be just; To making peace, To dreaming dreams, To being glad of heart.

LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE

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

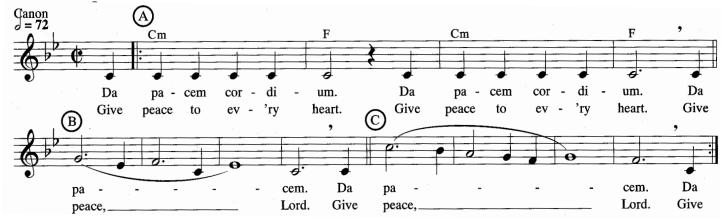


Prayer over the Anointing Oil (in unison)

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.

44 Give Peace



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47 In The Lord



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* He Is Lord



- 2. He is Lord. He is Lord. We are sisters, we are brothers in the Lord...
- 3. He is Lord. He is Lord. Every Christian is a witness to the Lord...
- 4. He is Lord. We proclaim to all the world that he is Lord...

Text: Based on Philippians 2:11
Tune: HE IS LORD, 6 11 10 6; traditional OneLicense.net #A-700877

Eastertide Blessing (in unison)

God of Life and Light, awaken us to your presence among us in the ordinary activity of our lives. Jesus, the Christ, walk with us, forgive us, and make us your wounded healers. Spirit, produce your fruit in us that we may become the beloved community of God.

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS

Contemplative Prayer

In the Season of Eastertide we will be mediating and dwelling in the stories of resurrection and new life. The group will take a break starting May 30 through Labor day, and resume on Monday, Sept 12. Join Rev. BJ Woodworth on Zoom for this on Monday mornings.

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

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 (May 13) • 6:30-7:45 pm

Enneagram Study Group

Join facilitator Lynn Holden on the third Mondays now through June and Sept through Dec, from 12:15-1:30 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. (Please note: During May, the group will meet on May 9 and May 23, instead of May 16, due to scheduling conflicts.)

Yoga, Pranayama, and Meditation Retreat Saturday, April 30 from 9 am-4 pm

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. 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. Suggested donation is \$35-\$60 (lunch included). **Register and donate at www.tiny.cc/yoga-retreat.** Contact Pastor BJ with questions (BJW@coh.net).

Decolonizing our Spiritual Practices — June 4

Join us on Saturday, June 4 from 9 am–3pm at ELPC or on Zoom for a day of teaching, conversation, and spiritual practice, as we seek to continue in our journey to be a Matthew 25 church and decolonize our spiritual practices.

We will be led by Leeann Shaw Younger. Under her leadership, we will look at the world and the story of Jesus through the eyes of those impacted by the work of colonial missionaries here in the U.S. and around the world. We will deepen our relationship with the Divine by considering how we might begin to unlearn the spiritual practices we've inherited that ignore and even denigrate the way indigenous cultures see the world and the Divine. We will consider what we can learn about the story of Jesus through the eyes of those finding a story of liberation and healing for both our human and other-than-human relatives.

RSVP to Norma by Sunday, May 29.

(Norma@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x111) The suggested donation is \$10 (lunch included).

About Our Facilitator

Leeann Shaw Younger is the lead pastor of Cityview Church in Pittsburgh's East Deutschtown/Spring Garden neighborhood. She co-founded the Evangelical Covenant Church congregation in 2010 with her husband, Wayne. Leeann has a breadth of vocational experiences in her background as a nonprofit



executive leader, campus minster, and pastor, but most recently has enjoyed her role as a Democratic committee woman. She is in the process of completing a Master of Theological Studies, with a focus on decolonizing church practice from the Pacific School of Religion.

The Rev. BJ Woodworth is Minister of Taizé Prayer here at ELPC.

BJ is also Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and is available to provide spiritual direction to anyone who is a part of the ELPC community (attending Taizé makes YOU a part of that community).

He can be reached at 412.441.3800 x141 or at BJW@coh.net.

ELPC EVENTS

Presbyterian Women Bible Study — May 2 and 3

Join Presbyterian Women for their final Bible Study lesson *What Are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?* on Monday, May 2 from 7-8:30 pm or Tuesday, May 3 from 10 am-Noon. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany's Celebration — May 8

ELPC's former Music Director, The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany, cordially invites you to join the festive celebration of his 73 years of *Ministry of Word and Sacrament* and *Ministry of Music* to the glory of God on Sunday, May 8 at 3 pm in the Sanctuary. Come be inspired by organists



J. Richard Szeremany, Michael P. Frank, Dr. Edward Alan Moore and Jon Tyillian, and pianist The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush. This will be an interesting, historical narrative of Richard's life.

Organ Concert — May 15

ELPC and *The Organ Artists Series of Pittsburgh* are cosponsoring an organ concert presented by Jan Kraybill on Sunday, May 15 at 3 pm. Dr. Kraybill is Principal Organist for the Dome and Spire Organ Foundation, an affiliate of the international headquarters of Community of Christ, in Independence, Missouri, and Organ Conservator at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City. ELPC members should contact Dr. Ed Moore for complimentary tickets to this concert (EdM@coh.net). The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

Volunteer Flower Planting Day - May 21

Would you like to help ELPC live into its commitment to care for God's green earth? Please plan to join the Gardening Crew on Saturday, May 21 for their annual volunteer flower planting day. Each spring a group of dedicated members and friends refresh the Highland Ave entrance with beautiful flowering plants, so it is vibrant and welcoming, and the Courtyard, so it is a lovely setting for summer weddings and worship. Green thumbs are not required—just bring your generous spirit and a pair of work gloves to the Highland driveway around 9 am. If you're interested in helping, or would like to learn about other upcoming garden workdays, please contact Don Breitbarth (donbreitbarth@gmail.com).

Brass and Organ Concert - May 29

The Brass Roots and conductor/arranger Jim Nova return to team up with Dr. Edward Alan Moore in a concert of music adapted from the movies and video games. The concert begins at 3 pm in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 29. There is no admission charge. A freewill offering will be accepted. The concert will also be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.

The Chapel Marketplace is Re-Opening! - June 6

We've been waiting for this day!

Keep it on your calendar and in your prayers!

The Chapel Marketplace is a clothing ministry of ELPC where people from the community can come and shop (no cost) for clothing. To re-open, we need your help — especially sorting clothes and staffing the Chapel Marketplace, and donations of new or gently used clothes (spring-summer seasonal – please, no men's suits or ties right now). You can leave your donations in the bins near the main desk on Highland Ave. If interested, please contact Frank Bauerle (frbauerle@yahoo.com). Someone will contact you about how and when you can help.

→ The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush ←

Last Sunday at ELPC is May 15



Following the Sanctuary service on Sunday, May 15 in the Social Hall, ELPC family and friends will have an opportunity to say *thank you* and send our prayers and best wishes to our departing Senior Pastor Randy Bush and his wife, Beth.

There will be a box at the event to collect cards sharing reflections and good wishes for the Bush family. Cards can also be mailed to ELPC c/o Wil Forrest.

→ Share your Picture Memories of the Bush Family ←

Do you have pictures that include Pastor Randy, Beth, Ian, and/or Charlotte over their 16 years with us at ELPC that you are willing to share? Please send any pictures to Norma in the church office by Noon on Friday, May 13 so they might be included as we celebrate the Bush family and their time in Pittsburgh! Her email is on the church's website: www.ELPC.church, or call 412.441.3800 x111.

