



# 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)*

## RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 9, 2023 — 11 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP

### TIME OF PREPARATION

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of one's life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate...Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world...In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. — *selected lines of the Confession of 1967*

### MUSIC MINISTRY

“Allegro Maestoso”  
“Lift Up Your Heads” (from *Messiah*)

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy  
George Frideric Handel/  
Mark Schweizer  
John Rutter

“Variations on an Easter Theme”

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD'S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: ¡Cristo ha resucitado!

Christ is risen!

People: ¡En verdad, esta resucitado!

He is risen indeed!

### CALL TO WORSHIP (*adapted from Psalm 118, selected verses*)

Gil Hickman

Leader: Give thanks to our God, for God is good.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let us sing glad songs — of victory, of exaltation, of God's mighty hand.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Leader: This is the day that God has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Leader: Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #232

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

### \* RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Living Christ, through the power of your resurrection you overcame sin so that we and all of creation might have life abundant.

People: By your grace keep us victorious over sin and faithful to your call.

Leader: By your resurrection you confounded your guards and executioners, and filled the disciples with joy; you disrupted expectations and showed us that through you all things are possible.

People: Give us hope and joy in your service.

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

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## April 9 • Easter Sunday

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Leader: By your resurrection you proclaimed good news to the women and apostles and brought salvation to the world. You raised the dead and brought us from death to life.

People: Direct our lives as your new creation. Guide us in the way of eternal life.

Leader: Almighty God, as the empty tomb stands witness to Christ's triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world:

People: **"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!"**

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: En Jesucristo tenemos perdón.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

¡Alaben a Dios!

Praise God!

### \* HYMN #248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:1-6

The Rev. BJ Woodworth

### EPISTLE SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

Barbara Griffin

### MOMENTS WITH OUR CHILDREN

Sara Hackett

*Children in preschool through grade 3 will remain in worship today – special activities are available in the Kid's Corner.*

*The nursery is open to young children under the age of 3. Parents/caregivers must complete a registration form and sign children in and out of the nursery each day. Please note that attendance may be limited based on staff to child ratios but parents/caregivers are always welcome to remain with their children in the nursery.*

### \* HYMN #251

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

### GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:1-18

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### SERMON

"The View from Here"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

### OFFERING INVITATION

The Rev. Woodworth

*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.*



### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Christ Our Passover"

Will C. Macfarlane  
text from 1 Corinthians 5 and 15 and Romans 6

### \* DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

OLD HUNDREDTH



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



— SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. Woodworth

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

The Lord be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

Lift up your hearts.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: Es justo dar gracias y  
alabanzas a Dios.

It is right to give God  
thanks and praise.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Rev. Woodworth

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING BREAD & CUP

*The communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may receive the bread and the cup, then returning to their seats via the side aisles to partake of the elements. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

#254

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

#233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

We give you thanks, great God, for the hope we have in Jesus, who died but is risen and rules over all. We praise you for his presence with us and the nourishment we receive in this communion meal. Strengthen us to serve you; fill us with hope and remind us that nothing past, present or yet to come can separate us from your great love for us made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN #246

“Christ Is Alive!”

TRURO

\* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

POSTLUDE

“Toccata from Symphony V”

Charles-Marie Widor

*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.*

*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.*

♦ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Liturgists: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
Barbara Griffin  
Sara Hackett  
Gil Hickman  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore  
*Organist/Music Director*  
ELPC Chancel Choir  
Ethan LaPlaca, *Guest Organist*  
*The Brass Roots:*  
Samuel Eisenhandler, *Trumpet*  
Matthew McCormack, *Trumpet*  
Rana Jurjus, *Horn*  
Tess Cayton, *Trombone*  
John Caughman, *Tuba*  
Abby Langhorst, *Timpani*  
*Handbells:*  
Ryan Booher, Keith Irvin  
Jonah Koetke, Mark Statler  
Acolyte: Annie Cowan  
Beadles: Jo Ellen Aleshire and Mario Seneca  
Crucifer: Liam Cowan  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

♦ SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Coffee and water are available in the Fellowship Room.

♦ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The flowers in the urns today are in loving memory of Mrs. Anna Barbara Negley Brick, Miss Georgina G. Negley, Miss Alice Negley and Miss Sarah J.M. Negley.

