

EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAUNDY THURSDAY *Worship*

APRIL 6, 2023 • 7:00 PM



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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 6, 2023 — 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. Heather Schoenewolf

CALL TO WORSHIP

JoAnn Chonoska

Leader: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment:

People: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Leader: Jesus gathered with his disciples in the upper room. He took a towel and washed their feet; he shared a final meal with his friends, breaking bread even with his betrayer.

People: We gather as Jesus' disciples here tonight. May we be compelled by his words and actions to love others as he first loved us.

* OPENING HYMN #202 *(printed in bulletin)*

“An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

O WALY WALY

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, and still you love us – you have loved us to the end. We have denied you, and we have denied our calling to serve one another. We have betrayed you, and we have betrayed your commandment to love one another. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel!

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

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

David Carl

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Andrea DeVries

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Wondrous Love”

Alice Parker/Robert Shaw
text is in the Glory to God hymnal 215

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:1-17,34-35

The Rev. Schoenewolf

SERMON

“Final Instructions”

The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

* HYMN #727 (*printed in bulletin*)

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

THE SERVANT SONG

— THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

COMMUNION HYMN #529 (*printed in bulletin*)

UNION SEMINARY

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*in unison*)

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

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.

* HYMN #209 (*printed in bulletin*)

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

LOVE UNKNOWN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 17:20-25
John 18:1-8, 12

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy
The Rev. Schoenewolf

TIME OF SILENCE

LITANY

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: Grant us peace.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

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. Heather Schoenewolf
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice Fowler-Searcy
David Carl
JoAnn Chonoska
Andrea DeVries
Communion
Servers: Bill Buchanan
Lynne Chadwick
Carol Chonoska
Kristin Cummings
Carla Depperman
Nick Genger-Boeldt
Linda Lane
Laura Ristau
Mario Seneca
Nancy Wright
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 7

12 Noon**Good Friday Service.** In the Chapel.
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
preaching.
7:00 pm.....**Tenebrae Service.** In Sanctuary. Service
of light and darkness. The Rev. Patrice L.
Fowler-Searcy preaching.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:45 am**Journey Worship.** The Rev. Heather
Schoenewolf will preach at this
communion service in the Social Hall.
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. Heather
Schoenewolf will preach and lead
communion.

♦ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé: Prayerful Song and Quiet Meditation

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 Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom
(Meeting ID 959 8065 3992) to practice a variety of
contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers,
scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

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.

#202 — AN UPPER ROOM DID OUR LORD PREPARE

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (one sharp), and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has four measures with chords D7, G, C, and G above them. The second staff has five measures with chords Em, Am7, D, D7, and G above them. The third staff has six measures with chords D7, Em, C, D, D7, and G above them. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with each line corresponding to a measure of the melody. The lyrics are: 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.

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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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Music Harm. © 1990 Hope Publishing Company CCLI #689547

O WALT WALT

9.8.9.8

#727 — 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

8.7.8.7

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#529 — DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

G Em Am C D G/B

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

Am Dsus D G C Am D G

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

Em D/F# G Am Dsus D G C Am

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

D G Em C G/B Am D G

lu - ia! Here we touch your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This communion text calls attention to the inherent sacramental nature of all meals and the communal dimensions of all human interaction. The tune, originally composed for an anthem setting of this text, honors the institution where the composer was trained and later taught.

TEXT: Percy Dearmer, 1931, alt.

MUSIC: Harold Friedell, 1957

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UNION SEMINARY

8.7.8.7.4.4.7

CCLI #689547

#209 — 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.