♦ SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:45 am.....Journey Worship. An interactive, energetic service for those seeking a fresh encounter with the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*April 16* — The Rev. BJ Woodworth preaching.  
11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
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♦ 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

Meditation Hour (*through May*)

Join John Benedict, retired psychologist and practitioner of insight meditation, in the Prayer Room for an hour devoted to meditation, which includes an opening reading, silent sitting, and walking. All are welcome!

Tuesdays, 6-7 pm

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm (*before Taizé*)

## 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.

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* next Sunday, April 16 after 11 am worship to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Megan Leisher to register or for more info ([MeganL@coh.net](mailto:MeganL@coh.net)).

Call the Church Office (412.441.3800), or visit the ELPC website at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate Easter with us at ELPC. We invite you to pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, or visit us online at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church) for information about ELPC's many programs and ministries.



*Easter flowers have been sponsored, and/or a donation to the EECM Food Pantry has been made in:*

## HONOR of:

HENRY & ELAINE DEVRIES  
(donated by Andrea DeVries)

NEDY & RAY JAVIER  
(donated by Annabelle Javier)

THE REV. DR. AND MRS. RANDY & BETH BUSH

SARA HACKETT

PASTOR PATRICE L. FOWLER-SEARCY

PASTOR HEATHER SCHOENEWOLF

(donated by Heather & Bryan Lawrence)

## MEMORY of:

NANNY TROTSCH  
(donated by Lynne Chadwick)

WILLIAM A. & ELIZABETH U. CLARK

DR. & MRS. WALDEN A. CLARK

DR. & MRS. GEORGE A. URLING, JR.

(donated by William U. Clark & George A. Clark)

FAMILY & FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

(donated by Martha E. DeMarzi)

ELIZABETH & RICHARD DEVRIES

WILLIAM & HAZEL FIELDHOUSE

(donated by Andrea DeVries)

MICHAEL HOEHN  
DOROTHY AUTORE  
(donated by Carol Hoehn)

ANNABEL WILBURN  
(donated by Annabelle Javier)

THE REV. DR. J. RICHARD SZEREMANY  
(donated by Meyer family)

TOM & LAURA LOU STRUTHERS  
(donated by Anne Sphar)

## TODAY AT ELPC

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

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 Tom Sturgill. The *Sanctuary* service DOD is Dave Cowan.



### Chapel Market: Expanded Hours and Donation Request

The Chapel Market has expanded its hours of operation! It is now open on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 5-7 pm, in addition being open every Thursday from 10 am—Noon.

The Chapel Market is also seeking donations of spring and summer clothing, especially children's clothes. Donations can be left at the Highland Lobby, or dropped off at the Chapel Market during hours of operation.

### LGBTQIA+ Ministry Spiritual Gathering — April 16

*ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry is changing its name to thoughtfully and prayerfully grow and change to meet the needs and interests of its participants. Now in its ninth year, ELPC's LGBTQ Ministry will now be known as the LGBTQIA+ Ministry, as to be more inclusive and reflective of our diversity!* All allies and LGBTQIA+ folks are invited to the next monthly spiritual gathering at 12:30 pm on Sunday, April 16. For more info or to attend, please contact Wil Forrest (Wil@coh.net; 412.441.3800 x218).

### Attaining Resurrection Contemplative Retreat — RSVP by April 21

Join us for a post-Easter retreat at the Villa Maria Retreat Center in Pulaski, Pennsylvania from Friday—Sunday, May 5 to 7, to explore ways we can find resurrection life amid the challenges and sufferings we face each day. Led by facilitator and host The Rev. Jeff Eddings, we will explore this through art, silence and solitude, reading, reflection, prayer, and conversation with one another.

Spots are limited. RSVP by Friday, April 21 at [www.tiny.cc/attaining-resurrection](http://www.tiny.cc/attaining-resurrection), or scan this QR code. Contact The Rev. BJ Woodworth for info (BJW@coh.net).



### INQUIRERS' CLASS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Attend an *Inquirers' Class* after the 11 am worship service next Sunday, April 16, in the Fellowship Room to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Contact Megan Leisher to register (MeganL@coh.net).







*As a caring congregation of faith, we ask you to remember the following people in your prayers:*

Kate Carlson's sister Sue,  
Dan Eash,  
Joe Kennedy, and

Vivienne Selia's friends Linda and Paul.

*Condolences to the family of Ruth Henderson on her passing.*

#### Youth Mission Overnight — April 21 to 22

Youth in grades 8–12 are invited to participate in our *Mission Overnight* from Friday, April 21 to Saturday, April 22. **Friday night we will explore the “why?” and “how?” of serving others as an expression of our values, beliefs, and faith.** Then on Saturday, we will serve at World Vision and make plans for our summer mission trip. Register online at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church).

#### Earth Day Event for Families — April 23

Following Sanctuary worship on Sunday, April 23, families are invited to gather for an Earth Day event sponsored by the Children and Family Ministry Team. The event will be part *fellowship* over lunch, *service* of cleaning and caring for our rain garden and yard, *fun* as we play and appreciate **God's creation**, and *education* as we learn about how we can care for the Earth right here in East Liberty. RSVP to Sara Hackett ([SaraH@coh.net](mailto:SaraH@coh.net)).

#### Mission Opportunity — April 25

ELPC will be supplying food for OHM's TeamWorks dinners four times this year. TeamWorks is the family development program of Open Hand Ministries that is currently working with 23 families to achieve their housing and financial goals. The first dinner will be on Tuesday, April 25. If you are interested in donating a side dish or a dessert, contact Emily Rosenthal ([EJR116@gmail.com](mailto:EJR116@gmail.com)) or Frank Bauerle (817.705.6856; [frbauerle@yahoo.com](mailto:frbauerle@yahoo.com)).

#### ELPC Matters...The More You Know about Times, Cycles and Seasons of Transition — April 30

As we journey through this time of transition at ELPC, it is important to know that the changes and transitions we are going through are normal and even good and healthy. In fact, all organisms and organizations go through periods and cycles of life and death, fruitfulness and dormancy and even Jesus says death and letting go are necessary for new life to come. This is often difficult for humans and organizations who operate out of a more mechanistic mindset. So how can we can navigate these seasons with energy, intelligence, imagination and love amidst the change and feelings of instability? It is our hope and belief that this transition can propel us to revitalize, renew and redevelop for the hopeful and vibrant future at ELPC.

Join pastor BJ Woodworth on Sunday, April 30 from 9:45-10:45 am in the Social Hall for a time of teaching, reflection and conversation as we seek to navigate this time at ELPC together.

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## COMMUNITY



Program Assistant for Diversities at  
Association of Theological Schools

The Association of Theological Studies has an immediate opening for a full-time program assistant to support its multiple diversity projects—including initiatives for racial/ethnic and women leaders. Submit resume and cover letter to Frank Yamada ([yamada@ats.edu](mailto:yamada@ats.edu)).

#### Registration is Now Open for VCS

ELPC's 2023 Vacation Church School program will take place June 26–30 from 9 am–3 pm for children in pre-K (age 4 and potty-trained) through grade 5 (completed). Our theme this summer is *Changemakers Lab*, a place children will learn that everyone can make a difference in the world! **Through five Bible stories**, we'll explore examples of people who experienced and brought about change in the world around them.

You can register your child, or sign up to volunteer, using this QR code, or visit <http://tiny.cc/elpc-vcs>.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

**April 16 ♦ 9:45 to 10:45 am**

♦ ADULTS ♦

Journey with Scripture (Fellowship Rm) — Psalm 23; Deuteronomy 5:1–10; Philippians 4:2–9, facilitated by Lora Bethea and Jan Irvin

Parenting Circle (Rm 213) — Reading of *Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience* by Brené Brown, facilitated by Trish Buben

Seekers (Garth Overlook Rm) — “**Water Is Life, a Sacred Gift from God.** America Has a Water Crisis that We Need to Fix,” led by ELPC Environmental Book Study group, facilitated by Gwen Puza

Soul Food (Good Samaritan Rm) — A beginning discussion of *Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times* by Otis Moss III, led by The Rev. Joe Hajdu, and other class members

ELPC will not hold worship services on  
Pittsburgh Marathon Sunday, May 7.